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

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CFS-rai-principles negotiations and civil society's position.

The first round of negotiations on the [First Draft](#) of the rai-principles within the Committee on World Food Security (CFS) has been held at the end of May at FAO Headquarters in Rome, with the participation – along with the State members and Private Sector representatives - of several civil society's organizations and social movements which are part of the Civil Society Mechanism, including More and Better. Civil Society has done a truly amazing job to push forward small-scale producers substantial requests which are basically missing in the text of the First Draft. In this regard, more information on civil society's point of view can be found in this [document](#). The next round of the negotiations will probably take place in August. You may want to visit regularly the [CSM website](#) to stay up to date with the rai process and the other issues related to the CFS/CSM.

Call for articles on family farmers in living landscapes.

Farming Matters, the magazine on sustainable farming published by [AgriCultures Network](#) has launched a call for stories about the relation between forests, sustainable farming and resilient landscapes, and about the connection between landscape (or territory), local culture and the regional economy for its September 2014 issue. The articles can be sent in English (preferred), Spanish, Portuguese or French. Deadline: June 15th, 2014. More information [here](#)

New Report: The New Alliance for Food Security and Nutrition. A coup for corporate capital?

This Report by *Terra Nuova* and the *Transnational Institute* explores the ways in which global corporations are influencing development agendas in Africa, and the faulty rhetoric that underpins their vision of development. Small farmers produce 80% of the food consumed in Africa today, and farmers' own investments make up 90% of all investment in agriculture globally. Yet, when it comes to the design of large-scale aid and development programs, corporate capital is increasingly in the driver's seat, shaping policies that support international investors while endangering and impoverishing small-scale farmers. The report is available for free download also [here](#).

New Report: Hungry for land: small farmers feed the world with less than a quarter of all farmland

It is commonly heard today that small farmers produce most of the world's food. But how many of us realize that they are doing this with less than a quarter of the world's farmland, and that even this meager share is shrinking fast? GRAIN has made an in depth analysis and the results leave no doubts: if small farmers continue to lose the very basis of their existence, the world will lose its capacity to feed itself. We have shared the analysis from GRAIN [here](#)

UPCOMING EVENTS 2014

Responsible Agricultural Investments principles negotiations

August 2014, 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, Federal Foreign Office, Berlin, Germany
www.policies-against-hunger.de/en

African Green Revolution Forum

1-4 September, Addis Ababa (Ethiopia)

Civil Society Mechanism Annual Forum

October 11-12, Rome.

<http://www.csm4cfs.org/>

Committee on World Food Security (CFS)

October 13 – 18th, FAO, Rome, Italy

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

Second International Conference on Nutrition (ICN2)

November 19-21, FAO, Rome (Italy)

www.fao.org/ICN2

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