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and rural development to eradicate hunger and poverty

Working jointly on Sustainable Development Goals



In the occasion of the More and Better general assembly, in October, we have confirmed our commitment to work jointly on the follow up of the SDGs.

Whereas the SDGs provide a general framework, causes, actions and solutions need to be debated, developed and implemented at all levels - local, national, regional and global - with the direct involvement of those primarily affected by food insecurity and nutrition in all its forms. That is why we strongly renew to our members the invitation to get involved in or organize national workshops to identify priorities, needs and actions in their countries aimed at contributing to the transformation we need to redirect the current

unsustainable forms of agriculture and economic globalization. Although the SDGs should be seen through a comprehensive approach, we have identified, among the others, a set of sustainable goals that best embrace important dimensions of our work: Goal n.1, 2,5,13 and also 12 -- according to the decisions taken by the General Assembly. We have talked about our plans on SDGs also in a previous article, [here](#).

"From past experiences, we have learned that development can only progress if communities are fully involved in the process of identifying a problem and possible solutions to it" . [SWAGEN, Workshops on SDGs in Uganda supported by More and Better, April 2016]

The European Forum on food sovereignty conclusions



Press Release, Cluj-Napoca, October 31. "The fight back against industrial agriculture and for a just and sustainable future for farming and peasant farmers took a leap forward this week as the largest-ever European Forum on food sovereignty concluded. After five days of discussions, the groundwork has been laid to take back in, relocalise our food systems and multiply food sovereignty platforms across the continent by the participants from more than 40 countries who gathered at the second Nyéléni Forum on Food Sovereignty. A huge diversity of people involved in the food system were present, including farmers, food and agricultural workers, trade unionists, researchers, activists, fisherfolk, pastoralists, indigenous peoples, consumers, and human rights defenders." Read the full text of the press release [here](#)

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VIDEO | [An introduction to Participatory Guarantee Systems \(PGS\) by IFOAM](#)

This short video explains the basis of Participatory Guarantee Systems (PGS). It was designed as a trailer and short version of the documentary: *A guide to Participatory Guarantee Systems for Organic Agriculture*.

Watch the video on [Agricultural Transition](#).

Some events on food and agriculture in 2016

- 7-18 November, 22nd Conference of the Parties of the UN Framework Convention on Climate Change, Marrakesh (Morocco)
<https://www.unisdr.org/we/inform/events/44468>
- 23-25 November, FAO Regional Symposium on Agroecology for sustainable Food Systems in Europe and Central Asia
<http://www.fao.org/europe/events/detail-events/en/c/429132/>
- 1-2 December, FAO/WHO International Symposium on “Sustainable Food Systems for Healthy Diets and Improved Nutrition”, FAO Headquarters in Rome (Italy)
<http://www.fao.org/about/meetings/sustainable-food-systems-nutrition-symposium/en/>
- 7 December, Conference on Access to Land, Brussels (Belgium)
<https://nyelenieurope.net/news/conference-access-land-december-7th-2016-brussels>

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