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The East African organic product standard- EAS 456:2007 Process of development



The Regional Standards Technical Working Group – the facilitators of the East African Organic Standard

A public-private partnership

- RSTWG Composed of a cross - section of stakeholders
 - 5 representatives from NBSs Kenya, Tanzania, Uganda Rwanda and Burundi.
 - 3 from certification bodies,
 - 3 from NOAMs
 - 1 from the East African Business Council
 - Facilitators from IFOAM and UNCTAD
- Intensive consultation process



Work done

- Establishment of the RSTWG- September 2005
- Framework of the standard.
- 1st RSTWG meeting - Oct 05 to compare stds
- Drafting Standards - inputs from 2nd RSTWG meeting in March 06
- National consultative meetings for comments in May 06



Work done (cont.)

- 3rd RSTWG meeting in May to comment on the 1st Draft.
- Wider Stakeholders consultation - 2nd Draft
- National consultative meetings in September
- "Field Testing" in Nov 27- Dec 1 2006
- Comparison with International std (Codex & IFOAM)
- "International" Forum Dec 2006



Work done (cont.)

- 4th RSTWG in December 2006 produced 3rd DRAFT
- Final technical work by email, submitted to KEBS 15 January 2007
- KEBS submitted Standard document to the Committee responsible for standards in the EAC (EASTSC)
- The EASTSC approved the document in February
- The EAC Council approved in April

