



# More and Better Newsletter

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### 1. European CSOs monitoring report on Advancing African Agriculture.

The European CSO 2009-2010 report on "*Advancing African Agriculture: Europe's Impact on African Agriculture*" monitors the extent to which European policies have been in line with the EC's 2007 Communication "Advancing African Agriculture" (AAA). In particular this report is focused on three main issues strongly impacting on smallholder agriculture and food security: the 1 billion Euro 'Food Facility' (with country studies in Burkina Faso, Burundi and Mali); the milk sector of the Common Agriculture Policy (with special emphasis on impacts in Senegal, Burkina Faso and Kenya), and; European involvement in 'Land grabbing' (closer look at Uganda, Mozambique and Ethiopia).

The report was made in close cooperation with African farmers' regional platforms and endorsed by the CONCORD's European Food Security Group (EFSG).

You can show your support for the findings of this (second) monitoring report by sending your signature to Stefania Boccaleoni at [boccaleoni@terranuova.org](mailto:boccaleoni@terranuova.org) by the 30 June.

To know more : <http://www.europafrika.info/en/documenti/advancing-african-agriculture>

### 2. The 1Billions Hungry Project.

The 1billionhungry project was launched on 11 May 2010, in Rome, Yokohama, New York, Bangkok, Paris and other locations. It is a viral campaign, promoted by Fao with the aim to put pressure on politicians to end hunger. You can join by signing the petition on

[www.1billionshungry.org](http://www.1billionshungry.org), both as individual or as organization.

### **3. New member welcoming: Pakistan Kissan Trust**

We are pleased to welcome Pakistan Kissan Trust, a membership based organization serving the interests and rights of small and poor farmers with a Vision to make farmers prosperous and politically strong in Pakistan. Pakistan Kissan Trust has joined More and Better in May, this year. To know more about them please contact Mahmood Ahmad (Director) at [pakkissantrust@gmail.com](mailto:pakkissantrust@gmail.com) or visit <http://pakkissantrust.org/index.html>

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- **Food prices to rise by up to 40% over next decade, UN report warns**

**The Guardian**|15 June 2010

Food prices are set to rise as much as 40% over the coming decade amid growing demand from emerging markets and for biofuel production, according to a United Nations report today which warns of rising hunger and food insecurity. Farm commodity prices have fallen from their record peaks of two years ago but are set to pick up again and are unlikely to drop back to their average levels of the past decade, according to the [annual joint report from Paris-based thinktank the OECD and the UN Food and Agriculture Organisation \(FAO\)](#).

Full article (En): <http://www.guardian.co.uk/business/2010/jun/15/food-prices-rise-un-report>

- **Responsibly Destroying the World's Peasantry**

**Project Syndicate via Share The World's Resources**|16 June 2010

The suggestion that 'responsible' large-scale land investments can produce 'win-win' outcomes is based on the misguided belief that combating hunger requires boosting food production. To develop truly sustainable agriculture, small-scale farmers must be protected, writes **Olivier De Schutter**.

Full article (En): <http://www.project-syndicate.org/commentary/deschutter1/English>

- **Not so green after all**

**Throw (NL) via Presseurop**|16 June 2010

The European Commission has introduced a new biofuels certification scheme to combat deforestation, among other laudable objectives. But biofuel production uses up a great deal of arable land and if food crop farmers have to move elsewhere, more land may end up being cleared...

Full article: <http://www.presseurop.eu/en/content/article/274411-not-so-green-afterall>

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