



MORE and BETTER

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

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Green revolution in Africa, what is the reality?

The [African Green Revolution Forum](#) took place in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia September 1-4th. Aksel Naerstad, International co-coordinator of the More and Better Network was one of the about 1000 participants. He says: “A lot has changed since the first African Green Revolution Conference in Oslo, Norway in 2006, organized by the world largest fertilizer company, Yara. A key question is: are the changes only rhetoric or also in reality?”

Read the report on the Forum by Aksel Naerstad [here](#).

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

Our General Meeting is approaching and we are now receiving your registrations.

Please, be aware that the More and Better Network will be able to cover participation costs of a very restricted number of representatives and only from Africa, Asia, Latin America based organizations. If your organization is among them you can apply for financial support by filling in the specific section in the registration form. Members and/or observers from Europe and North America are expected to cover at their own expenses the costs for their participation.

Haven't you registered yet? Click [here](#) to download the registration form, to be returned to secretariat@moreandbetter.org dully filled, and visit www.moreandbetter.org for more information.

Support the International Forum for Agroecology!

The Forum will take place in the Center of Nyélény, in Sélingué, Mali, 7-12 of November and right before the More and Better General Meeting. You are strongly invited to participate, to spread the voice around and, possibly, to cover travel costs of key representatives from developing countries based organizations. The Forum is indeed a unique opportunity for NGOs and social movements to exchange on agroecological approaches, strength synergies, evaluate policies for sustaining agroecology, family farming and food sovereignty around the globe. Click [here](#) to download the registration form and visit www.moreandbetter.org or www.cnop-mali.org to stay up to date with the information on the Forum.

Looking for useful sources of information? Please see our suggestions below

The e-newsletter of La Via Campesina is available in English, French and Spanish. It provides with information on struggles, debates, actions, and mobilization. If you want to subscribe to the distribution list please mail lvcweb@viacampesina.org or visit the LVC website at www.viacampesina.org

The international Nyéléni newsletter: is the voice of the international movement for Food Sovereignty. Its main goal is to strengthen the grassroots of the movement, by providing accessible material on key issues and creating a space - for individuals and organisations involved in the struggle - to exchange their experiences and share information. It is available in English, French and Spanish. You can subscribe by clicking here: <http://www.nyeleni.org/>

PLANT - Partners for the Land & Agricultural Needs of Traditional People

Launched in 2009, PLANT is a valuable source of information on documents and analysis especially about the struggle of indigenous communities and smallholder farmers for Food and

Seed Sovereignty, while preserving their age-old eco-systems. Please visit www.plantpartners.org/about-plant.html

Foodtank – The food think tank has a weekly update. It's possible to subscribe from their webpage <http://foodtank.com/>

UPCOMING EVENTS 2014

Symposium on Agroecology

September, 18-19, FAO, Rome, Italy
<http://www.fao.org/about/meetings/afns/en/>

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 – www.cnop-mali.org

More and Better General Meeting

November 13th, Sélingué, Center of Nyeleni (Mali)
www.moreandbetter.org

Second International Conference on Nutrition (ICN2)

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

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