

## ORGANIC 3.0 GOESAN DECLARATION

### ORGANIC FOR THE BENEFIT OF ALL

#### Preamble

With a shared vision of how organic principles and practices can benefit all of human society and the planet's diverse ecosystems, IFOAM – Organics International and the International Society of Organic Farming Research (ISO FAR), and their generous supporters, the government of Goesan County, Republic of Korea, held an International Organic Expo from 18 September – 11 October 2015, to imagine and plan the future of the organic sector and its contribution to ecological sustainability and societal well-being.

We make this Declaration of our intentions to manifest the Principles of Organic Agriculture - health, ecology, fairness and care - for the good of all people.

With this Declaration, we also release our document “Organic 3.0 for Truly Sustainable Production and Consumption”, as guidance for the true road to sustainability.

#### Organic 3.0 – the Next Phase

“Organic 1.0” was started by our numerous pioneers, who observed the problems with the direction that agriculture was taking at the end of the 19th century and the beginning of the 20th century and saw the need for a radical change.

The visionary pioneers of the organic movement showed the holistic and healthy relationships between how we live, eat, and farm, our health and the health of the planet. We still follow the guidance of these “Organic 1.0” founders. The organic sector worldwide has successfully shown the benefit and appeal of these regenerative practices and their positive impacts.

“Organic 2.0” started in the 1970s when the writings and agricultural systems developed by our pioneers were codified into standards and then later into legally-mandated regulatory systems. The organic sector is taken seriously by the dominant global economic paradigm and growth continues unabated on all continents.

“Organic 3.0” is the third phase of the organic movement – the next paradigm. It is about bringing organic out of its current niche into the mainstream and positioning organic systems as part of the multiple solutions needed to solve the tremendous challenges faced by our planet and our species.

“Organic 3.0” is about developing a new collective vision for the organic sector and like-minded movements such as agroecology, fair trade, slow food, and others, to actively engage with major global issues.

## Organic 3.0 - Our Strategy

The strategy for Organic 3.0 includes six main features unified by the principles of health, ecology, fairness, and care – consistently promoting the diversity that lies at the heart of organic and recognizing there is no ‘one-size-fits-all’ approach:

1. **A culture of innovation**, to attract greater farmer conversion, adoption of best practices and to increase overall productivity and quality;
2. **Continuous improvement toward best practices**, at a localized and regionalized level;
3. **Diverse ways to ensure transparent integrity**, to broaden the uptake of organic agriculture beyond third-party assurance and certification;
4. **Inclusiveness of wider sustainability interests**, through alliances with the many movements and organizations that have complementary and fair approaches to truly sustainable food and farming;
5. **Holistic empowerment from the farm to the final product**, to acknowledge the interdependence and real partnerships along value chains and also at the territorial level.
6. **True value and fair pricing**, to internalize costs, encourage transparency for consumers and policymakers and to empower farmers as full partners.

## Our Commitment: The Road to True Sustainability

Pragmatism and idealism go hand in hand in Organic 3.0. Through innovations in production and assurance models, we shall empower individuals and communities toward holistic achievement of best practices leading to health and prosperity for current and future generations. **With the Organic 3.0 Goesan Declaration, we promise:**

- To welcome and assist all people, operations, organizations, territories, and movements who share our vision to adopt organic principles and practices. We enthusiastically invite the like-minded to work with us, and pledge to seek opportunities to work with them.
- To recognize that sustainability is a journey and must encompass a full range of best practices across societal, ecological, economic, cultural, and accountability dimensions. Founded on agroecological, regenerative farming practices, we proclaim our commitment to continuously improve our performance and share benefits in ways that are context-appropriate, transparently credible and clearly demonstrate our progress.
- To recognize the limits of the planet’s resources and the value of human capital, and pledge to account for the true costs of our actions on people and the environment, and to offer true value in the goods we produce.
- To innovate across technical, technological, social, and political realms in order to meet the apex challenges of our time. We commit to combining to best of traditional knowledge and practices with new technologies and creative interactions in order to meet the increasing demands of humanity for decades to come.
- To admit and honor our interdependence from farm and farming communities to consumers wherever they are, and empower women and men alike to improve the health and prosperity of all.
- To be transparent, receptive, and constructive in our efforts so that we may work with each other and learn from each other. Through innovations in production and assurance models, we shall empower individuals and communities toward holistic achievement of best practices leading to health and prosperity for current and future generations.

**We go forward from Goesan determined to proactively engage all interested parties to build on existing best practice models and create systematic changes to further empower our collective progress for the common good.**

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