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Victory for the farmers in the Philippines. Court of Appeals declares trials on Bt eggplant unsafe

The Court of Appeals has recently ruled that the ongoing trials of *Bacillus thuringiensis talong* (Bt eggplant) are unsafe to humans and environment and has also underlined that the government of Philippines has failed to adopt sufficient biosafety protocols, as well as feasibility studies on GMOs to protect the environment and people's health. The More and Better Network joins [Searice](#), a More and Better member based in the Philippines, in welcoming the decision of the Court on field trials as an initial victory of the farmers and supports the Searice call for the complete pullout of transgenic crops like Bt Corn and the banning of Golden Rice.

[Read Searice press release in full](#)

Setting up Sustainable Development Goals. A brief by Third World Network

We are pleased to share *Important elements for consideration: Food Security and Nutrition, and Sustainable Agriculture*, an excellent brief prepared by Third World Network (TWN) as contribution to the setting up of [Sustainable Development Goals](#) (SDGs), one of the major agreed actions from the June 2012 UN Conference on Sustainable Development. The brief – available [here](#) - was presented in the occasion of the third session of the [Open Working Group on SDGs](#) that was held at UN Headquarters in New York from May, 22- 24th and is based on TWN earlier publication *Ecological agriculture, climate resilience and a roadmap to get there*, you can find it also [here](#).

Agricultural Transition | New book

Organic Agriculture: African Experiences in Resilience and Sustainability is a new book published by FAO, and edited by Raymond Auerbach, Gunnar Rundgren and Nadia Scialabba. It brings us evidence that organic management can benefit people, the economy and ecosystems, particularly in Africa. Check it out on the reports page of [Agricultural Transition](#) or on [FAO webpage](#).

Agricultural Transition | New videos

[ANA \(Articulação Nacional de Agroecologia\)](#) has made available videos of the interventions of several key speakers at the International workshop "Time to Act for Radical Changes" held in Rio de Janeiro, in June 2012, in connection with the Rio+20 Conference. You can find a selection of the video-interventions [here](#) – including the speech given by Aksel Naerstad (International Coordinator of More and Better Network) – and for the full list, please go [here](#). Happy watching!

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UPCOMING EVENTS

- 6-13 June, Jakarta (Indonesia), VI International Conference of La Via Campesina
[press kit of the conference here](#)
- 15-22 June, Rome, FAO Conference, Thirty-eight Session
<http://www.fao.org/bodies/en/>

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