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Talents for the Sustainable Development Goals



The More and Better Network has been contacted by [UNLEASH](#), which has “a vision to build the world’s leading lab and platform for innovative, implementable and scalable solutions to the Sustainable Development Goals.” UNLEASH is a new, global initiative that will bring together young leaders, experts, and entrepreneurs between 20 and 35 years old. In August 2017, UNLEASH will bring together young people from all over the world in Denmark for nine days to create real, implementable and scalable solutions to the Sustainable Development Goals. The More and Better Network is asked to nominate 5-6 people for the event in Denmark. If you have suggestions for people to be nominated, please send in name and information before March 8. People who are interested in taking

part can also apply directly to Unleash on their webpage.

Engage in the follow-up on the Sustainable Development Goals



The meeting of the High-Level Political Forum on sustainable development in 2017, which will be held in New York from 10 to 19 July gives good opportunities to CSOs in all countries to follow-up and challenge their governments. IN 2017, [44 countries](#) have committed to report on the progress of reaching the SDG. This provides CSOs in these countries with special opportunities to engage with their governments. The theme for the High-Level Political Forum will be "Eradicating poverty and promoting prosperity in a changing world". The set of goals to be reviewed in depth will be the following:

- Goal 1. End poverty in all its forms everywhere
- Goal 2. End hunger, achieve food security and improved nutrition and promote sustainable agriculture
- Goal 3. Ensure healthy lives and promote well-being for all at all ages
- Goal 5. Achieve gender equality and empower all women and girls
- Goal 9. Build resilient infrastructure, promote inclusive and sustainable industrialization and foster innovation
- Goal 14. Conserve and sustainably use the oceans, seas and marine resources for sustainable development.

The list includes also Goal 17: Strengthen the means of implementation and revitalize the Global Partnership for Sustainable Development, which will be considered every year.

There is a working group on the SDGs in the Civil Society Mechanism for the UN Committee on World Food Security (CFS). You can find information on its work and its position paper [here](#).

Sustainable Foods Summit

The 9th European edition of the Sustainable Foods Summit will take place in Amsterdam on 1-2nd June 2017. This new edition will hone in on sustainable ingredients, social & customer impacts, and marketing best-practices. How can food companies and retailers address their sustainability footprints? What developments are occurring in sustainable food ingredients? How can brands enhance the social value of their products? What are best-practices in developing and marketing sustainable products? Such questions will be addressed in a high-level forum.

Since 2009, the Sustainable Foods Summit has been discussing leading issues the food industry faces concerning sustainability and eco-labels, such as Organic, Fair Trade, Rainforest Alliance, UTZ Certified, etc. The aim of the Sustainable Foods Summit is to explore new horizons for eco-labels and sustainability in the food industry by discussing key industry issues.

Organised by Organic Monitor, the Sustainable Foods Summit is a climate-neutral event. The carbon footprint of the summit will be determined by calculating the carbon and greenhouses gases.

More info on: <http://www.sustainablefoodssummit.com/>

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REPORT | [Investments in small-scale sustainable agriculture](#)

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Some events on food and agriculture in 2017

- March 7-10, International Congress: Global Peasants' Rights, Scwäbisch Hall, Germany
<http://www.hdb-stiftung.com/index.php/en/projects/congress>
- June 1-2, European edition of Sustainable Food Summit
<http://www.sustainablefoodssummit.com/>
- July 10-19, High-level Political Forum on Sustainable Development, NY, USA
<https://sustainabledevelopment.un.org/hlpf>



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