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### CFS 40: Sustainable, equitable and viable food systems

The 40<sup>th</sup> session of the Committee on World Food Security was held in Rome from the 7<sup>th</sup> to the 11<sup>th</sup> October.

In that framework More and Better has co-sponsored a very successful side event in cooperation with a long list of organizations. Contributions from Willy Schuster (La Via Campesina), Pablo Manzano (WISP) and Lorenza Lauro (International Year of Family Farming 2014) gave the start to an extremely rich debate around the theme "Sustainable, equitable and viable food systems: civil society messages for the International Year of the Family Farming and beyond". The side event was co-chaired by Aksel Naerstad (More and Better/Development Fund) and Esther Penunia (Asian Farmers Association-AFA).

- ☞ To see the full list of co-sponsoring organizations please click [here](#).
- ☞ Read about the [intervention of Pablo Manzano](#)
- ☞ The Power Point Presentation of Lorenza Lauro will be soon available on the [More and Better website](#)

### Brazil launches the National Plan on Agroecology and Organic Production

The Brazilian government launches its National Plan on Agroecology and Organic Production. Although still far from a radical change the launch can be definitely seen as a success and as an important historical moment for the agroecological movement in Brazil. See some links to documents for those who can read in Portuguese: [The Plan](#); [The official presentation](#); [AS-PTA](#) and an [article in English](#). Thanks to Paulo Petersen (AS-PTA) for spreading the news!

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## AGRICULTURAL TRANSITION

### Agroecology principles and practices

A presentation by Miguel Altieri which is worth a reading and free for download and freely share by clicking [here](#)

### Agricultural Transition | Video: The Superfarmer

The Superfarmer fights for a brighter future by using sustainable farming techniques – increasing yields, reducing pollution! A 2 minutes video on today and tomorrow superhero, produced by the Development Fund, in cooperation with Spire. [Enjoy it!](#)

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## DOCUMENTS / PUBLICATIONS

- ☞ [The Right To Food Watch Report 2013](#)
- ☞ [Civil society key messages on CFS 40 agenda items](#)

- ☛ [Special issue of ECO](#) to mark World Food Sovereignty day.  
ECO is a publication by the [Convention on Biological Diversity Alliance](#)

## UPCOMING EVENTS

- **Second international Conference on Nutrition (ICN2)**  
Preparatory Technical Meeting 13-15 November 2013, FAO, Rome  
<http://www.fao.org/food/nutritional-policies-strategies/en/>

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