



# MORE and BETTER

An international network for support of food, agriculture and rural development to eradicate hunger and poverty

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#### **TAKE PART IN DOCUMENTING SMALL SCALE ECOLOGICAL AGRICULTURE AND HOW TO TRANSFORM NON-SUSTAINABLE AGRICULTURE**

The More and Better network, in cooperation with member organizations and others, has started a project to:

- a. provide a clear picture of what exists today in terms of sustainable initiatives where communities thrive and create wealth, both in traditional and state-of-the-art systems, and give special attention to the role of women and youth;
- b. highlight the conditions and paths towards these successful forms of food provision;
- c. propose practical transitions towards these viable models.

We hope you /our organizations will take part by sending in articles and case studies that show this kind of agriculture, overview of training centers / courses for small scale farmers, and lessons learned from your own work on this. Please, see more information [here](#).

#### **RIO+20: BATTLES ABOUT MODELS OF AGRICULTURE**

More and Better has worked together with many other organizations and institutions to influence governments and the UN to put sustainable agriculture at the center of the Rio+20 Conference (Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, June 10-22, 2012). About 140 organizations have now signed on to the document *Rio+20 Time to act!* which was also sent to the conference secretariat as a formal proposal .

The document can still be signed on <http://www.timetoactrio20.org/en/> ; signatories organizations will be invited to the email-list for the work on Rio+20 and agriculture. Total [671 proposals](#) have been submitted to the secretariat for the Rio+20 conference by governments, institutions, civil society organizations and others. The proposal jointly submitted by FAO, WFP, IFAD and Bioversity International has a lot of good points. You can find it [here](#).

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## **A GLOBAL ALLIANCE AGAINST LAND GRABBING**

It is time to build a strong global alliance to stop land grabbing, to support all those who fight land-grabs, and to put pressure on national governments and international institutions to fulfill their obligations to guarantee and uphold the rights of peoples. This is what peasants' movement, indigenous people, and their allies affirmed with no hesitation during the International Conference organized by [La Via Campesina](#) and [CNOP Mali](#) in Nyeleni Center (Sélingué, Mali November 17<sup>th</sup>-20<sup>th</sup> ). Recalling the [Declaration of Dakar](#), the Conference gave a strong push for a renewed commitment to a resistant, necessary, tireless struggle. We want to support this struggle, first of all by exchanging information. A new section dedicated to Land Grab information sharing will soon be available on our website. Please write and let us know about your own experience or knowledge on this, your contribution is more than welcome.

Read the [Final Declaration of Nyeleni](#)

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### **“STRENGTHENING FAMILY FARMING AGRICULTURAL INVESTMENT AND SUSTAINABLE FOOD SYSTEM IN AFRICA” THE REPORT OF YAOUNDÉ WORKSHOP**

The report of the workshop held this year, in the village of Mfou (Yaoundé), and organized by PROPAC with ROPPA, EAFF and PAFF, with the support of More and Better, Terra Nuova, Practical Action, Concord, and FAO is finally online! For more information please follow the [link](#) or download the report in English [here](#).

### **VIABLE FOOD FUTURE, UPDATED VERSION**

The report *Viable Food Future (Part I)* has been updated and revised in November 2011. You can download the new version in English, Spanish and French by following this link:

<http://www.utviklingsfondet.no/viablefuture/>

### **RIO+20 : REPORT OF REGIONAL PREPARATORY MEETING FOR LATINA AMERICA AND THE CARIBBEAN**

The report, prepared by [Fundaxpresion](#), member of More and Better from Columbia, summarizes some of the key issues discussed at the Regional Preparatory Meeting for Latina America and the Caribbean held in Santiago from 7<sup>th</sup> to 9<sup>th</sup> September 2011. You can download it by clicking [here](#)

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## UPCOMING EVENTS

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- **December 15-16:** NGO/CSO Planning Session for FAO European Regional Conference (organized by Office of FAO Partnerships with civil society OCEP)
- **March 12 - 16:** Asia Pacific FAO Regional Conference (Vietnam)\*
- **March 26 - 30:** Latin America and Caribbean FAO Regional Conference (Argentina)\*
- **April 16 - 20:** Europe FAO Regional Conference (Azerbaijan, Baku)\*

*\*Dates to be confirmed*

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