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### Principles for Responsible Investments in Agriculture

Until February 20th there is an online consultation on the zero draft of the Principles for Responsible Investments in Agriculture coordinated by the Committee on World Food Security (CFS) Secretariat. We encourage you to take part in this consultation, as well as in other parts of the process to develop these principles which will be adopted by the Committee for World Food Security (CFS) in October 2014. Your organization could, for instance, organize national or local consultations on the [Zero Draft](#) or the Draft one which will be published in April. Most of the regional consultations have taken place, but there are still some left:

- Latin America & Caribbean, Panama City, 17 – 18 February 2014
- Asia and Pacific – Pattaya (Thailand), 3 – 4 March 2014
- Near East – (tbd)

More information at <http://www.fao.org/cfs/cfs-home/resaginv/en/>  
and [http://www.csm4cfs.org/policy\\_issues-6/agricultural\\_investment-7/](http://www.csm4cfs.org/policy_issues-6/agricultural_investment-7/)

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## DOCUMENTS AND OTHER RESOURCES

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### The Good Living Market, an amazing video on local markets and family farming

Fundaexpresion (member of More and Better based in Columbia) released an amazing animated video entitled *El Mercado del Buen Vivir*. With the aim to give visibility to the importance of family farming and local peasant markets, the video, set in the framework of the *Barrio La Loya* peasant market in Colombia, has been realized in cooperation with a group of well known clay and stop-motion animation artists thus promoting also connection between art and rural life. More information (in Spanish) on [Fundaexpresion YouTube channel](#).

### Scaling-up agroecological approaches: what, why and how?

A very useful discussion paper by OXFAM Solidarité (Belgium) to contribute to ongoing debates on agroecological approaches and their centrality for achieving truly more sustainable agricultural and food systems. The paper also provides key evidence and arguments for supporting advocacy work of CSOs calling for the scaling-up of agroecological approaches in various social and political arenas at national and/or international levels. In addition, it contains several references to the book the More and Better published in 2012: *Agricultural transition – a different logic* which you can download in English, Spanish, French and Portuguese at <http://ag-transition.org/1868/agricultural-transition/>. Click [here](#) for downloading Oxfam paper.

### Limited access to the market of small-scale food producers in Africa: what should be changed?

This briefing paper by Glopolis, produced within the EuropAfrica campaign investigates on challenges and constrains that small-scale food producers continuously face in relation to food production and access to markets. It also describes cases of good practices and presents solutions for an adequate small-scale farmers' involvement in functioning markets. The Paper is available [here](#)

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## UPCOMING EVENTS

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## 5th Global Meeting of Farmers' Forum

17-20th February 2014, Rome (Italy), IFAD Headquarters

<http://www.ifad.org/farmer/>

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