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- **Second round of 'informal-informal' negotiations on the zero draft of outcome document for Rio+20, 23 Apr 2012 - 4 May 2012, New York, USA**
- **27th Regional Conference for Africa (ARC), 23 - 27 April, Brazzaville, Congo**
- **31st Regional Conference for the Near East (NERC), 14 - 18 May, Rome, Italy**

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Invitation to the General Meeting of More and Better 2012, in Rio de Janeiro

We have the pleasure to invite you to the General meeting of the More and Better network, to be held in Rio De Janeiro, Brazil. The meeting is scheduled to take place for half a day, between the 19th and 22nd of June, during the United Nations Conference on Sustainable Development (Rio+20) and the (parallel) Peoples' Forum. We hope that the majority of you can attend. Please, confirm your participation by writing to the More and Better secretariat (secretariat@moreandbetter.org) not later than the 1st of May 2012.

For more information:

http://www.moreandbetter.org/file_download/133/Invitation+to+the+General+Meeting+2012+%5BEN%5D+Final.doc

ARTICLES

Rio+20: a historic turning point or a flop?

This year marks 20 years since the Earth Summit in Rio de Janeiro. The original summit's full name was the United Nations Conference on Environment and Development and it was there that the three conventions on climate change, biodiversity and desertification were adopted. The fight for what will be the outcome of this year's conference is well underway.

Read the full article here: <http://www.moreandbetter.org/en/news/rio20-a-historic-turning-point-or-a-flop>

More and Better is active in the Rio+20 preparations

The United Nations Conference on Sustainable Development / Rio+20 is a top priority for More and Better in the first half of 2012. We are working successfully to get agriculture and food issues to be at the core of the Rio+20 Conference and several member organizations are involved both nationally and internationally in the preparation of Rio.

Read the full article here: <http://www.moreandbetter.org/en/news/more-and-better-is-active-in-the-rio20-preparations>

DOCUMENTS

Nourish Our People, Nurture Our Planet

The outcome document from the High Level Roundtable on Food and Nutrition Security and Sustainable Agriculture, held in New York on 15th and 16th March 2012, prior to the Third Intersessional Meeting of the UNCSA preparing for the Rio+20 Conference in June 2012. The roundtable gathered representatives from governments, the UN System, scientific and farming communities, civil society and the private sector. It was organized by the Swiss Agency for Development and Cooperation, Millennium Institute and Biovision in cooperation with More and Better, Development Fund Norway, World Society for Protection of Animals, Heinrich Boll Stiftung, and supported by Stiftung Mercatur Schweiz and Federation of German Scientists.

Download the document:

http://www.moreandbetter.org/file_download/131/Nourish_Our_People_Nurture_Our_Planet.pdf

Download the list of participants at the Roundtable:

http://www.moreandbetter.org/file_download/132/List+of+Participants_High-level+Roundtable.pdf

New report released by the UN Special Rapporteur on the Right to Food

Taxing junk food with too much sugar and fat, and encourage local agricultural production: this what asks, among the other things, the United Nations Special Rapporteur on the Right to Food Olivier De Schutter in the report "The right to an adequate diet: the agriculture-food-health nexus". The report was presented to the 19th session of the UN Human Rights Council in Geneva on the 6th of March.

For more information: <http://www.srfood.org/>

Green growth sounds nice, but can it deliver?

A new UNCTAD Discussion Paper reviews the fallacies of green growth in coping with climate change and the implications for development prospects in the South. "Green growth" may work well in creating new growth impulses with reduced environmental load and facilitating related technological and structural change. But can it also mitigate climate change at the required scale and pace?

Full article: <http://www.moreandbetter.org/en/news/green-growth-sounds-nice-but-can-it-deliver>

Download the paper : www.unctad.org/en/PublicationsLibrary/osgdp2011d5_en.pdf

Reality of Aid Report 2011

The Reality of Aid releases a biennial report on aid and development cooperation issues. The report is written by authors from NGOs worldwide; their research draws on knowledge and expertise from aid agencies, academia, community-based organizations and governments. The Reality of Aid Network has released in March the abridged version of the Report 2011: "Democratic Ownership and Development Effectiveness: Civil Society Perspectives on the Progress since Paris". The 2011 Report Abridged Edition is a compilation of the Report's Overview chapter in English, French and Spanish.

For more information: <http://www.realityofaid.org/roa-reports/index/sectid/379/Democratic-Ownership-and-Development-Effectiveness-Civil-Society-Perspectives-on-Progress-since-Paris>

Civil Society's Statement from FAO Regional Consultation for Europe and Central Asia

The final statement developed by NGOs/CSOs in the occasion of the Regional Consultation for Europe and Central Asia that was held in Baku, Azerbaijan from 15th to 17th of April is already online:

<http://www.eurovia.org/spip.php?article597>

See also: <http://www.eurovia.org/spip.php?article580>

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