

OA STATUS AND DEVELOPMENTS

Conceptualize OA

IFOAM definition

Organic agriculture is a production system that sustains the health of soils, ecosystems and people. It relies on ecological processes, biodiversity and cycles adapted to local conditions, rather than the use of inputs with adverse effects. Organic agriculture combines tradition, innovation and science to benefit the shared environment and promote fair relationships and a good quality of life for all

A system

A System is a set of defined processes to a result

- INPUTS
 - Principles
 - Practices, techniques
- Processes
 - Standards
 - quality mgt
 - Guarantee.
- Outputs
 - Product and services e.g inspection, certification, markets, products.

Production

Certified OA

- About 85000 ha
- Almost 100,000 farmers,
- 40 Operators (company with out growers, cooperatives, private farms)
- There are new interests and investors

Markets

- Export
 - 23 operators are exporting to EU, US and Japan
 - At BioFach 13 operators got orders which cant be fulfilled.
 - At IFE 09 in UK, business links were made for both fair trade & organic certified products, mostly spices.

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- Domestic
 - Supermarkets & retails stock certified herbal teas and green & black tea
 - Labeled organic products though not certified exist in s/markets
 - Growth in demand due to awareness on food safety concerns. DSG want range of products.

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- There indications of higher prices for quality products if organically/naturally grown eg round potato, veg & tomato. i.e box scheme from lushoto sells well in Dar for either fresh or free of chemical
- With little promotion demand will boom. There area or people we start running away.
- If prices are not over ambitious, buyers are willing to pay.

Standards

- Foreign bodies offer this service in country which indicate operators are paying for thwant to penetrate niche markets.

ECO CERT, CERES, IMO, BIO INSPECTOR, SKAL, GLOBAL GAP etc

Local exist- TanCert,

Other quality guarantee system and label exist- PGS for producer groups.

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- TOAM & Facilitating organization will verify and guarantee by licensing quality label.
- Requirements:
 - Understand specific standards
 - Comply with stds by IQMS which enables controls.
 - Apply allowed inputs and practices/techniques
- National and regional Organic Standards now exist and later is approved by EAC.- thus recognized by

Research & Training

- NOAMs, Researchers from National Universities in EA and EU are collaborating to fundraise for OA research.
- FAO is preparing research programme for OA to collaborate with COAE.
- UNCTAD support national meeting to launch and stir actions on NOADP.
- Ukiliguru collaborates with Biore in organic cotton pest control.
- Short of OA training in the TZ but Israel provides sponsorship for OA course. Scientific conference in Uganda May 19

Policy/program

- Livestock policy 2006
- Current Agriculture policy under review
- Recommendation from ASR for DADP to support OA projects.
- EAOPs
- NES & TTC/BET closely collaborates with organic operators
- ADF have strategy of support viable community based organic enterprises.
- SCAN
- Ginger VCD meeting on 21 April 09

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- Other districts are willing to support OA interventions e.g Njombe District.
- DALDO training done in few districts, Regional/zonal meetings are planned this year.
- So much OA information and reference materials both hard and soft i.e websites
- Existing capacity that is not fully utilized.

Organizations

- TOAM has 80 members (organizations, Groups & indiv)
- NGOs like KIHATA, Mruma, Envirocare
- Producer Assoc, Cooperative & Pr. Societies i.e KCU, KNCU, BOFA, MADEKE, GANDO, MSHIKAMANO, UWAMWIMA, UDZINGWA, MAYAWA.
- Facilitating and supporting Organizations
 - The Swedish Embassy, TPSF, ADF, BET, Cordaid, Hivos, UNCTAD, Marshav

Allowed inputs

- Stockists stocking allowed inputs
 - OSHO NEEM
 - Mansoor Daya PYRETHRUM
 - BIONIX
 - ZAREC COMPOST
 - MINJINGU PHOSPHATE
 - More are coming and interested ie TFA

Challenges

- No formalized organic research and training
- Mindset, not proactive, fear of new methodology on side of facilitators/extension.
- In adequate capacity in facilitation on VCD/AtM.
- Weak coordination and PPP e.g warehouse ignore specialized quality.
- Slow adoption of practices/standards