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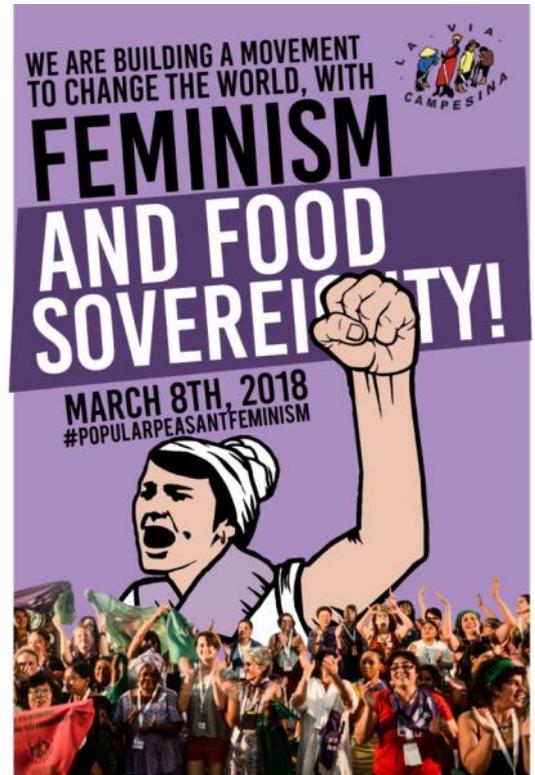
The role of women in agriculture

La Via Campesina is the largest peasant organization in the world with 182 member organizations in 81 countries, representing about 200 million peasants. They play a crucial role in the fight for women's rights. In their statement on March 8th 2018 they gave "*A tribute to the women who gave their lives, in the struggle for the rights of women in different areas, who suffered torture, sexual and moral violations, who were disappeared, imprisoned, beheaded, massacred for defending life, dignity, Mother Earth and the rights of women. We will follow their examples, their traces, legacies that they have left for us in different spaces of work as well as day-to-day lives.*"

See the whole statement at

<https://viacampesina.org/en/salute-struggle-women-countryside-towns-cities-via-campesina/>

See the declaration from the fifth La Via Campesina Women Assembly, July 2017, at <https://viacampesina.org/en/vii-international-conference-womens-assembly-declaration/>



Even the World Bank which most of the CSO engaged in agriculture disagree a lot with, underline the important role of women. They have published the following statement:

Women in Agriculture: The Agents of Change for the Global Food System

Women are the backbone of the rural economy, especially in developing countries. They make up almost half of the world's farmers, and over the last few decades, they have broadened their involvement in agriculture. The number of female-headed households has also increased as more men have migrated to cities. As the primary caregivers to families and communities, women provide food and nutrition; they are the human link between the farm and the table.

See the whole statement at <http://www.worldbank.org/en/news/feature/2017/03/07/women-in-agriculture-the-agents-of-change-for-the-food-system>

Some more literature on women in agriculture

Gender in Agriculture Partnership—Transforming agriculture to empower women and deliver food, nutrition and income security www.gender-gap.net/

FAO: Woman, agriculture and food security

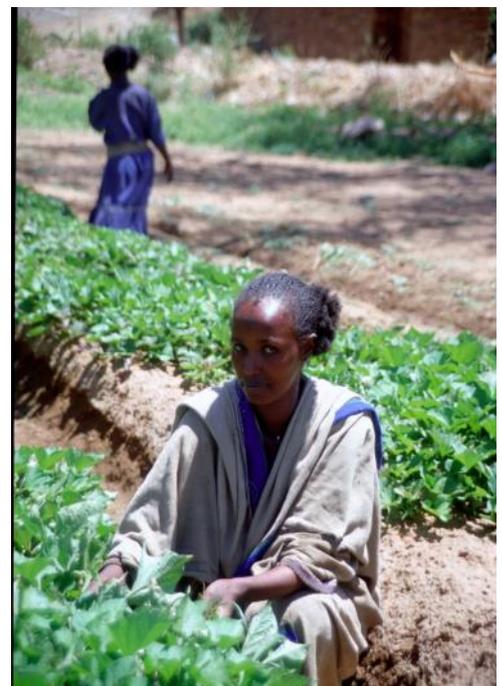
www.fao.org/worldfoodsummit/english/fsheets/women.pdf

FAO, IFAD and the World Bank: Gender in Agriculture Sourcebook

<https://www.wikigender.org/wiki/gender-in-agriculture-sourcebook/>

The Role of Women in Smallholder Rainfed and Mixed Farming in India

www.researchgate.net/publication/242663724



Join us for

The international civil society conference on the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), agriculture and fisheries

The conference is organized by the More and Better Network Asian Farmers Association (AFA), FoodFirst, Foodtank, IFOAM, MIJARC, Millennium Institute, Oakland Institute and the Right to Food Campaign (India). More organizations will probably join as co-organizers in the coming months.

Objectives for the conference

There are several good reasons for organizing such a conference. The main objectives for the conference are:

- To show that agroecology and other forms of sustainable agriculture and fisheries are key to reach many of the SDGs.
- To strengthen the arguments and increase the pressure on governments and international institutions to increase the financial and political support for agroecology and other forms of sustainable agriculture and for small-scale sustainable fisheries.
- To share experiences and strengthen the cooperation among and between farmers' and fisherfolks' organizations, other non-governmental organizations (NGOs), philanthropic foundations and others which support the objectives of the conference.

130 organizations have signed on to the letter on the SDGs and agriculture which the More and Better Network invited other organizations to sign on to. The letter is also a base for the conference. See it at www.moreandbetter.org

Participate in the conference!

We hope you / your organization will take part in the conference. We have got some financial support to fund parts of the costs for some participants. You will soon find more information about the conference, how to sign up for it and the possibilities for financial support. For more information and questions, please see www.moreandbetter.org or send a mail to secretariat@moreandbetter.org



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