

Work of the RSTWG

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COMPOSITION OF THE 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.

Role of RSTWG

- ◆ Lead in developing East African Organic Standards.
- ◆ Provide technical inputs in the drafting
 - Two drafts produced so far.

Work done

- ◆ **Establishment of the RSTWG**
- ◆ **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**

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- ◆ **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**
- ◆ **"International" Forum Dec 2006.**
- ◆ **Comparison with International std (Codex & IFOAM)**

Further Work

- ◆ **4th RSTWG to work for 3rd DRAFT to be ready by mid January 2007**
- ◆ **Submit Standard document to the Committee responsible for standards in the EAC**

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- ◆ Adoption expected by April 06 by EAC council.
- ◆ Regional stds Launch planned end of May in TZ

Ownership

- ◆ The East African Community (EAC)
- ◆ Stakeholders be fully involved during revisions - is our concern.

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THANK YOU