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Inputs to the zero versions of the High Level Panel of Experts on Food Security and Nutrition reports

The High Level Panel of Experts on Food Security and Nutrition (HLPE) has published the version zero (V0) of the reports: “[Investing in smallholder agriculture for food and nutrition security](#)” and “[Biofuel and Food Security](#)”. The online consultation, launched to collect feedback and inputs to improve this early drafts via the Global Forum on Food Security and Nutrition website, has been extended until the 3rd of February. Final findings of the reports both are to be presented at CFS Plenary session, in October 2013.

We encourage all of you to read contributions provided by different organizations and follow up on the ongoing discussions. The Royal Norwegian Society for Development (Norges Vel), The Development Fund Norway, Spire and Fian Norway shared with us their input document on Investing in smallholder agriculture; it is available here:

http://www.moreandbetter.org/file_download/147/Comments+Draft+V0++Investing+in+smallholder+agriculture+4+Norwegian+org.docx (English only).

More information on the online consultations and ongoing discussions :

<http://www.fao.org/fsnforum/>

Report from the Regional West African Peasants Forum

The Regional Peasants Forum was held in Niamey (Niger) from the 11th to 13th December 2012. It was organized by ROPPA (the Network of Peasant Organizations and Producers of West Africa) with the collaboration and support of CORAF / WECARD, agricultural research

institutes, Hub Rural, Regional Integration Institutions (ECOWAS, UEMOA, CILSS), the Government of Niger and with the support of the National Platform of Farmers in Niger. The More and Better Network was present at the Forum with our Focal Point Africa thereby strengthening partnership with farmers' organizations in West Africa and contributing to the debate. Various discussions have enabled farmers' organizations to discuss around causes and effects of climate change on the one hand and policies and procedures to mitigate the climate change impacts and improve ecological resilience in West Africa, on the other.

Read the report in French, by Jacques Yves Atangana (More and Better Africa), here: <http://www.moreandbetter.org/fr/news/forum-regional-paysan-ouest-africain>

Welcome to our new members!

A warmly welcome to ILEIA and the AgriCultures Network as new members of the More and Better. We look forward to strengthening our cooperation with them on issues of common concern, in 2013 and beyond. Both the organizations are pretty much in line with the work that More and Better has done so far and with our goals and principles. For those of you who do not know them yet, we are pleased to include here a brief description of what they do and how they concretely contribute to the fight against hunger and poverty.

<http://www.moreandbetter.org/en/news/a-welcome-to-our-new-members>

Agricultural Transition | Case study: Women, families and communities in Aceh

In 2004 the province of Aceh in Indonesia was affected by a devastating earthquake and tsunami. The impact on rural communities was particularly harsh, exacerbating the existing poverty and poor living conditions caused by a long separatist conflict. A network of women farmers established under these difficult circumstances is not only benefitting its participants, but also their families and communities.

This case study was published in the latest issue of Farming Matters. The full article can be found also here: <http://ag-transition.org/?initiative=women-families-and-communities-in-aceh>

Find more case studies, reports and briefs on <http://www.ag-transition.org>

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