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Principles for Responsible Agricultural Investments (RAI)

The More and Better Network engages in the process to develop principles for responsible agricultural investments (RAI) within the Committee on World Food Security (CFS) framework. The organizations members of More and Better are strongly encouraged to actively participate in the process by organizing local, national and regional consultations and commenting on the CFS Zero Draft (now available in English).

<http://www.moreandbetter.org/en/news/principles-for-responsible-agricultural-investments>

Leaked document reveals plans for massive land grabbing in Northern Mozambique

The warning arrives from a group of civil society's organizations (CSOs) which have been able to see a leaked copy of the most recent version of the Master Plan of the Pro-SAVANA programme (March 2013). The document, we read in CSOs [joint statement](#), confirms that governments of Japan, Brazil and Mozambique are secretly paving the way for a massive land grab in Northern Mozambique.

<http://www.moreandbetter.org/en/news/leaked-document-reveals-plans-for-massive-land-grabbing-in-northern-mozambique>

The Food Sovereignty Prize 2013. Call for Nominations

The U.S. Food Sovereignty Alliance is now accepting nominations for the 2013 Food Sovereignty Prize. Since 2009, the Food Sovereignty Prize has been awarded to a rural or urban organization that advances the cause of food sovereignty through education and direct, collective action. The Deadline for Nominations is May 20.

<http://www.moreandbetter.org/en/news/the-food-sovereignty-prize-2013-calls-for-nominations>

Meeting of CGRFA -14 in Rome

The CGRFA is the UN body charged with the governance of [agricultural biodiversity](#) that underpins our food supply - the seeds, livestock breeds, plants and trees, fish and aquatic organisms and the wide range of supporting species e.g. pollinators, soil micro-organisms. It negotiated the [International Seed Treaty](#). It relates closely with the [Convention on Biological Diversity](#) and should have precedence over [UPOV](#) and [WIPO](#) with respect to agricultural biodiversity governance.

Thanks to *Patrick Mulvany* (UK Food Group) and *Nori Ignacio* (SEARICE) who, being actively involved in the CGRFA work, have been able to share with us their interventions

and useful updates during this 14th session (15-19 April, Rome). You can all find them available [here](#) and [here](#).

UPCOMING EVENTS

15 May, Rome, FAO, Open Ended Working Group meeting on RAI principles

16-17 May, Rome, FAO, CFS/CSM Consultation on RAI principles

21 May, Rome, FAO, Alliance Against Hunger and Malnutrition (AAHM), Advisory group meeting

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