

National and African Policy Development for the Organic sector

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Summary

- Background to organic sector devt. in Africa
- Main drivers to OA development in Africa
- Critical Issues for further development of the sector
- The Need for Policy development to scale up consolidate national and Africa wide organic sector growth

Background

- OA is among the fastest growing subsectors Africa
- Formal (certified) OA started way back in 1990s, as a response to unfolding market opportunities in Europe
 - Suitability and compatibility to smallholder farming systems
 - Closer to and utilizes most traditional farming practices
 - Relatively low risk ,given production and resource constraints
 - low market entry barriers compared to conventional fruits and vegetable exports
 - Increasing global demand for organic products and associated premium prices, contributing to improved household incomes in the rural communities

Main Drivers development in Africa

- Rapid development largely driven by trade
- A fairly well coordinated organic private sector
(The emerging organic movements that have played a key role in uniting and coordinating all actions from all actors (producers, processors, exporters, NGOs Business service Providers,etc)
- Favourable climate (weather and soils)
- Low use of artificial fertilisers and pesticides e.g.(1kg/ha per yr in Uganda or the sub Saharan average of 9kg/ha per yr.
- Enabling government policies

Critical Issues for Further Development of the sector

- Strengthen the institutional capacity of the Organic Movements to lead and coordinate all actors
- Direct interventions to bottlenecks of entire value chains (Value chain approach), with focus to both the export and local/regional markets
- Strategic focus on research into organic friendly technologies and solutions
- Need for Governments to develop policies that support organic production and trade.





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