

**MAIN ARTICLES****2015: An exciting year for our network**

Dear members,

The New Year has just started and many activities have been already scheduled to make the 2015 even more exciting and our messages even stronger than the previous year. Please find below some of these activities and be sure not to miss the opportunity

to promote/get involved in them: .. [Read more](#)

**Important imminent deadlines!****Mark Your Calendar**

Dear members,

Please find below a brief summary to remind you some important and imminent deadlines:

-FAIR TRADE INTERNATIONAL SYMPOSIUM (29th - 31st May 2015)

-WFTO BIENNIAL CONFERENCE/AGM ... [Read more](#)

**European Year for Development 2015**

European Year for Development 2015 is the first dedicated to this theme since European years have been thematically characterized from 1983 until now. It will be officially launched on the 9th of January 2015 in Riga,

among other events which will mark the beginning ... [Read more](#)

**TRAINING SESSION ON THE GUARANTEE SYSTEM****Lesson #2: Types of Membership**

WFTO has two categories of membership:

**Provisional members:** an organisation, who has applied for WFTO membership, paid its first membership fee but not yet completed the first monitoring cycle of the WFTO Guarantee System. These organisations have two years' time since their approval as provisional ... [Read more](#)

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**AGENDA**

-23-24 January: [Fair Trade Federation Retailer Symposium](#)

-11-14 February: [BIOFACH](#)

-20 February: [World Day of Social Justice](#)

-23 February–8 March: [Fairtrade Fortnight UK 2015](#)

-8 March: [International Women Day](#)

-24-26 March: [Fair Trade Federation Conference](#)

-09-12 April: [2015 Fair Handeln Fair in Germany](#)

-19 April: [2015 Bio Ost Fair in Berlin](#)

-09 May: [World Fair Trade Day](#)

-23-31 May: [2015 World Fair Trade Week](#)

and [more!](#)

**NEWS FROM THE OFFICE**

WFTO-Europe wishes you, once again, all the best for the 2015 !

**NEWS FROM THE BOARD**

The next face-to-face board meeting will be held in Paris on the 28th-29th of January.

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For updates and the latest news check ...

**VOTE4FT: TESTIMONIALS****Nibir Bordoloi, India**

The European Parliament Elections are now passed but the Vote4FairTrade campaign goes on.

Hear [here](#) what Fair Trade means for this producer from India speaking to European decision makers .

**MEMBER OF THE MONTH****BAFTS –The British Association for Fair Trade Shops and Suppliers**

**Name:** BAFTS  
**Head Office:** Selby, United Kingdom  
**Year of foundation:** 1995  
**Website:** [www.bafts.org.uk](http://www.bafts.org.uk)

**BAFTS stands for the British Association for Fair Trade Shops and Suppliers.** Originally, it was set up in 1995 by Aileen Garden, then Manageress of Gateway World Shop, Durham, to be the voice of fair trade retailing in the UK. [Read more](#)

**FT-RELATED NEWS, PUBLICATIONS & OTHER TOOLS**

- [The FTAO's Internal Advocacy Bulletin](#) for December 2014 (login required) includes articles regarding policy issues (Internal analysis of second Council Conclusion on private sector in development, European and Caribbean cooperation in support of Fair Trade ), FTAO news (European Parliament Fair Trade Working Group to set up six projects, Advocacy brainstorm in Cape Town) and more!
- [Africa Sets Demands for Post-2015 Climate Agreement](#) From IPS
- [Details emerge about the European Year for Development 2015](#) from euractivEU tax havens drain money from developing nations - [article](#) from EU Observer
- [New proposed EC Regulation on Organic Farming—Positon Paper](#) form FTAO
- [Rhize Catalyst Fellowship 2015](#)—fellowship for movement-builders around the world

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