

# An overview on organic agriculture law of Ethiopia

MOARD, Ethiopia

General:

## ■ Ethiopia

Total Area	108.5 million ha	
Varied Agro ecological zones		
Population	73.9 million	
Male	37.3	50.5%
Female	36.6	49.5%
Urban	11.9	16%
Rural	62.0	84%

## ■ Two crop production seasons

- "Meher" - main season
  - June - September
- "Beleg" -small rainy season
  - February- May

## ■ In 2007/08 crop season:

Meher	10.9 million ha.	90.8%
Beleg	1.1	9.2%
Total	12.0	

The major crops are:

Cereals	79.8%
Pulses	14.2%
Oil seeds	6.0%

## Policies & strategies

- In 2001 Rural Development policies and strategies were prepared
  - some of the points included were
    - extensive labour use
    - soil & water conservation
    - diversification etc

## Proclamation

- In 2003 a task force was established to look in to OA & prepare proclamation on OA
  - Members of the task force were
    - ♣ MoA (Chair & Secretary)
      - members
    - ♣ Coffee & Tea Development Authority
    - ♣ Legal section
    - ♣ Coffee union
    - ♣ Institute of Biodiversity
    - ♣ Quality & Standards Authority of Ethiopia

- In 2006 ' Ethiopian Organic Agriculture System' was established  
Proclamation No.488/2006  
with objectives :  
access to international market  
protection of consumers  
harmonize provisions for the production  
certification & labeling

## Current status

- Based on the proclamation No.488/2006  
The MoARD particularly 'Animal & Plant Health Directorate' is working on
  - ♣ Directives
  - ♣ Regulations  
to implement the proclamation

- The export of agricultural commodities both in value & volume is increasing
- | Annual growth rate(%) | <u>Volume</u> | <u>Value</u> |
|-----------------------|---------------|--------------|
| Coffee                | 6.6           | 27.12        |
| Oil seeds             | 19.88         | 44.31        |
| Pulses                | 31.32         | 52.13        |
- it is also +ve for most other commodities.

## Required Interventions in OA

- Awareness creation at various levels
- Capacity building in the field of
  - Education
  - Research
  - Extension
  - Regulatory bodies
- Research should focus :  
in demonstrating the importance of OA  
in line with the need of OA

- Inclusion of OA in curriculum of higher learning institutions  
Training centers
- Improving linkage b/n GO's & NGO's

- Strengthening the linkage b/n :
  - Research institution ,
  - Learning institutions
  - Regulatory bodies
  - Extension Services