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## More and Better Newsletter

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#### NEWS AND DOCUMENTS

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##### **The rights of peasants to strengthen the human rights framework**

During the current session of the UN Human Rights Council, the Advisory Committee will present a study on discrimination in the context of the right to food. This study concludes that peasant families are among the main victims of right to food violations and discrimination and that there is an urgent need to enhance their protection under international human rights law. *See more information at:*

[http://viacampesina.org/en/index.php?option=com\\_content&view=article&id=882:the-rights-of-peasants-to-strengthen-the-human-rights-framework&catid=19:human-rights&Itemid=40](http://viacampesina.org/en/index.php?option=com_content&view=article&id=882:the-rights-of-peasants-to-strengthen-the-human-rights-framework&catid=19:human-rights&Itemid=40)

##### **New Report on Agribusiness and the Right to Food**

The UN Special rapporteur on the right to food, Olivier De Schutter, presented on March 5<sup>th</sup>, in Geneva, his report on Agribusiness and the right to food. The report seeks to contribute to a better understanding, by agribusiness corporations and States alike, of their respective responsibilities and obligations under international law. It ends with recommendations to States and the agribusiness sector to ensure that the current transformation of the food chain will contribute to the realization of the right to food. The recommendations relate to a range of areas, including competition law, international framework agreements, cooperatives, and public procurement.

*Read the report 'Agribusiness and the right to food' and its summary. Watch the video presentation.*

#### UPCOMING EVENTS

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##### **International Planning Committee Annual Meeting in Rome, 19-21 March**

Aksel Naerstad, the international coordinator of More and Better will be attending the annual meeting of the International Planning Committee for Food Sovereignty in Rome. On Saturday, the 20 March, during the morning session, there will be a debate concerning the follow up of the document "*Policies and actions to eradicate hunger and malnutrition*" promoted, among the others, by More and Better and also a debate on the relationship between IPC and More and Better. Updates on these issues will be following in the next newsletter.

*The document "*Policies and actions to eradicate hunger and malnutrition*" is available at [www.moreandbetter.org](http://www.moreandbetter.org) and [www.eradicatehunger.org](http://www.eradicatehunger.org)*

##### **Comprehensive Framework for Action for Food Security for All (CFA) , Meeting in Ireland**

In our first newsletter we have informed you about the revision of the CFA. Now we have some new information. The meeting in Ireland about the CFA which some CSO's will be invited to, will

take place on **May 17-18**. All proposals, comments etc to the CFA must be sent in before April 1<sup>st</sup> to [Matthew.Cousins@undp.org](mailto:Matthew.Cousins@undp.org)  
*Read the Comprehensive Framework for Action for Food Security for All*

## **FAO Regional Conferences**

**Latin America and the Caribbean, 31<sup>st</sup> session, Panama City, Panama, from 26 to 30 April 2010.**

The Regional Conference will be open to all FAO Members from the Latin America and the Caribbean region and Observers.

**Africa, 26<sup>th</sup> session, Luanda, Angola: from 3 to 7 May 2010**

*More information on FAO regional conference for Africa at: <http://www.fao.org/africa/regional-conference/en/>*

## **FAO Regional Consultation and Conference for Europe and Central Asia, May 2010**

In Yerevan, Armenia the 10 and 11 May 2010 will be held the FAO CSOs Regional Consultation for Europe and Central Asia . The aim of the consultation is to enable NGOs, CSOs and Social movements to prepare the statements for the 27th Regional Conference (biennial) for Europe and Central Asia, that will follow on 13 and 14 May 2010, also in Yerevan. On 12 May, the FAO European Commission on Agriculture will also meet in the same place. Side events can be proposed by NGOs or CSOs during the Yerevan events.

*For more information you can read the article by Daniel Van Der Steen, Geographical Focal Point for Europe of the International Planning Committee (IPC) for Food Sovereignty at: <http://www.csa-be.org/spip.php?article678>*

If you have any information, news or contributions you would like to share with the More and Better network through this newsletter please send it to [secretariat@moreandbetter.org](mailto:secretariat@moreandbetter.org)

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