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### New Briefing Series: Global Policy Watch on Post-2015 and FfD3: Debates Begin, Political Lines Emerge



2015 is a pivotal year. The post-2015 sustainable development agenda currently being drafted is premised on the reality that the present model of development is not working, given worsening inequalities and straining planetary boundaries. All countries and peoples—and the planet on which we depend—have the right to live with a better model, one that is inclusive and sustainable.

To give credit to this occasion, Global Policy Forum and Social Watch launch a new briefing series on the Post-2015 and FfD3 processes today with a first issues on "Post-2015 and FfD3: Debates Begin, Political Lines Emerge". Subsequent briefings will look into negotiations, positions and ideas, will - when the time is ripe - look at the results and monitor their implementation. There is a lot more to come...

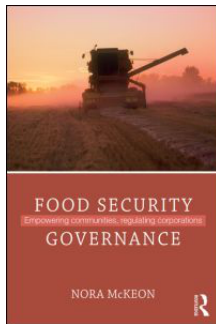
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## What's new

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### Food Security Governance Empowering Communities, Regulating Corporations



The new book “Food Security Governance; Empowering Communities, Regulating Corporations” by Nora McKeon explores the global food governance at a crossroads. The global food crisis from 2008 affirmed that the struggle over the global food system is not between farmers in the ‘Global North’ and the ‘Global South’, but an intensified struggle between two opposing pathways for food and agriculture: those upholding the dominant status quo model of industrial agriculture and those struggling for alternative models emphasizing local diversified and resilient food systems. Read a review by Ingeborg Gaarde.

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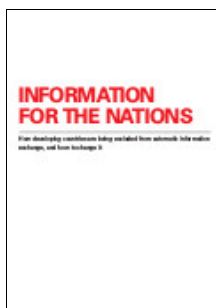
### UN Financing for Development negotiations picking up speed



Despite snowstorm warnings and ice-cold temperatures in New York, the Financing for Development (FfD) negotiations managed to pick up speed when governments convened for the first drafting session at the end of January. They are currently negotiating the outcome of the upcoming Addis Ababa Conference on Financing for Development, which will take place on July 13-16 this year, and is planned as a key milestone ahead of the Post-2015 Summit and the UNFCCC Climate Conference later this year. Tove Maria Ryding of Eurodad reports from this latest round of negotiations.

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### Information for the Nations



"In 2014, we saw yet another repeat of the claim that ‘banking secrecy is over’, as some countries began to commit to a new agreement to share information on money held offshore. But the picture is not consistent: with only 52 countries currently signed up to implementation, and very few of them developing countries, it seems that banking secrecy may be over for some, but not for others. In 2013 we identified the challenges involved in creating a system of information exchange that works for developing countries; now, with much of the new system in place, we assess the progress and consider what else needs to be done to ensure that banking secrecy really is over, for all." Christian Aid publishes a new report on how developing countries are being excluded from automatic information exchange in tax matters - and how this could be changed. The report has been endorsed by 18 more civil society organizations, including GPF.



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