

**Ethiopian Organic Forum, 8 July 2009**  
**UNECA, Addis Ababa, Ethiopia**

Draft Program

08.00 - 08.45	Registration
<b>08.45 - 10.00</b>	<b>Opening</b>
<i>Moderator: Tsegaye Kassa, EAOA</i>	
08.45 - 09.00	Introduction by participants
09.00 - 09.15	Welcoming remarks (Tesfaye T/Haimanoite, President of EAOA)
09.15 - 09.20	Welcoming remarks (Sophia Twarog, UNEP-UNCTAD CBTF)
09.20 - 09.40	Opening speech (H.E. Dr. Abera Deressa, Minister of Agriculture and Rural Development)
09.40 - 10.00	Key Note Address (Dr. Tewolde G/Egzabeir, General Director Ethiopian Environmental Protection Agency, and Chair of GA)
<b>10.00 - 10.40</b>	<b>Sector Development</b>
<i>Moderator: Azeb Worku</i>	
10.00 - 10.20	Status of Organic Agriculture in Ethiopia (Mohammed Kiyar, EAOA)
10.20 - 10.40	Organic sector development in East Africa (Alastair Taylor, Agro Eco Louis Bolk Institute)
10.40 - 11.00	Coffee/ Tea
<b>11.00 - 12.45</b>	<b>Policies</b>
<i>Moderator: Addisu Alemayehu, EAOA and Aco Ersha</i>	
11.00 - 11.30	Presentation of the CBTF study "Best Practices for Organic Agriculture" (Sophia Twarog, UNEP-UNCTAD CBTF)
11.30 - 11.45	Policy Development in Ethiopia (Dr. Berhei , MoRAD)
11.45 - 12.25	Discussion
12.25 - 12.45	Ministries: How can they contribute?
12.45 - 13.45	Lunch
<b>13.45 - 15.45</b>	<b>Panel Sessions</b>
13.45 - 14.15	Panel Session 1: Organic Export Development in Ethiopia and Role of EAOA (Dr. Eleni G/Egzahaber, ECX)
14.15 - 14.45	Panel Sessions 2: Organic Agriculture and Food Security in Ethiopia (Sue Edwards, ISD)
14.45 - 15.15	Panel Session 3: Organic Standards (Dr. Berhei, MoRAD)
15.15 - 15.45	Panel Sessions 4: Organic Research and Training (Dr. Adeferes, EIAR)
15.45 - 16.00	Coffee/ Tea
<b>16.00 - 17.30</b>	<b>Way Forward and Closing</b>
<i>Moderator: Tsegaye Kassa, EAOA</i>	
16.00 - 16.15	The way forward from an international perspective (Sophia Twarog, UNEP-UNCTAD CBTF)
16.15 - 16.30	The way forward from a national perspective (Addisu Alemayehu, EAOA and Aco Ersha)
16.30 - 17.15	Discussion and feedback
17.15 - 17.30	Closing remarks (Someone from Ministry/Export Promotion Board)