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#### **Your contribution to the agroecology documentation**

The initiative on documenting agroecology and sustainable farming is successfully moving forward. We have had positive feedback and collection of case studies, articles, information on training schools and contributions from different sources is growing fast. If you have not done it yet, please bring also your contribution to the project by writing to [secretariat@moreandbetter.org](mailto:secretariat@moreandbetter.org), or ask for more information if needed. We will be happy to explore with you the best way to work together on this important initiative.

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#### **Farmers' Forum in Rome**

The 4<sup>th</sup> Global meeting of the Farmers' took place at IFAD Headquarters in Rome from the 18<sup>th</sup> to 23<sup>rd</sup> February in connection with with the 35<sup>th</sup> Session of IFAD's Governing Council. More and Better and several organizations of the network actively participated in the event sessions. In the occasion of the Forum More and Better has organized an informal dinner in cooperation with the African regional platforms PROPAC and ROPPA.

Some interesting documents presented at the Forum: the [message given by Elisabeth Atangana](#) as president of Pan African Farmers Organization (PAFO) and [The Synthesis of deliberations](#). For more information about the Farmers' Forum, you can visit: <http://www.ifad.org/farmer/index.htm>

#### **RIO +20 : Thematic clusters in process. Invitation to NGOs**

ANPED, CIVICUS and Consumers International are officially appointed to be the Organising Partner (OP) for the Major Group of the NGOs. Together they form The SDIN group, a coalition of NGO-networks that facilitates the NGOs for being able to participate actively in the UN Conference on Sustainable Development processes (UNCSD). The NGO OPs have identified a number of key NGO networks, and asked representatives central to these networks to help setting up thematic clusters in order to develop a common position on priorities area to advocate in the Rio process with a common voice. NGOs are invited to serve on one or more of the proposed thematic clusters by contacting the designated facilitators provided in the matrix of zero draft priority areas.

For more information and to consult the matrix of clusters, please read here:

<http://www.uncsd2012.org/rio20/index.php?page=view&type=12&nr=343&menu=102>

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