

# Perspectives on Organic Agriculture Development in Uganda

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## Introduction

- The National organic Agricultural Movement of Uganda (NOGAMU) is the umbrella organization bringing together the producers, processors, exporters and all stakeholders in the organic sector in Uganda.
- Established in 2001, NOGAMU pursues 4 major objectives
  - Promotion of research, training and extension on organic agricultural systems.
  - Promotion of local and export marketing of organic agricultural products
  - Promotion of development and application of standards.
  - Increase awareness and attract support for organic agriculture in Uganda.
- To date NOGAMU has a membership of 150 organizations including producer groups/associations, exporters, NGOs and CBOs

## Characterization of OA in Uganda

- Increasing interest among the stakeholders in Uganda in both the Public and Private sector
- OA has demonstrated clear potential to increase income for the rural population
- Increasing demand from the from the major import countries
- Supply constraints: limited volumes, Scattered smallholders and lack of clear product focus

## How We are moving

- Prioritize on Focus crops based on Market demand, projection of trends and suitability for production in different ecological zones in Uganda
- Identify/mobilize smallholder groups involved or with potential in these focus products
- Undertake interventions (training, establishment of certifiable systems) in the identified groups from a value chain perspective, working closely with the export companies/importers interested in products from the groups
- Continuously generate and provide market information on the product to the smallholder groups and exporter
- Proactively liaise with Key relevant Institution (MAAIF, UEPB, UNBS, NGOs, etc) to consolidate the competitiveness and visibility.
- At the local level, continue with consumer awareness and strategic collaboration with sister institutions in the region to increase domestic and local trade and consumption of organic products.