



“Organic ASIA – The Way Forward”

Innovations, Challenges and Collaboration for the Future!

28th – 31st October 2008, Sarawak Cultural Village,
Kuching, Sarawak Malaysia

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Sarawak
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Ministry of Modernisation of
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Sarawak

International Federation of Organic Agriculture Movements (IFOAM),
United Nations Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD) &
International Task Force on Harmonization and Equivalence in Organic

Agriculture

INTERNATIONAL TASK FORCE ON HARMONIZATION AND EQUIVALENCE
IN ORGANIC AGRICULTURE (ITF)



Food and Agriculture
Organization of the
United Nations



International Federation
of Organic Agriculture
Movements



United Nations
Conference on
Trade and
Development



Conference feature and expected output

- show case *examples of Innovations in Production and Market development in the region.*
- *provide input on Best Practices for Organic Policy and Building Sustainable Organic Sectors (UNCTAD & IFOAM)*
- *host public - private sector discussions on development challenges and policy recommendations.*
- *offer analysis and tools for harmonisation and equivalence in organic agriculture (ITF)*

Encourage collaboration for sector development in the region, in particular towards a regional equivalence recognition of organic norms by the IFOAM Organic World Congress in South Korea in 2011.



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Programme

4 days of INFORMATION (plenary & workshops) and DIALOGUE (discussion forums) sessions.

Content flow

- Day 1: Innovations in Production and Prospects.
- Day 2: Supply Chain & Market Development.
- Day 3: Sector Development initiatives.
- Day 4: Regional Collaboration for the Future.

Plenary: 8 input sessions incl. opening ceremony [24 presentations]

Workshops: 2 sets of 3-4 parallel sessions [25 presentations]

Discussion Forums: 3 sets of 4 parallel sessions & 2 plenary

Participants can join any workshop or discussion forum according to interest.



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Conference facilities and sessions

	Dewan Lagenda	Iban longhouse	Gasing area	Orang Ulu longhouse
Day 1	Plenary 1			
	Opening ceremony			
Wkshops		Rice	Fruit & Veg	Animal Husbandry & Compost
Forums	[Lake Pavillion] Dev agencies, Consultants & CBs	Producers & Market actors	Government & Policy makers	Sector Assoc & Academia
	Gala Dinner			
Day 2	Plenary 2			
	Plenary 3			
Wkshops	Market trends & Communications	Organising small producers & fair	Certification & Registration	Other Market Assurance
Forums	Dev agencies, Consultants & CBs	Producers & Market actors	Government & Policy makers	Sector Assoc & Academia
Day 3	Plenary 4			
	Plenary 5			
	Plenary 6			
	Plenary 7			
Day 4	Plenary 8			
Forums	Dev. agencies	Certification Bodies	Public Sector	Sector Associations
	Plenary 9			
	Closing ceremony			



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Plenary & Workshops

Topic based sharing of experiences, case studies and input

Process: Chairs / Moderators will

- introduce theme of session and process
- introduce speaker and title of presentation
- 5 minute reminder (gong)
- 2 minute final reminder (gong)
- Q&A after each presentation related to the presentation
- Open comment and discussion after all presentations

Use of microphones available for Q&A during plenary sessions



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Discussion Forums_participation

Stakeholder type based panel forums composed of participating speakers and interested parties present.

4 concurrent forums: Up to 6 discussants per panel

1. Producers & Market actors
2. Government & Policy makers
3. Sector Associations & Academia
4. Development agencies, Consultants & Certification bodies

Participation : Open to all interested parties

- partially filled from speakers and guest resource persons

Moderators will introduce assigned panel discussants and invite others to fill vacant seats

Moderators will decide based on relation to stakeholder category,

balance of gender, geographical and sector perspectives



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Discussion Forums_themes & task

Discussion themes:

Day 1: Development challenges, action and policy recommendations for **enhancement of production, productivity & product quality**

Day 2: Development challenges, action and policy recommendations for **enhancement of local markets, fair trade & competition**

Task of each discussion forum is 3 fold:

- identify 3 key development challenges related to discussion theme
- identify corresponding action/policy recommendations to address them that can be taken up by the private and/or public sector (max. 2 each)
- identify one action/policy recommendation that is priority for regional collaboration for the private and public sector

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Discussion Forums_output format

Proposed output format :

Key development challenges	action and policy recommendations for	
	Private Sector	Public Sector
1	a. b.	c.
2	d.	e. f.
3	g.	NA
Regional collaboration priority:	b.	f.



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Discussion Forums_discussion flow guide

3 step procedure for identifying Key challenges; also for Action & policy recommendations

Brainstorm

- opening input by panel discussants (2 min each)
- additional input from the floor (1 min each)

Assessment

- initial comment by panel discussants (1 min each)
- additional comment from the floor (1 min each)
- final comment by panel discussants (1 min each)

Conclusion

Moderators will conclude based on consensus of panel discussants

1 step (conclusion) for identifying regional collaboration priority



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Discussion Forums_last session

Plenary 7: Discussion Forum report & discussion

Plenary 8: Harmonisation & Equivalence in Organic Agriculture

3rd Discussion Forum: Input Review and Collaboration Follow up

- Certification Bodies:
- Public Sector:
- Sector Associations:
- Development agencies:

Plenary 9: The Way Forward

- Discussion Forum reports & road map discussion



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Presentation material & resource CD

Copies of concise written presentations submitted & some reference documents will be made available. (*read EquiTool & Cooperation in Certification Decisions & Import Approval*)

All conference powerpoint presentations will be made available on the conference website soon after the conference.

There will be no published proceedings.

Complimentary resource CD with a compilation of useful material for organic norm setting, policy and sector development from UNCTAD, IFOAM, ITC, Grolink and others, including

- *Best Practices for Organic Policy, UNCTAD & UNEP*
- *Building Sustainable Organic Sectors, info leaflets, etc. IFOAM*
- *EquiTool , IROCB and ITF readers Vol. 1; 2; 3; 4*
- *The Organic Standard , sample documents for certification, Grolink*



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