



## MORE and BETTER

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#### Principles and examples of good, responsible investments in smallholder agriculture

More and Better encourages its partners and friends to engage in the discussions about Principles on Responsible Agricultural Investment to be developed by the UN Committee on World Food Security (CFS) and likely to be adopted in October 2014. The first draft of the document will be released this month (April 2013). You can engage by organizing your own consultations or participating in consultations organized by others. There will be also regional civil society and multistakeholders consultations organized respectively by the Civil Society Mechanism and the CFS secretariat.

Full article: <http://www.moreandbetter.org/en/news/principles-and-examples-of-good-responsible-investments-in-smallholder-agriculture>

#### WSF2013 | More and Better workshop: A radical change is needed

The World Social Forum was for More and Better a great opportunity to share experiences and debate around agricultural transition and other forms of unconventional agriculture. Our successful workshop *Agricultural Transition – into a viable future* brought us many encouraging experiences from different countries and diverse actors while confirming, once again, that the environmental and social costs of industrialized agriculture are no longer acceptable among the general public.

<http://www.moreandbetter.org/en/news/wsf2013-more-and-better-workshop-a-radical-change-is-needed>

#### WSF 2013: If we rely on corporate seed, we lose food sovereignty

*"It has become crucial to defend seeds. In the past 20 or 30 years, what was once seen as normal – peasant farmers growing, selecting, saving and exchanging seeds – has come under attack from corporations seeking to control and commodify the very basis of agriculture."* A press release by La Vía Campesina, GRAIN and the ETC Group published after the session on Peasant Seeds jointly organized on March 28<sup>th</sup>, 2013 at the World Social Forum in Tunis.

<http://www.etcgroup.org/content/tunis-2013-if-we-rely-corporate-seed-we-lose-food-sovereignty> [EN]

#### WSF2013: Declaration of the social movements assembly

[...] *We defend the food sovereignty and support sustainable peasant agriculture which is the true solution to the food and climate crises and includes access to land for all who*

*work on it. Because of this, we call for a mass mobilisation to stop the landgrab and support local peasants struggles. [...]*

Read the declaration in full: <http://www.fsm2013.org/en/node/12972>

### **Agricultural Transition | Fed up. Now's the time to invest in agroecology**

With case study evidences from Bangladesh, Cambodia, Indonesia and Pakistan, and citing global studies and surveys, this report recently published by Action Aid argues that agro-ecology – or ecological agriculture – offers tools that can help the poorest communities to develop new, affordable, dynamic, low-carbon and locally-adaptable models of agricultural development to meet these multiple challenges.

<http://ag-transition.org/?reports=fed-up-nows-the-time-to-invest-in-agroecology> [EN]

- More case studies, reports and briefs on <http://www.ag-transition.org>
- Submit your case study/report: [http://ag-transition.org/?page\\_id=222](http://ag-transition.org/?page_id=222)
- Join Agricultural Transition on Facebook:  
<https://www.facebook.com/pages/Agricultural-Transition/147197735433349?ref=hl>

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### **Upcoming events**

- May 15-16, Meeting of CSM Open Ended Working Group on Responsible Agricultural Investments (RAI)

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

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