



## **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 has been postponed**

The More and Better General meeting will be held on the 23rd of February, one day prior to the International Forum for Agroecology, in the Nyeleni centre, in Sélingué (Mali). The More and Better members are all encouraged to participate and to designate one or more representative. The assembly will be open to observers. The registration form along with the application for requesting financial support will be available shortly on our website, in English, French and Spanish. Please, come back to visit our website to stay up to date or email us at [secretariat@moreandbetter.org](mailto:secretariat@moreandbetter.org)

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#### **New dates established for the International Forum for Agroecology**

The Steering Committee of the International Forum for Agroecology met in Rome on the 41th session of the Committee on World Food Security. Taking into consideration the conclusions of the Symposium on Agroecology, organized by FAO in September, and to better prepare the regional consultations on agroecology that will be following in the next months, the Committee has decided that the Forum will take place in the Centre of Nyeleni, in Mali, from the 24th to the 27th of February 2015. The More and Better Network will hold their General Meeting just before the Forum, the 23rd of February. More information is available at [www.cnop-mali.org](http://www.cnop-mali.org)

#### **Statement of the African and U.S. Food Sovereignty Summit**

On October 10-14, Community Alliance for Global Justice/AGRA Watch invited African leaders representing regional and continent-wide networks to Seattle to meet with leaders from US organizations as part of the Africa-US Food Sovereignty Strategy Summit. The aim was to promote farmer-led solutions to hunger and climate crises, share research, develop strategies and explore ways to protect communities faced with the consequences of industrial agriculture as promoted by the Gates Foundation.

<http://www.moreandbetter.org/en/news/statement-of-the-african-and-us-food-sovereignty-summit>

#### **The winners of the photo competition on family farming**

The international photo competition Family Farming: Feeding the World, Caring for the Earth was organized in the context of the International Year of Family Farming 2014 with the aim to show moments around family farmers life from all over the world. The winners of the competition were announced at the Global Dialogue on Family Farming that was held at FAO Headquarters in Rome (27-28th October). The Global Photo Winner, captured by amateur photographer Danilo Victoriano Jr., portrays a young happy farming couple during fruit harvest season in San Pablo Laguna province, in the Philippines.

<http://www.moreandbetter.org/en/news/the-winners-of-the-photo-competition-on-family-farming>

### **USEFUL DOCUMENTS**

#### **UN: Global Sustainable Development Report – Prototype**

The Global Sustainable Development Report (GSDR), requested by Governments at Rio+20, is a comprehensive and unique global report on sustainable development. The present prototype GSDR is the result of a collaborative effort of more than 2000 scientists and 50 staff from 20 UN entities. Among the other things, it maps sustainable development assessments and related processes, and identifies key

remaining challenges: to eliminate poverty and hunger; to feed, nurture, house, educate and employ the global population; to ensure peace, security and freedom; and to preserve the Earth's basic life support systems. Click [here](#) to download the online-unedited edition published by the UNDESA, Division for Sustainable Development in July 2014 (PDF, 165 pages) and [here](#) for the Summary (PDF, 27 pages).

### **The Right to Food Guidelines +10**

The FAO Right to Food Team announced the launch of the Report *the Right to Food: Past commitment, current obligation, further action for the future. A ten Year Retrospective on the Right to Food Guidelines*. The Report looks back at the progress made over the past decade in implementing the Right to Food Guidelines through the revision of some lessons learned and good practices, it identifies the main gaps and challenges and it discusses the way forward in implementing the Right to Food Guidelines to realize the right to adequate food of all. Click [here](#) for downloading this Report.

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### **UPCOMING EVENTS**

#### **2014**

#### **Civil Society Event in preparation of the ICN2**

November 17-18<sup>th</sup>, Rome (Italy)

<http://www.fao.org/about/meetings/icn2/nsa/civil-society/en/>

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

November 19-21, FAO, Rome (Italy)

[www.fao.org/ICN2](http://www.fao.org/ICN2)

#### **2015**

#### **More and Better General Meeting**

February 23, 2015, Nyeleni Centre, Sélingué, Mali

[www.moreandbetter.org](http://www.moreandbetter.org)

#### **International Forum for Agroecology**

February, 24-27<sup>th</sup>, Nyeleni Centre, Sélingué, Mali

[www.cnop-mali.org](http://www.cnop-mali.org)

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