

Organic agriculture in Uganda

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Development

- Organic agriculture in Uganda is developing at a high speed
- More investors and exporters are coming on board
- More farmers groups and processors are getting organised and converting to organic
- Organic agriculture in Uganda is being discussed at high levels of government, organic is gaining recognition at high government levels.

Incentives

- Growing demand for Organic Products.
- Improved livelihoods for organic growers and operators
- Availability of uncontaminated land
- Favourable government programmes e.g zoning of agricultural products, prosperity for all and income enhancement projects

Leadership

- Organic Agriculture related developments are being spearheaded by private sector under the coordination of NOGAMU
- Private/Public sector partnership is strong as demonstrated by participation and support of government in the development of UOS and Setting up of Ugocert.
- Organic Policy development spearheaded by MAAIF with the participation support and contribution of NOGAMU and ACODE.

Why Should Government Support Organic Policy Development?

- Organic provides an avenue and mechanisms for the achievements of objectives of Government Programmes and policies e.g. PEAP, PMA, Rural Development strategy
- OA Policy will add credibility to the organic sub sector
- OA policy makes the organic sub sector more visible
- Policy will enhance production & development of local and export markets.

Guiding Principles of OA Policy

- **Sustainable development**
- **Poverty eradication**
- **Privatization and liberalization**
- **Gender and equity**
- **Partnerships**
- **Food security**

Vision, Mission, Goal and Objectives

Vision

- The vision of the national organic agriculture policy is the attainment of a competitive and profitable OA sub-sector in Uganda generating adequate safe and quality food, fibre and other goods and services for sustainable development

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Mission

- To guide and support private sector led investment in the production, processing and marketing of organic products for national development.

Goal

- To contribute to national economic growth by harnessing the countries OA potential in ensuring food security and poverty eradication

Objectives

- Creating an enabling environment for OA production;
- Ensuring the credibility of organic agriculture through adoption of appropriate standards, certification and accreditation;
- Supporting and strengthening research, technology development and dissemination in organic agriculture;
- Developing markets for organic products;
- Providing information, knowledge and skills on OA principles and practices at all levels of agricultural sector;

Objectives continued

- Promoting and supporting the improved post harvest handling practices and addition of value to organic agricultural products;
- Augmenting sustainable use of natural resources and protection of the environment;
- Harnessing the active participation of vulnerable groups including women, youth, the poor and the disabled in OA industry; and
- Protecting indigenous biodiversity and knowledge with due care in adoption of modern (bio)technology.

Way forward

- In stages of finalization of OA Policy end of 2007