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

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### **Stop Enabling Land Grabs: Agriculture Doesn't Need World Bank's Business Indicators**

We are pleased to announce that we have signed on to the [joint statement](#) promoted by the Campaign [Our Land is Our Business](#). Right now, millions of people are being thrown off their land because large corporations are being given special rights. The World Bank is driving this destructive trend with its Doing Business rankings. Stand with us to tell the World Bank and the land grabbers it's our land, our business. Read more: <http://www.moreandbetter.org/en/news/stop-enabling-land-grabs-agriculture-doesn-t-need-world-bank-s-business-indicators>

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### **CFS' Principles for Responsible Investments in Agriculture. The Draft One is out**

On April 1st the Secretariat of the Committee on World Food Security published the [Draft one of the Principles for Responsible Investments in Agriculture](#). The document is the result of feedbacks received during the regional and global consultations undertaken from September 2013 to March 2014, on what should be added, changed, and improved on the basis of the Zero Draft. The First Draft will serve as the basis for negotiations scheduled for the week of May 19-23rd, 2014. The More and Better Network encourage all of you to engage in dialogue with your governments on the improvement of the draft one before the negotiations start. We also ask you to share comments and proposals for changes by sending mails to the MaB e-mail list at [moreandbetter@yahoogroups.com](mailto:moreandbetter@yahoogroups.com).

### **Agriculture and nutrition in the Sustainable Development Goals**

A High-Level Roundtable on what should be included in the Sustainable Development Goals on agriculture and nutrition took place in New York in the end of March. Aksel Naerstad, international co-coordinator of the More and Better Network, took part in the two days the meeting. The outcome document is available in English [here](#). In a comment to the document, Aksel says: *"I'm pleased that the roundtable with many representatives from governments, UN-institutions and NGO's agreed on this text. Of course there are point in the declaration that I would have preferred formulated differently, but as a document from such a diverse group, I think it's very good."* More and Better encourages you to share the document with other organizations and your governments, and to use it in the process to develop the Sustainable Development Goals to be adopted by the UN General Assembly in September 2015.

### **CSO/NGO Consultation for the FAO Regional Conference for Europe and Central Asia**

The Regional Civil Society Organizations Consultation has been held prior to FAO's 29<sup>th</sup> Regional Conference for Europe (ERC) and the 38<sup>th</sup> session of the European Commission on Agriculture (ECA) in Bucharest, Romania, on 29-30 March 2014. The event was followed by the CFS Multi-stakeholder Dialogue, held on 31<sup>st</sup> March 2014, in Bucharest. Alessandra Sgrò attended the consultation on behalf of the More and Better Network. The agenda of the Civil Society Consultation has followed the items of the ERC with the objective to prepare CSO's inputs to the FAO Regional Conference: International Year of Family Farming, Food Losses and Waste (FLW) along selected food supply chains in developing countries of Europe and Central; Right To Food (Follow up); Role of sustainable fisheries and aquaculture; Water and Food. You can download the CSO/NGOs final declaration by clicking [here](#) For more information, please visit: <http://www.fao.org/europe/regional-conference/cw2014/en/> and <http://www.eurovia.org/spip.php?article957&lang=en>

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## UPCOMING EVENTS

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### **Responsible Agricultural Investments principles negotiations**

May 19- 23, FAO, Rome, Italy: Negotiations on draft 1 of the principles.

More information at <http://www.fao.org/cfs/cfs-home/resaginv/en/>

### **Policies against Hunger XI**

#### **Responsible Agricultural Investments – an Expert Meeting**

30 June to 1 July 2014, Federal Foreign Office, Berlin, Germany

Information is provided on the conference website: [www.policies-against-hunger.de/en](http://www.policies-against-hunger.de/en)

### **Second International Conference on Nutrition (ICN2)**

November 19-21, FAO, Rome (Italy)

More information is available at: [www.fao.org/ICN2](http://www.fao.org/ICN2)

### **Civil Society Annual Forum**

October 11-12, Rome.

Information will be published on <http://www.csm4cfs.org/>

### **Committee on World Food Security (CFS)**

October 13 – 18th, FAO, Rome, Italy

More information at <http://www.fao.org/cfs/cfs-home/en/>

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