

MAIN ARTICLES

WFTW Position Paper and last chance to register!

Dear members,

The 2015 World Fair Trade Week is quickly approaching and we hope to see many of you during this unique event. As you know, the WFTW will take place during the Expo 2015 whose theme is "Feeding the planet" [Read more](#)

Tell us about your plans for the WFT Day!

The World Fair Trade Day is celebrated on 9 May and we would be delighted to know about your plans for this special day! Are you organizing an event or a campaign? Let us know at communication@wfto-europe.org

Workshop on Unfair Trading Practices and Food Waste

The last 26th of March WFTO-Europe participated in the policy workshop with Tristram Stuart on the connection between unfair trading... [Read more](#)

Join the 'Gender in WFTO' workshop during the WFTW

Do you care about gender? You certainly do as a fair trader! Then you should be interested to participate to the workshop "Gender in WFTO: Beyond Principle 6" during next WFTO conference in Milan (Monday May 25th, 15:30). This workshop will review what has happened in WFTO since the new Principle .. [Read more](#)

Stand up against the new EU organic regulation

As some of you might already know, on 24 March 2014, the European Commission issued a proposal for a new EU Organic Regulation. At WFTO-Europe, together with the Fair Trade Advocacy Office (FTAO) and many other Fair Trade actors, we are worried ... [Read more](#)

TRAINING SESSION ON THE GUARANTEE SYSTEM

Fair Share Platform and Lesson #4: Peer Visit



In order to give you access to the previous GS Training Sessions, we have created a course on the Fair share Platform, the first global online learning platform dedicated for the Fair Trade actors.

Fair Share is training and learning platform for entrepreneurs interested in fair trade ... [Read more](#)

VOTE4FT: TESTIMONIALS

Ernest Urtasun, Spain

VOTE4FT entered its final year in 2015 and WFTO-Europe will try to maximize its efforts in order to contribute to the Project and make sure Fair Trade voice is heard. To keep alive MEPs commitment to the project, we invite you to watch the following [video](#) with MEP Ernest Urtasun.

MEMBER OF THE MONTH

Lanka Lamai



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Lanka Lamai Fair Trade is registered as Dutch Fair Trade Organization since 1993 and as WFTO member since 2005. Since 1986, we have been importing from Sri Lanka, motherland of our 3 children. After adoption of the 1st child, we became aware of the difficulties of this country and fell in love with it. We saw how ... [Read more](#)

FT-RELATED NEWS, PUBLICATIONS & OTHER TOOLS

- [The FTAO's Internal Advocacy Bulletin](#) for April 2015 (login required) includes articles regarding policy issues (EU organic regulation still dangerous for Fair Trade producers, Declaration of the International Forum for Agroecology for transparent and fair distribution chains, World Economic Forum: 'Global battlefield between major powers is economic rather than military', FTAO news (Policy Workshop: Ending unfair trading practices—ending food waste) and more!
- A public debate 'Setting the agenda for the sustainable future—the road to the UN summit on the Post-2015 agenda' will be held on 14 April 2015 in Brussels in the EESC. A forum for a discussion between political decision-makers and civil society will be provided during the event. [Registration](#) is opened until 10 April.
- [World Social Forum](#) (WSF) took place in Tunis from 25 to 28 March. Artisans du Monde organised a Fair Trade workshop on this occasion. The main topic was 'Fair Trade as a tool for economic and social change. Challenges and issues for building or integrating a fair trade supply chain.' A [video](#) record from the event is also available on Youtube.
- A political debate '[Du local au global, quelles politiques pour rendre le commerce plus équitable?](#)' will be organised in Mons on 7 May 2015, from 6-8 pm.
- EU milk quota system shut down on 1 April 2015. The European Parliament is currently working on a report on the consequences. Read more [here](#).
- Our members [GEPa](#), [BH Crafts](#) and [Shared Interest](#) are celebrating their anniversary in 2015! A close-up on this topic in our next issue on 9 May 2015.



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- 09-12 April: [2015 Fair Handel Fair in Germany](#)
- 17 April : [Day of Peasants Struggle](#)
- 19 April: [2015 Bio Ost Fair in Berlin](#)
- 24 April : [Fashion Revolution Day](#)
- 09 May: [World Fair Trade Day](#)
- 10 May: [Bio West Fair, Dusseldorf, Germany](#)
- 09-24 May: [Fair Trade Fort-night 2015 in France](#)
- 16 May: [Fairpride Festival, France, organized by our member Artisans du Monde](#)
- 23-31 May: [2015 World Fair Trade Week](#)
- 12 June : [World Day Against Child Labour](#)

And [more!](#) [Let us know](#) about your events!

NEWS FROM THE OFFICE

WFTO- Europe is looking forward to the WFT Week and to meeting you all at the WFTO-Europe AGM and WFTO Biennial Conference! Don't forget to [register!](#)

NEWS FROM THE BOARD

The minutes of the last Board meeting on 23rd February 2015 are now available on the website. [Login here](#) in order to Access the Board minutes.

The next meeting will be held on the 9th of April 2015, via Skype.

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