

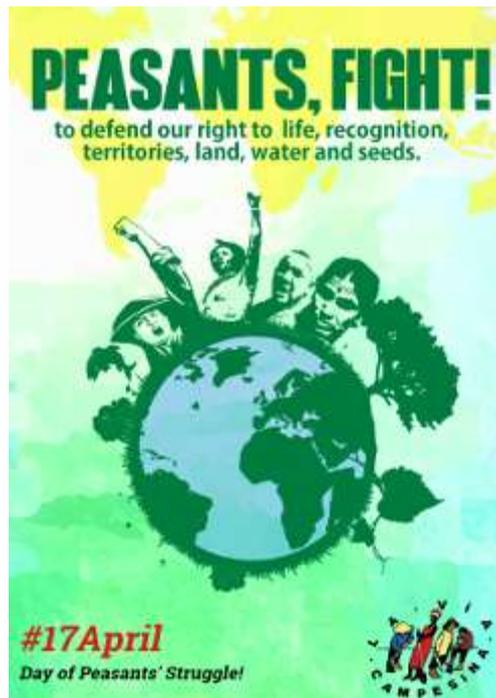
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April 17th: The International Day of Peasants' struggles



The international farmers' movement La Via Campesina calls all its members and allies to mobilise on April 17, the International Day of Peasant's struggles.

La Via Campesina call upon the people around the world to celebrate International Day of Peasants' Struggle by continuing to work to reinforce food sovereignty, the fight against climate change and the conservation of biodiversity; to fight for a genuine agrarian reform and a better protection against land-grabbing; continue to conserve, use, and exchange our seeds; and strengthen the solidarity among ourselves. See more information [here](#).

Successful International Congress on Global Peasants' Rights

More than 300 people from all over the world took part in the International Congress on Global Peasant's Rights which took place in Schwäbisch Hall in Germany in March. Some of the organizers of the congress were the European coordination of La Via Campesina, FIAN and Ecoland. The More and Better Network was one of the 44 partner organizations for the congress. See more information [here](#).

Together towards a declaration on Peasants' Rights

The rights of peasants initiative, which La Via Campesina started 17 years ago, is now in a process within the United Nations towards a Declaration on the Rights of Peasants and Other People Working in Rural Areas. A [draft declaration](#) will be discussed and [negotiated in the UN Human Rights Council](#) in Geneva on May 15-19th.

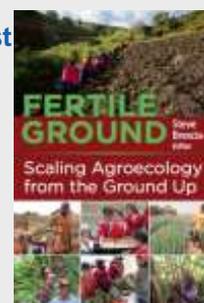
The Council is made of 47 Member States, which are elected by the majority of members of the General Assembly of the United Nations through direct and secret ballot. See the list of current members [here](#).

We encourage organizations in these countries to follow-up their governments so they can play a positive role in the negotiations in May. This declaration, if approved, will create an international legal instrument to protect the rights of and draw attention to the threats and discrimination suffered by peasants and other people working in rural areas.

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REPORT | Fertile Ground: Scaling Up Agroecology, by Food First

The US-based organization The Institute for Food and Development Policy, better known as Food First, which is a member of the More and Better Network, has recently published a new book about agroecology: Fertile Ground: Scaling Agroecology from the Ground Up. You can find more information about this and other books published by Food First [here](#).



REPORT| The future of food and agriculture. Trends and challenges, by FAO

What will be needed to realize the vision of a world free from hunger and malnutrition? After shedding light on the nature of the challenges that agriculture and food systems are facing now and throughout the 21st century, the study provides insights into what is at stake and what needs to be done. "Business as usual" is not an option. Major transformations in agricultural systems, rural economies and natural resources management are necessary.



Some events on food and agriculture in 2017

- 20 March - 12 April, Online Forum discussion on Agroecology and Nutrition, organized by FAO
<http://teca.fao.org/discussion/agroecology-and-nutrition>
- 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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