



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

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Special note for Chandrika Sharma

We would like to express our deep sadness for Chandrika Sharma, she is one of the passengers on the Malaysian aircraft that was presumed crashed, though we have no clear information at the moment. Chandrika, the executive secretary of the International Collective in Support of Fishworkers (ICSF), had taken that flight to attend a FAO Conference in Mongolia. Our thoughts are with her family, ICSF, and all the activists and friends around the globe who are close to her.

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The More and Better General Meeting in Nyélény on November 13th 2014

This year, we have the pleasure to hold our General Meeting in Mali, at the Nyélény Centre (Sélingué), a place with a strong symbolic value for social movements, NGOs and civil society organizations that support food sovereignty. Organized every second year, the General Meeting is a key event for our Network, all the members organizations are strongly invited to actively participate; each organization has one vote right, although more representatives from the same organization can attend. The General Meeting will take place on November 13th, just after the *Nyeleny 2 – for Agroecology Conference* (see below for more information). The participants at Nyélény 2 are all welcome to attend our General Meeting as observers, if they are not members of More and Better. The organizational process has just started, more detailed information will be provided in the next weeks. Meantime, put a mark on your agenda!

Nyéleni 2 for Agroecology, November 7-12th 2014, in Mali

The first Nyéleni forum took place in 2007 focused on food sovereignty. 450 delegates from 110 countries took part. The forum played a very important role in developing food sovereignty and to strengthen the global movement for food sovereignty. Nyéleni 2 might play the same role in developing the movement for agroecology!

The objectives of the forum:

- Strengthening the synergies between the different organizations promoting agroecology
- Develop farmers' innovations to meet the considerable challenges of tomorrow's agriculture
- Harnessing the collective efforts towards sustainable agriculture
- Exchanging local knowledge and know-how
- Working for favorable agroecology public policies to be developed and implemented.

Thus, the objective of the forum is to organize, evaluate and share various experiences and initiatives for a greener environmental agriculture to strengthen the capacity of family farms. The ultimate goal is to strengthen food sovereignty.

The forum is also in the context of the celebration of The International Year of Family Farming - 2014. See more information on [the Nyeleny 2 leaflet](#)

DOCUMENTS

Democracy and diversity can mend broken food systems, final diagnosis from UN right to food expert

The [final report of The United Nations Special Rapporteur on the right to food](#), Olivier De Schutter has been presented to the UN Human Rights Council in Geneva the 10th of March. De Schutter called for the world's food systems to be radically and democratically redesigned to ensure the human right to adequate food and freedom from hunger. "The eradication of hunger and malnutrition is an achievable

goal. However, it will not be enough to refine the logic of our food systems – it must instead be reversed.”

The Global Food Policy Report by the International Food Policy Research Institute (IFPRI)

The Report examines major food policy issues, developments, and decisions, including:

- What is the direction of the global development agenda as the world approaches the 2015 deadline of the Millennium Development Goals?
- What are the best policies and investments to ensure we can end hunger and under nutrition by 2025?
- How effective will India’s landmark National Food Security Act be in ensuring access to adequate food at affordable prices?
- What policies, investments, and technologies will do the most to sustainably increase agricultural productivity, to link smallholder farmers to markets, and to ensure that their products are safe and nutritious?

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