



## **Invitation to Join Development of IFOAM SEEDS Platform**

After the 18<sup>th</sup> IFOAM World Organic Congress in Istanbul, members decided there was a need to directly address seed and plant breeding issues through the creation of a self-organized group called IFOAM SEEDS Platform (ISP). We are in the process of organizing the IFOAM SEEDS Platform and would like to invite you to participate.

The objective of the SEEDS Platform will be to integrate seed-specific knowledge, concerns, positions and issues into the work that IFOAM – Organics International conducts at the global level covering all continents.

### **How to Join ISP:**

At the moment we are creating a database of associations, networks, individuals active on organic seed or plant breeding issues and interested in joining the informal, email-based conversations regarding ISP. In the future a formal Steering Committee for the SEEDS Platform will be established, and we welcome your input and participation in its development. If you would like to join our mailing lists for IFOAM SEEDS Platform, please respond to the questionnaire at the following link:

[seeds.ifoam.bio](http://seeds.ifoam.bio)

An extended participation in IFOAM SEEDS Platform will ensure a wide coverage of the regional expertise that has been committed to supporting the organic movement with plants and seeds bred in a fairer and more participatory way. The Platform will also create the opportunity of establishing a deeper connection and joint forces between the many associations and actors active across the globe working with the common objective of supporting the organic movement with adequate plants and seeds.

The SEEDS Platform has been formally approved as a Self-organized Structure of IFOAM – Organics International on June 1<sup>st</sup> 2015 , but the informal participation in the email exchange among IFOAM SEEDS Platform members is open and advisable for all the people and organization interested in linking their expertise to the on-going discussion on seeds within this framework.

Please share this information also within and among any relevant existing networks in your area that are committed to bringing seeds and plant breeding back to the center of the organic movement at the global, regional and national level.