

COUNTRY UPDATES

TANZANIA

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About TOAM

- Member based National Umbrella organization charged with Coordinating and facilitating the organic sector growth.
- Established in 2005 and registered as NGO
- It has 95 Institutional members that include NGOs, Producer Associations/cooperatives and Companies.
- 35 Individual members from research and training institutions, universities, Extensions and producers

Intervention Focus

- Awareness creation
- Capacity building
- Generation of organic farming Information and dissemination
- Lobbying and advocacy
- Linkages and networking

Approach

- Value chain development
- Bottom up (participatory)
- Public Private partnership

Organic status in Tanzania

Production:

- 85,000 certified organic farms
- 100,000 farmers registered as certified growers.
- 40 organic operators (9 cooperatives/associations, 31 private companies)
- Key subsectors mainly for Export are COFFEE, TEA, COCOA, SPICES, FRUITS, HERBS, COTTON, ESSETIAL OILS. Portion of product is available for domestic and regional markets. Vegetable is currently for only domestic

Certification Bodies

- There national organic certification body (TanCert) that is accredited by ISO 65 & **IOAS**
- There are also foreign certification bodies like ECOCERT, BIO INSPECTOR, IMO, CONTROL UNION, etc.
- TanCert has contract arrangement with some of foreign certifiers

Standards

- Based on market destination operators are compelled to comply with following quality standards
- Organic Standards for domestic markets by TanCert
- East African Organic Product Standards (**EAS 456:2007 ICS 67.020**) for both national and regional markets
- NOP, EU Organic Regulation and JAS for exports

Marketing

- Major exports to EU and US
- Little is sold in the domestic market in supermarkets and retail shops (tea, instant coffee, spices, vegetables, organic cotton T-shirts and fruits)
- Producer associations and cooperatives are organized for collective marketing of organic products by owning certificates.

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- Demand is higher than supply as more buyers want certified organic and fair trade products of a range of products.
- Soon all cocoa and spices from Tanzania will be certified organic and fair trade.
- TOAM Collaborates with programs like JETRO for exports to JAPAN; BTC for Europe/US.

Policy

- National Livestock Policy (2006) has provisions for organic livestock farming
- The National Agriculture Policy also has provisions for organic policy statements
- The national export strategy has incorporated organic strategies.
- National Organic Agriculture Development Programme (NOADP/MKUKIHATA) was launched by the PS-MAFC.
- Subsidy provision for Minjingu rock phosphate as fertilizer

PPP

- TOAM enjoys good collaboration with ASLMs, District Authorities, universities and research institutions.
- 5 District Authorities provide support to organic producers (i.e. seeds, facilities-fruit drier, extension and training of both producers and extension staff)
- There is organic desk in the MAFC. NOAF exists under the chairmanship of MAFC that lead to inclusion of organic policy statements and NOADP in 2008/2009.

Education, research and extension

- SUA offers organic course to undergraduates after formal approval by the SENATE.
- SUA in collaboration with IIDS in DenMark published a book on contribution of sustainability standards (organic inclusive) to socio-economic welfare of smallholder farmers
- A roundtable meeting to inform the policy and decision markers was held.

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- Established organic research team composed of 8 researchers:-4 SUA, 1 UDSM, 1 UCLAS and Department of research in MAFC & MLDF.
- They work on baseline and documenting best practices and research findings lying in shelves.

challenges

- Limited resource base to implement NOADP
- Mind set on silver bullet solutions that at end do not yield sustainable solutions
- Low supply of organic products to both domestic and export markets
- Contribution of researchers and extension to the organic sector is highly required but few have interest.

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