

# The East African organic product standard- EAS 456:2007

## Use and content

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## Why?

- Harmonized standard facilitate regional Organic trade
- Negotiations with other governments for equivalence/recognition
- Coordinating input into international for a - Codex Alimentarius and IFOAM.
- Better resource use: devpt, revision and implementation



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## Use?

- A unified standard is a basis for:
- Export market access
  - EA market development
    - Cross border trade
    - EA organic mark
  - Consumer awareness raising
  - Extension, education and research
  - Policy dialogue
  - Increase respectability of organic
  - Cooperation within the sector in general



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## How?

- The EAOPS to replace existing standard
- A standard that works in EA for EA producers
- Easy to understand and use
- Acceptance by both public and private sectors



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## In the market place

- Is used to define the organic claim
- The vision is that it is used as voluntary standard "Guarantee" – verification, backing of claim
  - Third Party Certification – exists today
  - Participatory Guarantee Systems – under development
  - Together with the East African Organic Mark



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## Structure

- Introduction – how it has been written and use
- Scope – what the standard covers
- Normative references
- Terms and definitions
- Standards for different areas
- IFOAM Principles of Organic Agriculture



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## Standards Topics

- General requirements for all organic production
- Crop production
- Animal husbandry
- Bee-keeping
- Wild collection
- Handling, storage and processing
- Labelling
- Lists for inputs in agriculture and food processing



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## Labelling

- 100% organic
- 95 – 100% organic
- 70 - 95% organic
- Below 70%

"Produced according to the East African Organic Standard"



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## The East African Organic Mark



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