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

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African Green Revolution Forum 2013: Good examples and policies within a bad model

About 200 business people, representatives of governments, development agencies, NGO's and three (!?) representatives of farmers' organizations were gathered in Maputo from the 4th to the 6th of September for the African Green Revolution Forum 2013 under the theme "scaling up and financing inclusive agribusiness through transformative public-private partnerships".

Aksel Naerstad, who attended this Forum - and also the previous ones, tells us more about the Conference and shares his interesting viewpoint on such initiative. Click [here](#) to read the article

Registration to the 40th session of Committee on World Food Security

This year the Committee on World Food Security (CFS) is implementing a new system for representatives from CSOs/NGOs who wish to attend CFS. CSOs/NGOs will not receive a formal invitation letter but will be asked to express their interest in attending the session through this [link](#). Expressions of interest to attend should be completed by **20 September 2013**. FAO will then send an official email letting them know if their "expression of interest" has been approved to attend CFS as a Participant or as an Observer. Click [here](#) for more information.

Agricultural Transition | Rede Raiz de Mata, strengthening links between producers and consumers

As in many other parts of the world, farmers in the Zona da Mata region, in the Brazilian state of Minas Gerais, were encouraged to take up the Green Revolution package. This model also prescribed integration with the international markets. Family farmers, however, have found that this model has not brought the promised benefits. Many different efforts have led to viable alternatives. One of these is Rede Raízes da Mata (or the "Forest Roots Network"), started in 2011 as a joint initiative by a group of university students and local producers. Click [here](#) to read more.

Developing strategies to struggle for food sovereignty in Africa

The Alliance for Food Sovereignty in Africa ([AFSA](#)), the Pan African coalition of peasant organizations, NGOs and networks that supports family farming in Africa, held from August 12 to 16, in Addis Ababa, a workshop with the theme: "The development of a strategy for food sovereignty in Africa and its challenges". Jacques Yves Atangana took part in the meeting on behalf of the More and Better Network. You can read his article [here](#).

Success for the first assembly of Latin American & the Caribbean Alliance for Food Sovereignty

The very first continental assembly of the Alliance for Food Sovereignty of the people of Latin America & the Caribbean took place in Bogotá (Colombia) from the 5th to 6th of August. First recalling the historical path that brought together organizations and social movements in the region around the concept of Food Sovereignty, the Assembly put then a special emphasis on principles for the future actions to promote the struggle for Food Sovereignty in the region. Read here the [press release](#).

“We do not believe in Responsible Agricultural Investments”

An interesting and very controversial [article by Radio Mundo Real](#), concerning the concept of Responsible Agricultural Investments (RAI) developed within the Committee on World Food Security, from the point of view of NGOs and social movements of Latin America and the Caribbean, gathered in Bogotá (7-8 August) for an ad hoc consultation.

UPCOMING EVENTS

- **40th Session of the Committee on World Food Security (CFS)**, 7-11 October, Rome, FAO Headquarters
- **Annual Civil Society Forum (CSM)**, 5-6 October, Rome, FAO Headquarters

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