



MORE and BETTER

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

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The General Meeting of More and Better is postponed

The More and Better General meeting, that was planned to be held at the Nyéléni Center on the 13th November this year, has been postponed in 2015. We will provide you with necessary information through this list and our website as soon as the new dates are established.

Report on FAO Symposium on Agroecology

The [International Symposium on Agroecology for Food Security and Nutrition](#) (18-19th September), held in Rome, was the first FAO event on agroecology in history. It turned out very successful and can be seen as an important step forward for the support and promotion of agroecology. There were more than 300 participants from governments, farmers' organizations, social movements, NGOs and key scientists working on agroecology. La Via Campesina and other representatives from civil society played a very important role during the two-days event. [Here](#) you can read the report from Aksel Naerstad, international co-coordinator of the More and Better Network. The report includes a summary from La Via Campesina, a summary from SCOLA, the FAO-document with abstract from the main speakers, and photos of most of the many posters displayed at the symposium. More info from FAO about the symposium can also be found [here](#).

Africa Seed System under threat. The denunciation of AFSA

"The Alliance for Food Sovereignty in Africa (AFSA) is deeply concerned about the recent acquisitions by multi-national seed companies of large parts of SeedCo, one of Africa's largest home-grown seed companies. Attracting foreign investment from the world's largest seed companies, most of who got to their current dominant positions by devouring national seed companies and their competitors through mergers and acquisitions, is an inevitable consequence of the fierce drive to commercialise agriculture in Africa. Read the press release from AFSA [here](#).

Join our side event at CFS 41!

Along with the International Planning Committee for Food Sovereignty and other organizations, More and Better is happy to be among the co-organizers of the side event *Agroecology: a resilient model of production for food security* that will be held under the umbrella of the Civil Society Mechanism on Friday, October 7 (6- 7h30 PM) in the Iran Room at FAO Headquarters, in Rome, during the Committee on World Food Security 41 (CFS). If you planned to attend the CFS, you are welcome to join us for the side event. The full list of the side events organized by the CSM is available [here](#).

Important issues for the Committee on World Food Security (CFS)

The CFS is the common body for the UN on Food Security and Nutrition. This 41st session will take place in Rome October, 13-18th. Members of the [Civil Society Mechanism to CFS](#) will meet on October 11-12 to prepare for CFS. You will find available documentation for the CFS [here](#). CFS will deal with many important issues. We would like to highlight three of them:

- Principles for Responsible Agricultural Investments (RAI). Hopefully the principles will be adopted at CFS, but it's not sure yet. More and Better has followed the negotiations on the principles, and will follow up on the implementation of them. You will find the proposal for CFS [here](#) (PDF format).
- The report [Food losses and waste in the context of sustainable food systems](#)
- The report [The role of sustainable fisheries and aquaculture for food security and nutrition](#)

UPCOMING EVENTS 2014

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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