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The agenda of UN on Nutrition and the key role of Civil Society



Malnutrition in all its forms affects 193 countries in our world: 790 million people are undernourished, 2 billion people suffer from micronutrients deficiency and another 2 billion suffer from overweight/obesity. Most of the malnutrition does not affect low-income countries and is rising globally. These data are taken from the presentation given by Patrick Webb (Friedman School of Nutrition Science and Policy - Tufts University, USA) at the [International Symposium and Sustainable Food Systems for Healthy Diets and Improved Nutrition](#) convened in Rome by FAO and WHO, and made available [here](#). The Symposium – that was rich of useful insights, data and viewpoints - was organized in the framework of [UN Decade of Action on Nutrition](#), which was proclaimed by the UN General Assembly in April 2016 and will run until 2025. Before of that, governments committed to eradicate hunger and prevent all forms of malnutrition worldwide by

endorsing, at the Second International Conference on Nutrition (ICN2), held in November 2014, the [Rome Declaration on Nutrition](#) and its [Framework for Action](#).

The ambitious agenda of UN on Nutrition requires, with no doubts, a holistic approach that combines issues related to public health, nutrition and today's complex food systems. In order to tackle all manifestations of inappropriate diet, and to reframe the economic forces which shape such diets we urgently need coherent government policies and actions, as well as mechanisms of accountability and measurements, within a multi-actors engagement respectful of human rights realization. The role of grassroots organizations, food producers, civil society and social movements is essential to achieve this, despite some reluctance to boost that combination. Along this path only, the UN Decade of Action on Nutrition can be embraced as an opportunity to mobilise action and accelerate efforts towards the elimination of hunger, food insecurity and all forms of malnutrition and meeting the SDGs by 2030.

Useful links on this issue:

- [Report of the second ICN2 Conference](#)
- [Civil Society Statement at the ICN2](#) (November 2014)

Workshop on Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) in Cameroun



The More and Better Network is committed to work on SDGs in order to strengthen civil society and grassroots organisations engagement at national and regional level. To this extent, More and Better will support a national workshop in Cameroun, accompanied by a

meeting with regional partners of Central Africa, to be held the 20 and 21st of December and hosted by [PROPAC](#). The main objectives of the seminar will be:

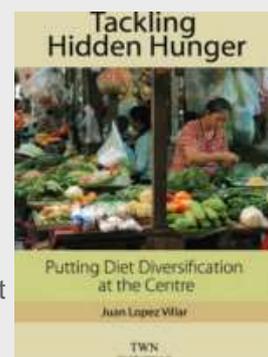
- Sharing knowledge on the concept of sustainable development goals; identifying opportunities and limitations of the Agenda 2030 and discussing on how to translate specific views into practice;
- Providing a space for reflection between CSOs and the various actors responsible for the implementation of SDGs in Cameroon
- Achieving the commitment of decision-makers to recognize to civil society a greater role to play as a driving force in the implementation of the United Nations Sustainable Development Program for 2030 in Cameroon
- Establish a support plan of the Cameroon civil society for the implementation of SDGs and and the Agenda 2030

The report of the workshop will be shared as soon as it is available.

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REPORT | [Tackling Hidden Hunger. Putting Diet Diversification at the Centre](#), by Third World Network

For a global strategy on nutrition to be successful, this book argues, it must place central emphasis on diversifying diets. Towards this end, sustainable farming practices based on agricultural biodiversity, such as agroecology, are key to providing the rich variety of foods that will keep hidden hunger at bay.



Some events on food and agriculture in 2016

- 7 December, Conference on Access to Land, Brussels
<https://nyelenieurope.net/news/conference-access-land-december-7th-2016-brussels>

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