

Logistic note

East African Organic Conference 28 May - 1 June 2007

UNEP-UNCTAD CBTF, IFOAM, TOAM and EPOPA welcome the participants of the East African Organic Conference in Tanzania, the land of Harmony and Peace.

Programme

Attached is a copy of the programme for all events related to the Conference during the week. Each of you should have received an invitation for the various events to which you are invited. If there is any confusion, please do not hesitate to contact the organisers.

Conference venue

Blue Pearl Hotel, Ubungu Plaza in Dar es Salaam, United Republic of Tanzania,
Tel: +255-22 246 1130 or +255-756 898 906.



Visa

Nationals of most countries can get their entry visa at the airport in Dar es Salaam. Information about nationalities that need a visa beforehand can be found on <http://www.tanzania.go.tz/visa.html>

Transfer from airport

A taxi charges about US\$ 15 from the airport to the Blue Pearl Hotel.
The Hotel provides a shuttle service to the airport free-of-charge, if we know your travel details and you have received our confirmation, you will be picked up by that shuttle.

Accommodation

Participants are encouraged to stay at the Blue Pearl Hotel. We have a special rate of US\$ 70 per room inclusive of dinner. Internet service is available at the hotel. The Blue Pearl Hotel has air-conditioned rooms and meeting rooms. For more information about the hotel please call +255 756 898 906 or +255 22 246 1130.
When making a booking at this hotel, please do so by fax (including a signature) attention of Mr Julius Kissays. In the fax mention that you are participating in the organic conference in order to get the group rate.
Fax number: +255 22 246 1128. If any problem please contact Grace Murungi on Grace.murungi@agroeco.net
Non-Tanzanian participants whose participation is funded by CBTF, IFOAM or EPOPA have been booked by the organisers into the Blue Pearl hotel. Please ensure that you send the correct information about your departure and arrival to Grace Murungi, cc Patricia Wangong'u (see below).

Other hotels close to the venue are

- ❖ Land Mark Hotel at US\$ 55 single room, tel: +255 22 245 1746
- ❖ Rombo Green view Hotel at US\$ 30 single room, tel: 255 762 400 420 or + 255 784 461 042

For any assistance regarding hotels please contact:

Grace Murungi on grace.murungi@agroeco.net, tel: +255 787 298641.

Weather conditions

Temperatures in Dar es Salaam at the end of May to the beginning of June are expected to be in the range of 25 to 28 degrees centigrade, as the rainy season will be ending.

What to bring

For participants in the field trip: please bring good shoes!

On the top of the hotel there is a small swimming pool and two gyms, if you like to use either, to cool down or to heat up, bring appropriate gear.

Funding arrangements

Unless you have received a specific statement about funding, you are responsible for all costs associated with your participation; however, there is no fee for the conference itself. For funded participants separate messages are sent out with the details regarding funding and the procedures involved.

Tourism

If you have some spare time, you can find out about tourism opportunities at www.tanzaniatouristboard.com/places. Interesting places are the National Museum; the historical town of

Bagamoyo; Zanzibar; Mikumi or Sadaani National Parks or other Parks around Arusha. Trips can be organised for you upon your request, please contact: Gama Jordan on kilimohai@bol.co.tz
Tel: +255 754 618484.

Communication regarding your participation

If you want to communicate by email please send your messages to:
Gunnar Rundgren, osea@grolink.se
and Patricia Wangong'u, patricia@mboyawangongu.com,
copied to asad.naqvi@unep.ch and grace.murungi@agroeco.net.

For practical information around the events, you can call
Gama Jordan on kilimohai@bol.co.tz, tel: +255 754 618484.

Or

Grace Murungi on grace.murungi@agroeco.net, tel: +255 787 298641.

Registration

When you arrive please register with the organisers. Registration will be open at:

Sunday 27, 17.00-20.00

Monday 28, 08.00-08.45 and 18.00-21.00

Tuesday 29, 08.00-8.45

At registration you will get a badge, final version of the agenda and other materials for the conference.

Workshop 30-31 May & Field trip 1 June

Please note that these events are by special invitation only, and invitees will be contacted by the organisers. In case of doubt, contact Gunnar Rundgren at osea@grolink.se

Cancellations

It is a major undertaking to organise this Organic Conference and we would appreciate it if you would tell us as soon as possible if you are not planning to attend – see emails above.

Organisers

- UNEP-UNCTAD Capacity Building Task Force on Trade, Environment and Development (CBTF), a joint initiative of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD) and the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP).
- International Federation of Organic Agriculture Movements (IFOAM)
- Tanzania Organic Agriculture Movement (TOAM)
- Export Promotion of Organic Products from Africa (EPOPA)

In cooperation with the:

- Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Cooperatives, United Republic of Tanzania
- Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO)
- International Trade Centre (UNCTAD/WTO),