



The 3rd African Organic Conference

"Achieving Social and Economic Development through Ecological and Organic Agricultural Alternatives"

October 5- 9, 2015, Nigeria

First Announcement and Call for Partners / Collaborators

Following the great success of the 2nd African Organic Conference held in Lusaka, Zambia, in May 2012, the Third African Organic Conference (3rd AOC) will take place in Abuja, Nigeria, from October 5 - 9, 2015. The conference aims to:

- showcase the potential of organic agriculture in the context of poverty alleviation, climate change adaptation, food security and trade.
- facilitate the sharing of knowledge, information, experiences and skills among key stakeholders in the organic sector.
- explore partnerships and cooperation opportunities for the implementation of the African Ecological Organic Agriculture Action Plan, which aims to mainstream "Ecological Organic Agriculture" into national and continental agricultural production systems in Africa by 2020.
- encourage the uptake of organic alternatives through south-south collaboration, especially in the sharing of experiences.

Organized by AfrONet in cooperation with the Association of Organic Agriculture Practitioners of Nigeria (NOAN) and the Federal Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development, Federal Republic of Nigeria under the auspices of the African Union led Coalition of Ecological Organic Agriculture Initiative (EOA) in Africa and the International Federation for Organic Agriculture Movements (IFOAM)

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The conference will provide a valuable platform for:

- ◆ Exchanging and sharing experiences of agricultural research pursuits and practical applications;
- ◆ Presentation of scientific evidence on capability of organic agriculture to contribute to food security, income generation, employment, systems resilience, among others;
- ◆ Appraising progress of the Ecological Organic Agriculture Initiative underlying the Decision of the African Heads of States and Governments on organic farming;
- ◆ Interrogating how organic agriculture can be optimized to significantly contribute to the Comprehensive Africa Agriculture and Development Programme (CAADP) agenda; and
- ◆ Exhibition of organic produce and products to stimulate regional trade.

The conference targets consumers, farmers, researchers, trainers, academics, extension practitioners, policy makers, private sector actors, financiers in the agriculture value chains and promoters of organic agriculture. It is organized in the context of mainstreaming organic agriculture as per decision of African Heads of State and Government. It is estimated that more than 300 delegates from at least 35 countries will attend the conference.

Tentative overall program:

Day 1: Field visits and side meetings

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Day 2: Press conference, exhibition, pre-meetings and opening ceremony

Day 3: Presentations and exhibition

Day 4: Presentations, exhibition and official closing

Participation fee (including field trip and conference cocktail party)

Early bird, latest June 30, 2015

- International - \$225 for international
- Local = N27,000
- Students: International = \$100 ; local = N15,000.00

July 1- August 31, 2015

- International - \$250
- Local = N30,000.00
- Students: International = \$100 ; local = N15,000.00

Deadlines

Paper submission (full paper, not more than 6 pages in A4, 1.5 spacing, Times New Romans 12 font size) till March 31, 2015

Decision- Final decision May 31

Conference registration – August 31, 2015

CALL FOR PARTNERS / COLLABORATORS

The Conference Organizers call upon organic agriculture based or related organizations within or outside Africa to support the conference as partners or collaborators. Contributions in form of financial sponsorships, logistics, etc will be greatly appreciated.

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