



# ORGANIC POLICY FORMULATION PROCESS IN TANZANIA




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# What we want to achieve

- Developing, reviewing or updating policies and make them friendly to organic agriculture sub-sector development in Tanzania
- Mainstreaming organic agriculture in the existing policies within the agricultural sub-sector (crops, livestock, marketing natural resources) and in cross-sectoral or crosscutting policies (environment, financial, health), education and Research and Development
- The question was – Should we develop a dedicated organic policy or mainstream into the existing policies? We have agreed to mainstream OA in other policies (July 2006)



# Where we are now

- Some policies are in the process of being reviewed or about to be reviewed including the The current policies with the exception of the Agriculture and Livestock policy of 1997 do not necessarily address OA issues
  - This is a window of opportunity to the OA susector in Tanzania
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# Stakeholder consultations and recommendations on policy issues for consideration in the Draft Agricultural Policies

## ■ Challenges

- Inadequate capacities – Research, Training and Extension
- High business transaction costs (certification, transportation, taxation)
- Unavailability of OA inputs
- Limited awareness

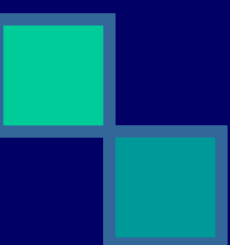


# Proposed policy statements

- Government to support of OA research, training and extension services
  - Support registration of OA inputs
  - The Government to support development of market infrastructure and linkages
  - Government to support initiatives for regulating OA certification
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# Next Steps

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- Wider stakeholders consultations (Sub-regional levels)
  - Continue with advocacy
  - Actively participate in the decision making process
  - Influence other sectors especially the natural resource, health, education and research and development policies to consciously consider organic agriculture issues in their policies
  - **RECOMMENDED ACTIONS:** As provided above but also will be informed by the IA processes
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