



Mainstreaming & Separate

- Relation to macro policies, PRSPs, main ag policy etc
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- Relation to other main policies, e.g. Health, natural resources, education.

Two-pronged approach – a separate policy gives a coherent view of how to develop the sector, when rooted in the main policies – less risk of being neglected and not implemented, bigger chance to be funded



Clear objectives

- Clarify the objectives of why organic is supported
- Rationale should relate to established public objectives (e.g. PRSP)



Who is driving and how are they driving?

- Private sector comes with demands – sound start of policy formation process
- Government to guide and facilitate policy formation process
- Need to recognise differences in interest of different actors, in particular addressing needs of "disadvantaged" groups



Inputs needed for policy development

- Firm support from top and sector
- Stakeholder analysis
- Input and participation from all stakeholders
- Baseline data
- Research input – demonstrating benefits (social, economic and environmental), response to concerns e.g. Food security
- Financial resources



Advocacy needed for policy development

- Workshops / seminars
- Policy briefs
- Exposure visits
- Training of key staff



Phrasing recommendations

- Clear objectives for the policies relating to identified **root cause** problems (**i.e. Not problems that are just symptoms of underlying problems**)
- Actionable
- Addressed to the relevant authority, regulations etc.
- Stick to what is specific for organic



Implementation

- Need lead agency
- Assigned responsibilities – desks
- Coordination between ministries and agencies
- Formulation of SMART Targets
- Permanent stakeholder consultative body to follow up



Various suggested policies

- VAT exemption?
- Organic Zones?
- Target same as current situation?
- Subsidizing inputs?
- Subsidising certification costs (or reducing cert costs)?
- Level playing field organic vs conventional – removing biases
- Paying for delivery of services (e.g. climate regulation, bio-diversity conservation)



Various suggested policies

- Quality assurance adapted to local markets
- Enabling producers to organise and participate in markets
- Market information systems (ICT etc.), both for domestic and exports
- Streamline marketing strategies – common brand