The East African Organic Conference
"Sharing achievements made and lessons learned"
July 2–4 2013, Dar es Salaam, Tanzania
A week of exiting events!

Venue: Bank of Tanzania Conference Center
Plenary sessions in Kilimanjaro Hall

Tuesday 2 July

08:30-15:30 Registration

16:00-17:30 Official Opening
Mwatima Juma, Chair TOAM
16:00 Cultural performance by African Sana
16:15 Words of welcome, Hon. Eng. Christopher Chiza, Minister of Agriculture, United Republic of Tanzania
16:25 Remarks from the East African Community
16:40 Greeting from Karin Andersson, Head of Regional Development cooperation, Embassy of Sweden, Nairobi
16:45 Organic and sustainability standards – role in the African economical integration, Dr. Hermogene Nsengimana, Secretary General ARSO
17:00 Kilimo Hai - Going Organic in East Africa, Video from the IFOAM Organic Standards in East Africa project
17:10 The Organic Alternative for Africa, Markus Arbenz, IFOAM Executive Director
17:30 Official Opening, Hon. Vice President Ghalib Bilali, United Republic of Tanzania

17:45-18:30 Cocktail & Cultural performance by African Sana
Wednesday 3 July

09:00-10:45 1st plenary session
Moderator: Jordan Gama, TOAM
09:00 Lessons Learned from the East African Organic Development, Moses Mwanga, NOGAMU
09:20 Overview of the Current State of Organic Agriculture in East Africa, Herve Bouagnimbeck, IFOAM
09:40 Accomplishments of the OSEA Project, Gunnar Rundgren, Grolink/IFOAM
10:00 The progress of the EOA Initiative, Zachary Makanya, Pelum-Kenya
10:20 Discussions, presenters and participants

10:45-11:15 Break

11:15-13:00 2nd plenary session
Moderator: Loyce Lema, Envirocare
11:20 Progress in Organic Policy in East Africa, Jordan Gama, AfroNet
11:35 Organic agriculture and CAADP, Charles Walaga
12:00 Deepening Organic Agricultural Research in Africa, Mwatima Juma, NOARA
12:15 Productivity and Profitability of Organic Farming Systems in East Africa, Peter Ton
12:40 Discussions, presenters and participants

13:00-14:15 Lunch

14:15-15:45 Parallel session
Organic agriculture and Climate Change
Moderator: Adah Mwasha, Ministry of agriculture
- Chololo EcoVillage, Dr Francis Njau, Institute of Rural Development Planning
- Bostlurry in organic farming, Edith Banzi, SNV
- The relevance of organic agriculture for climate change mitigation and adaptation, Manjo Smith, IFOAM
Local and regional market development
Moderator: James Cole, IFOAM
- Experiences of organic regional trade in EAC, Donatile Nibagwire
- Experiences of a pioneer marketer, Kate Kibaara
- Work with awareness raising in Burundi, Adrien Sibomana, BOAM
- Presentation of OSEA promotion materials, Patricia Wangong’u, IFOAM
Capacity Building of farmers
Moderator: Hervé Bouagnimbeck
- How to organise farmers for ICS and PGS systems, Irene Kugonza & Noel Kwai
- Farmer training video, Mareike Brandt
- OSEA brochures
Discussions

15:45-16:15 Break
16:15-18:00 **3rd plenary session**
Moderator: Markus Arbenz, IFOAM

16:15 *Organic Aquaculture in East Africa, current status and prospects for the future*, Udo Censkowsky & Albert Altena, Organic Services
Questions

16:40 *What is the consumer perception of organic food?* Samuel Ndungu,
Kenya Organic Agriculture Network

17:00 *The East African Organic Products Standard & the East African Organic Mark, current status and future plans*, Eustace Kiarii,
KOAN

17:20 *Participatory Guarantee System, opportunities and challenges*,
Joelle Katto-Andrighetto, IFOAM

17:35 Discussions, presenters and participants

17:50 *Conference declaration*, Mwatima Juma

18:00 Closing of the conference

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Deepening Ecological Organic Agricultural Research in Africa
Tuesday 2 July, 08:30-14:00. Kilimanjaro Hall. Organized by NOARA/EOA
The event will have 4 presentations (a-d below) and possibly 2 work group sessions (to address e) and end up with a plenary session to wind up:

a) EOA related research undertaken in the last decade in six African countries - Mwatima Juma & Irene Kadhere

b) Ecological Organic Agriculture (EOA) curricula in educational and agricultural training institutions in six African countries - Charles Ssekyewe & Victor Togun

c) Farmers' technical, social, and economic needs and constraints: implications for future research, education and training - David Amudavi & Lauren Glin

d) Research across the agricultural value chains - Evelyne Lazaro & Lise Andreasen

e) Perspectives and Actions towards strengthening African Organic agricultural research agenda - Lise Andreasen, Noah Adamtey & David Amudavi

Organic Aquaculture workshop
Thursday 4 July, 09:00-12:30. Mount Meru room.
While fisheries (inland and marine fisheries) traditionally play an important role as a source of protein for human consumption in East Africa, aquaculture is still in its initial stage. The increasing demand for fish and seafood products can be met by developing aquaculture production. Therefore aquaculture is increasingly supported in some of the East African countries. However, aquaculture can only be a long lasting source of protein for local consumption and export if needed natural resources are utilized in a responsible and sustainable way.

The organic aquaculture concept offers a solution for sustainable aquaculture practices. As a "low-input" aquaculture this concept fits ideally to small-scale fish, crustacean, algae and shellfish farmers. In this context the aquaculture sectors in five East African countries (Burundi, Kenya, Rwanda, Tanzania and Uganda) have been evaluated and current production methods for leading fish species assessed against organic aquaculture standards. The findings of the study as well as opportunities for the development of organic aquaculture in the region will be presented during this workshop.

PGS information
Thursday 4 July, 09:00-12:00. Udzungwa room.
The event is an introductory session for participants who want to learn more about Participatory Guarantee Systems (PGS) and how they can operate as alternative or complement to organic third party certification. PGS are locally focused quality assurance systems. They certify producers based on active participation of stakeholders and are built on a foundation of trust, social networks and knowledge exchange. The session will showcase examples of how PGS are being developed and implemented in the East African region. The session will be interactive, with plenty of opportunity for questions and discussions.

Ecert Grower Group software – administration, inspection & certification Workshop
Thursday 4 July, 15:30-18:30, Mount Meru room.
This workshop will introduce participants to Ecert Grower Group Certification, a new software programme that supports grower groups and businesses with producers under contract farming in the implementation of their internal control system.
The software helps to minimize problems with the external control and certification, to lower costs for grower groups and to positively influence the market positioning of the groups.
During the workshop, the main benefits and functions of the software will be presented and the participants will be introduced to the live system. The session will be interactive with plenty of occasion for questions and comments.

More information is posted on http://www.ifoam.org/en/events/east-africa-conference or can be obtained from the secretariat. Secretariat: TOAM, Jane Albert, 255-787 133 133 or 255 758 974 037, janealbert777@gmail.com