



MORE and BETTER

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

Newsletter N.2|2013

Content

- Towards a viable food future, join us at the World Social Forum
- Post 2015: informal consultation with CFS stakeholders and CSOs reaction
- One million NOs to Golden Rice: a petition promoted by Searice
- Agricultural Transition|Measuring farmer's agroecological resistance in the wake of Hurricane Mitch

Upcoming events

- World Social Forum 2013, Tunis (Tunisia), March 26-30
www.wsf2013.org/en
- Agricultural Transition, More and Better side event WSF2013, Tunis (Tunisia), March 28th (date to be confirmed)
<http://www.fsm2013.org/en/node/1192>
- High Level Consultation on Hunger, Food Security and Nutrition towards the Post 2015 Development Agenda, Madrid, April 4th
<http://www.fao.org/fsnforum/post2015/what-consultation-all-about>

Towards a viable food future, join us at the World Social Forum

Also this year More and Better will be present at the World Social Forum. We are organizing a side event in cooperation with other organizations with the aim to stimulate the debate around agroecology and real changes towards sustainable forms of farming. More than 4000 organizations and networks are already registered into the Forum and more than 1500 activities have been proposed. The More and Better side event is registered for the 28th of March, at the Campus University. We are still waiting for confirmation of date and exact venue from the Forum organizers and will definitely keep you informed. Those of you who will be in Tunis are strongly invited to join us and contribute to the success of the event. Also, we would be happy to know about your activities in the Forum framework if you planned to attend. You can keep contact with us by writing to secretariat@moreandbetter.org

To keep updated with the Forum go to <http://www.fsm2013.org/en>

Post 2015: informal consultation with CFS stakeholders and CSOs reaction

An informal Consultation with CFS stakeholders was convened by FAO and WFP on February 11th, 2013 in Rome, in the context of Global Thematic Consultation on Hunger, Food Security and Nutrition towards the Post-2015 Development Agenda. Critics were raised from civil society side regarding the consultation process that was preceded by an e-consultation and will culminate in a High Level Consultation co-hosted by Government of Spain and Colombia in Madrid, April 4th

More and Better, together with the Civil Society's Organizations (CSOs) which attended the informal consultation, has signed on to a letter addressed to the organizers requesting to: apply the Committee on World Food Security (CFS) standard for consultation with civil society in the whole process; recognize the CFS as the foremost forum of deliberation and decision-making on food security issues; recognize the Global Strategic Framework, as the primary, over-arching policy guidance for governments and other stakeholders in their efforts to eradicate hunger.

Co-Chair's Summary' of the meeting (English only):

<http://www.fao.org/fsnforum/post2015/sites/post2015/files/files/Chair%20Summary%20Informal%20consultation%20CFS%20FinalDraft.pdf>

More information about the consultation process:

<http://www.fao.org/fsnforum/post2015/what-consultation-all-about>

One million NOs to Golden Rice: a petition promoted by Searice

One million NOs is a petition promoted by Searice against commercialization of Golden Rice in the Philippines. The cultivation of Golden Rice – a genetically modified variety of rice - places undue risks to unknowing consumers, the environment, ecological biodiversity, and farmers' livelihood and rights. To know more about this initiative and / or to sign the petition, please visit Searice website, there you will also find digital version of the Primer: *The Lies in the Promises: The Truth About Golden Rice*.

Searice website: <http://www.searice.org.ph/>

Agricultural Transition|Measuring farmer's agroecological resistance in the wake of Hurricane Mitch

This study, published in 2001 by IIED, is the outcome of a participatory action research carried out in cooperation with the *Campesino a Campesino*, a farmer-led sustainable agriculture movement in Latin America. It compares the sustainability of conventional to agroecological farms after Hurricane Mitch, covering 360 communities of smallholders from southern Nicaragua to eastern Guatemala. <http://ag-transition.org/?initiative=measuring-farmers-agroecological-resistance-in-the-wake-of-hurricane-mitch>

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

Submit your case study: http://ag-transition.org/?page_id=222

Join the Agricultural Transition page on Facebook:

<https://www.facebook.com/pages/Agricultural-Transition/147197735433349?ref=hl>

If you have feedback on articles, suggestions of content for future issues or other thoughts please write to: secretariat@moreandbetter.org

More and Better International Secretariat c/o Terra Nuova, Viale Liegi 10 - 00198 Rome, Italy

Tel.+39 3406741705; Skype: sgroale www.moreandbetter.org |

secretariat@moreandbetter.org