



International Forum for Agroecology at the Nyéléni center in Mali

November 7- 12 2014

Agroecology begins to be confirmed in the world as a practice promoting the autonomy of farmers, preservation of natural resources and biodiversity, and improving the incomes of farmers.

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 favourable 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 .

The Nyéléni Centre in Sélingué - Mali

The center was built for the Nyéléni forum for Food Sovereignty in 2007 and has after the forum become a conference center and a training center for agroecology. Built on an area of 5 ha, the Center has 80 traditional African huts with hosting capacity of at least 2 persons each, training rooms, meeting and conferences rooms. It is also has a kitchen, toilet facilities, equipment for interpretation etc.

The General Meeting of the *More and Better Network* (www.moreandbetter.org) will take place on November 13. at the Nyéléni Centre. All participants at International Forum for Agroecology at are invited.



Take part !

We encourage representatives from peasants' organizations, other social movements, NGO's, academics and others to take part in the International Forum for Agroecology at the Nyéléni center in Mali!

The need for funding

The preliminary budget for the International Forum for Agroecology is € 330 000 (\$ 450 000). There is a need for support for travel and accommodation for representatives for peasants' organizations and other social movements, for interpretation and information material, and for organizing the forum. **We strongly ask progressiv foundations, institutions and NGO's to give financial support the International Forum for Agroecology at the Nyéléni Center in Mali**

The preparatory work

The peasants' organization in Mali, CNOP-Mali is leading the preparatory work, with the president of CNOP-Mali, Ibrahima Coulibali, as the chair. He is appointed by FAO as a special ambassadeur for the International Year of Family Farming (IYFF), is also the vice president of ROPPA and member of the International Coordination Committee of La Via Campesina.



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