



## **1<sup>st</sup> African Organic Agriculture Conference,**

**18 to 22 May 2009,**

**Sheraton Hotel, Kampala, Uganda**

***“Fast tracking sustainable development in Africa through harnessing organic agriculture and biotechnology”***

### **Conference Goal**

- ✓ To ensure that the organic sector in Africa can realise its full potential in combating climate change and addressing the demands of the Millennium Development Goals

### **Conference Objectives**

- a) To contribute towards the growth and strength of the organic agriculture sector in Africa
- b) To offer a platform for the networking of African organic stakeholders, so that experience, knowledge and skills, can be shared
- c) To highlight the attributes of organic Agriculture as a science relevant to sustainable development, poverty eradication and assured food security within Africa.
- d) To explore how organic agriculture contrasts with other schools of thought on agricultural development, and clarify the role of biotechnology.
- e) To facilitate regional networking and strategies
- f) To allow conference participants to experience some of the richness of organic developments in Uganda as an inspiration for their own country's organic sector development
- g) To launch the African Organic Network, the Network for Organic Agriculture Research in Africa and kick-start the African Organic Centre of Excellence.

### **Programme Overview**

18 May: East and West African regional meetings  
19 May: Field tours followed by official opening  
20 May: Organic agriculture and the MDGs  
21 May: Organic agriculture research  
22 May: Food security and networking



## Participants

The meeting is open to all interested public and private sector stakeholders.

## Partners

The meeting is organized by the National Organic Agricultural Movement of Uganda (NOGAMU) and the Uganda Martyrs University in cooperation with the: UNEP-UNCTAD Capacity Building Task Force on Trade, Environment and Development (CBTF), Agro Eco Louis Bolk Institute – Eastern Africa Office, IFOAM, ISOFAR and other partners including ICROFS, University of Aarhus, and Organic Denmark. Financial support has been provided by Sida, the Government of Austria and the Danish Development Research Network.

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