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

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Activities and slogans for the International Year of Family Farming

The United Nations General Assembly has decided to celebrate 2014 as the International Year of Family Farming. This gives us a good opportunity to promote food sovereignty, peasant farming, agroecology and other forms of sustainable agriculture. We encourage all members of the More and Better Network to actively use the International Year of Family Farming. Please share with the Network which plans you have and proposals for slogans and mottoes by writing to secretariat@moreandbetter.org.

The 1st Forum of African Rural Women

In December, from the 10th to the 12th, Yaoundé, in Cameroun, will host the Forum of African Rural Women.

This very first edition of the Forum that is linked to the International Year of Family farming-2014, will deal with a crucial issue: "The place and role of African women farmers in family farming".

<http://www.moreandbetter.org/en/news/the-1st-forum-of-african-rural-women>

The Superfarmer

The Development Fund (Norway) which is an active member and the main funder of the More and Better Network has made a short film (2 minutes), the Superfarmer. In the three weeks since it was released people from 86 countries have seen it. It is now available in [English](#) and [Spanish](#). A French version will soon be released. <http://www.moreandbetter.org/en/news/the-superfarmerf>

Agricultural Transition will circulate its own newsletter. Would you like to subscribe?

We are very pleased to announce that the website [Agricultural Transition](#), which is currently administrated by the More and Better secretariat, is ready to circulate its own newsletter. If you wish to keep on receiving regular updates and be part of the Agricultural Transition community, you are welcome to subscribe to the monthly newsletter, by replying to this mail or following this [link](#). We propose, below, a last update. It is about a very interesting paper, for sure worth a reading! See below.

Food as common, reframing the narrative of food system

In this working paper by *Jose Luis Vivero*, the very nature of food as a pure private good is contested and subsequently reversed in order to provide a sound foundation for the transition towards sustainable food systems. The proposal is a re-conceptualization of food as a common good, a necessary narrative for the redesign of the dominating agro-industrial food system that merely sees food as a tradable commodity.

[Read more.](#)

UPCOMING EVENTS

- 📍 **First Forum of African Rural Women**
December 10-12, in Yaoundé, Cameroun

organized by PROPAC

<http://arw2013.org>

☛ **Global Pastoralists Gathering**

December 9-15, Kiserian, Kajiado County, Kenya

organized by WISP- World Initiative for Sustainable Pastoralism

http://www.iucn.org/wisp/stayinformed/global_gathering_of_pastoralists.cfm

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