

Organic Producers and Processors Association of Zambia

## Towards 2012 All Africa Organic Conference in Zambia

East African Organic Conference  
Safari Park Hotel, Nairobi Kenya

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## Overview of Zambian O S/Sector

- OPPAZ steers the development of the organic sub-sector in Zambia
- Organic sub-sector has 56,000 smallholder certified/uncertified producers and 800,000 smallholder farmers using traditional farming methods
- Beekeeping represents largest certified production with certified land expected to rise by 50% to 7.5m Ha by 2012 and export production by 400% by 2015

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## Overview of Zambian O S/Sector

- Organic farming in Zambia is a combination of IK, rotations, cropping patterns, improved fallows, agro-forestry, agro-pastoral practices and manure applications,
- Third party certification is the major form of organic certification but a preference for PGS for locally traded products has been noticed
- There is no organic policy and the Zambian Organic Standard is yet to be finalised

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## Background to 2012 Africa Organic Conference

- The first All Africa Organic Conference convened in Kampala, Uganda in May 2009 mandated Zambia (OPPAZ) to host the Second All Africa Organic Conference in 2012

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## Major Progress Highlights

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## Working teams

- Two members of OPPAZ, ABF, ZATAC, SNV have been constituted into a physical organising committee to oversee the logistics, budget, planning, registration, etc.
- Gridlink AB, SAPNet, GDA, Oikos have been constituted into an electronic task team
- A programme team to work with conference content is yet to be constituted

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## Mobilisation of Collaborations

- Collaborating partners have been identification and informed
  - Ministry of Agriculture and Cooperatives, Ministry of Livestock and Fisheries Development, Ministry Environment, Tourism and Natural Resources,
  - African Union (Confirmed), IFOAM (Confirmed), UNEP (Confirmed), UNCTAD (Confirmed), COMESA/ACTESA, FAO, ITC, SSNC
  - OPPAZ Patron, The first President of Zambia, Kenneth Kaunda (confirmed)

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## Other Actions Taken

- Initiated the profiling of hotels in Lusaka
- An indicative conference budget of USD 250,000 to be financed from registration fees (20%), commercial sponsors (10%) and collaborating partners (70%)

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## Further considerations made

- Collection and write up of case studies
  - To ensure that there is substantial matter to bring to the conference services of an editor will be sought to compile a report which will be submitted to the conference.
- Development of a dedicated conference website for effective information and outreach
- Conference translation services and facilities for French and English will be sought.

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## Further considerations made

- Table top exhibition space will be available for interested participants and suppliers to showcase their products, promotion materials, events, etc

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## The Conference

- Venue: Lusaka, Zambia
- Duration: Three days in March, April or May
- Theme: How Organic wins in Africa
- Focus areas:
  - Successful organic initiatives in the fields of production, marketing and institutional development
  - Mainstreaming of organic agriculture in African Government policies, African intergovernmental organizations as well as among development partners.
- **Targets all** interested actors and facilitators of organic value chains in Africa, civil servants, policy makers and international development partners

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