



*International Federation of
Organic Agriculture
Movements*

IFOAM's mission is leading, uniting and assisting the organic movement in its full diversity. Our goal is the worldwide adoption of ecologically sound systems that are based on the principles of Organic Agriculture.

With its 730 member organisations in 100 countries, IFOAM is a democratic federation with all fundamental decisions taken at its general assemblies, where its World Board is also elected. Members organise themselves according to geographic regions or sector interests. The federation's activities are also carried out in various committees, working groups and task forces.

Major aims and activities are:

- To provide authoritative information about organic agriculture, and to promote its worldwide application.
- To exchange knowledge (e. g. via conferences, trade-fairs, and publications).
- To represent the organic movement at international policy making forums (IFOAM has for example consultative status and/or co-operates with the UN, FAO, Codex Alimentarius, IUCN, UNCTAD, ISO; WTO, and ILO).
- To establish, maintain and regularly revise the international "IFOAM Basic Standards" (translated so far into 21 languages!) as well as the "IFOAM Accreditation Criteria for Certifying Programmes", published together as ' IFOAM Norms.
- To make an agreed international guarantee of organic quality a reality via the IFOAM Organic Guarantee System.
- To build a common agenda for all stakeholders in the organic sector, including producers, farm workers, consumers, the food industry, trade and society at large.

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