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and rural development to eradicate hunger and poverty

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Feeding the planet: Expo Milano 2015 and the People's Expo

From the 1st of May to 30 October 2015, Milan, in Italy is hosting the [EXPO 2015](#), an international exhibition under the *leitmotif* 'Feeding the Planet, Energy for Life' cutting across all the planned activities. According to the organizers, Expo Milano 2015 will be a stage where participants from all over the world can showcase the most innovative solutions to the problem of 'Feeding the Planet, Energy for Life', seeking for collaborative ways to face the problem of hunger and malnutrition and move towards a sustainable way of life. To respond to the "Feeding the Planet" challenge, by implementing the principles of **Food Sovereignty** and **Environmental Justice**, civil society and farmers' movement will held an international Forum – [People's EXPO](#) - in Milan, June 3-5th. Their view is well expressed in the Manifesto prepared by the organizing committee. This document provides clear guidance on the solutions to be implemented, to finally reach the recognition of the right to adequate food and the equitable and sustainable use of natural resources. *Read the Manifesto of the Peoples Expo (in English) [here](#).*

A Small Village in Mali Is Farming Toward a Viable Food Future

We are pleased to share the link to an interesting article by Faris Ahmed, USC Canada's Policy Director, that appears also on the Huffington Post Canada.

In a far-flung village called Sélingué in Mali, near the Guinean border, something of great global significance happened recently. It is not related to Ebola, ethnic conflict, or natural disasters. It is a good news story -- and good news stories do not seem to travel very far from this region. Sélingué recently hosted the [International Forum on Agroecology](#), which attracted more than 300 people from 45 countries.

Read the article: <http://aq-transition.org/3703/a-small-village-in-mali-is-farming-toward-a-viable-food-future>

Some events on food and agriculture

Below you will find some international events of importance for food and agriculture issues where representatives from the More and Better Network will be present. We will send out short reports from these meetings to the network.

May 12-13th, New York: High-Level Event on "*Follow-Up and Review Mechanisms for Natural Resource Management and Governance to Achieve the Sustainable Development Goals*"

May 18-19th, Milan, Italy: The Global Alliance for the Future of Food
<http://www.futureoffood.org/>

June 1 -2nd, Stockholm Sweden: EAT Stockholm Food Forum
<http://www.eatforum.org/>

June 1 -2nd, Milan, Italy: Meeting of the Steering Committee for the International Forum for Agroecology

June 3 – 5th, Milan, Italy: People’s Expo – International Forum of civil society and farmers’ movements
<http://expodeipopoli.it/the-international-forum/?lang=en>

June 6-13th, Rome, Italy: FAO Conference, session 39 (the highest governing body of FAO: <http://www.fao.org/bodies/conf/c2015/en/>)

June 24-25th, Rome, Italy: CFS High-Level Forum on Connecting Smallholders to Markets (CSO-meeting on June 24th and the High-Level Forum on June 25th)
<http://www.fao.org/cfs/cfs-home/cfsevents/hlfsmall/en/>

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Document | The final version of the “Voluntary Guidelines for Securing Sustainable Small-Scale Fisheries in the Context of Food Security and Poverty Eradication” (SSF Guidelines), FAO.
<http://www.fao.org/3/a-i4356e.pdf>

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