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

**International congress: Global Peasants' Rights, March 7-10, 2017**



**INTERNATIONAL CONGRESS  
GLOBAL PEASANTS' RIGHTS**  
07-10 / 03 / 2017 SCHWÄBISCH HALL / GERMANY  
NEUBAUSAAL SCHWÄBISCH HALL / SCHLOSS KIRCHBERG

Many organizations are supporting this conference. Some of them are La Via Campesina, IFOAM, FIAN, Ecoland, Brot für die Welt, Oxfam, and the More and Better Network. The conference will take place in Germany. The goal of the congress is twofold: to increase awareness of the situation and the urgent needs of small farmers, and to support the UN working group for the development of a "Declaration on the Rights of Peasants and Other People Working in Rural Areas".

Participants of the congress are first and foremost peasants and their representatives from all parts of the world, as well as representatives of consumers organizations, environmental and human rights NGOs, international organizations concerned with the topic of the congress, European decision makers, academics, media and general public. See more information at <http://global-peasants-rights.com/index.php/en/>

### **Sharing of information on the work on the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs)**

One of the top priorities in the work of the More and Better Network in the coming years will be to follow up and contribute to reach the Sustainable Development Goals linked to food, agriculture and poverty. Most of this work and the most important will be the work on

national level by the members of More and Better by putting forward proposals and demands, and to put pressure on their own governments to follow up to reach the goals. Another important part of the work on the SDGs will be to build and strengthen cooperation and networks with other organizations, mainly on national level, but also in regions and globally. A third element of this work should be to be active in proposing and establishing mechanisms to follow-up the implementation of the SDGs.

In 2016 some members of More and Better organized national workshops on the SDGs and how to work on them. We encourage more organizations to do the same and to share experiences and information about your work on the SDGs.

### **More and Better Network formally registered as an international organization**

From January 1, 2017 the More and Better Network is legally registered in Cameroun as an international organization. More and Better started in 2003 as a campaign working for more and better support for agriculture and rural development to eradicate hunger and poverty. In 2010, the General Meeting decided to change the character from a campaign to a network and the name to More and Better Network. The network has currently 129 members on global, regional and national level in 44 countries.

From its foundation in 2003, More and Better has been recognized as an international organization and has had financial support from some UN agencies, foundations and member-organizations. However, until the end of 2016, More and better has not been registered as an international organization, so the contracts for financial support have been taken care of by Terra Nuova in Italy and the Development Fund in Norway. Many thanks to them!

The registration of More and Better as an international organization with the head-office in Cameroun will not have any influence on the function of the network, but we think it will increase the possibilities to get financial support from some agencies, foundations and organizations.

### **Support More and Better financially!**

We encourage all members-organizations of More and Better Network to explore the possibilities to give some financial support to the network. There is no membership-fee in the network, but we need more money to do more. Any amount would help. We think many members will be able to contribute with € 100, and some with € 1000 – or more. We are very happy to announce that ActionAid International will support the work of More and Better on the webpage <http://ag-transition.org> with € 8000 for 2017. Please see if your organization also can give some support!

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### VIDEO | [Soil, Struggle and Justice: Agroecology in the Brazilian Landless Movement](#)

This film examines a cooperative of the Brazilian Landless Movement (MST) in the South of Brazil, which struggled for access to land and then transitioned to ecological agriculture, or agroecology.

This MST cooperative is demonstrating the possibility of an alternative model of flourishing rural life, which provides thriving livelihoods for farmers, produces high quality and low cost food for the region, and rehabilitates the earth.

Watch the movie on [Agricultural Transition!](#)



## Some events on food and agriculture in 2017

- January, 25-30, General assembly for World Forum of Fish Harvesters and Fish Workers (WFF), in Ecuador
- March 7-10, International Congress: Global Peasants' Rights, Scwäbisch Hall, Germany  
<http://www.hdb-stiftung.com/index.php/en/projects/congress>
- July 10-19, High-level Political Forum on Sustainable Development, New York, USA  
<https://sustainabledevelopment.un.org/hlpf>

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