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

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### **More and Better General Meeting: 13th November, in the Nyéléni Center, Mali**

This year we have the pleasure to hold our General Meeting in Mali, at the Nyéléni 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 and all of you are strongly encouraged to attend as members or as observers. We welcome the participation of more representatives from the same organization although each organization member has got one vote right. The General Meeting will take place on November 13th, just after the [International Forum for Agroecology](#) (7-12 November). Please fill in the [registration form](#) and return it to us if you plan to attend the More and Better General Meeting. Along with the registration form you will also find application for economic support.

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### **International Forum for Agroecology, registration is now open**

The International Forum for Agroecology will be held at the Nyéléni Center in Mali from the 7<sup>th</sup> to the 12 of November with the following objectives: strengthening the synergies for promoting agroecology; developing farmers' innovations; harnessing the collective efforts towards sustainable agriculture; exchanging local knowledge and know-how; working for the development and the implementation of public policies in favor of agroecology; organize, evaluate and share various experiences and initiatives for a greener environmental agriculture to strengthen the capacity of family farms and strengthen food sovereignty. We are pleased to cooperate with the CNOP Mali, that is leading the preparation of the Forum, for contributing to the success of such an important event and hope that many of you will be participating. Registration is now open. Please visit [www.cnop-mali.org](http://www.cnop-mali.org) or [www.moreandbetter.org](http://www.moreandbetter.org) to download the form.

### **CSOs call for an effective participation in the process leading to the ICN2**

Civil society organizations and social movements express serious concerns about their limited participation in the policy processes towards the Second International Conference on Nutrition (ICN2). In an informal statement to ICN2 joint working group, they strongly object the "non-state" actor model adopted for the meeting that brings powerful economic actors into policy-making discussions on the same footing with public-interest civil society organizations. The statement with signatories can be found [here](#). More and Better has sent its endorsement; if you wish to do the same please email [valente@fian.org](mailto:valente@fian.org) and [michele@fian.org](mailto:michele@fian.org) not later than July 24<sup>th</sup>.

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## UPCOMING EVENTS 2014

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### **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/>

**International Forum for Agroecology**

November 7-12, Sélingué, Center of Nyeleni (Mali)  
[www.moreandbetter.org](http://www.moreandbetter.org) – [www.cnop-mali.org](http://www.cnop-mali.org)

**More and Better General Meeting**

November 13<sup>th</sup>, Sélingué, Center of Nyeleni (Mali)  
[www.moreandbetter.org](http://www.moreandbetter.org)

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

November 19-21, FAO, Rome (Italy)  
[www.fao.org/ICN2](http://www.fao.org/ICN2)

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