

## **BOAM (Burundi Organic Agricultural Movement) :**

### **Background:**

- BOAM was established in November 2010.
- BOAM has been encouraged and supported by UNCTAD (November 2010 Workshop in Bujumbura).
- 23 members.
- Interest of the stakeholders: organic production, transformation, trade, promotion.

### **Goals:**

- -Organic Agriculture development and advocacy;
- -Production, processing, local trade and export ;
- -Capacity building of the stakeholders (training, information, sensitization);

### **Agenda 2010**

- - Increase the awareness of the organic sector in Burundi through advocacy and promotional activities ;
- Identify small-holder farmers, farmer associations, processors and traders interested in organic production and trade in Burundi;

### **Agenda 2010**

- - Assist the members to start organic production and to pass through the organic certification process;
- -Cooperation and information exchange with EAOMs and other organizations;

### **Accomplishments in 2010:**

- -Production activities started in 4 provinces ( Center, North, East and West);
- -Cultivated area: 73 ha

### **Accomplishments in 2010:**

- -Products : Mangoes (14 ha), Bananas (7ha), Passion fruit (22 ha), Pineapple (20 ha),
- Avocado (7 ha), coffee (10 ha), miscellaneous (3 ha)
- -Average export : 1.5 t per week
- -Domestic consumption: no statistics
- -Production of manure

### **Difficulties:**

- -No shop for domestic sales;
- -Inputs procurement (chemicals, fertilizers,).
- -Poor training and sensitization
- -Lack of financial means

### **Conclusion:**

- -BOAM is a young organization but there is a lot of interest and commitment for the OA in Burundi;
- -The difficulties are normal for a new organization.
- -BOAM plan to increase the cultivated area and to focus to domestic sale and consumption.
- -BOAM still needs to be encouraged and supported.
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