

## Organic Guarantee System to facilitate certification


- Development and continuous revision of IFOAM Basic Standards & Criteria for Accreditation
- Democratic revision process
- Regional flexibility of interpretation of IBS
- Accreditation through IOAS
- Multilateral agreement between ACBs
- Advocating to harmonize national standards
- International lobbying to governments to base national regulations on IBS

## Support of smallholder certification through IFOAM's program for organic agriculture in Developing Countries

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## IFOAM – Growing Organic (I-GO)

IFOAM's Program for Developing Countries



Organic small cotton farmers in Benin


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## IFOAM Guidelines for Smallholder Group Certification

- 3 workshops held
- Intensive discussion process with stakeholders (third world members, governments, certification bodies)
- Final documents:
  - Compilation of results of three workshops
  - Guidance Manual for producer Organizations
  - Training manual for producer
  - Training manual and guidelines for external evaluation

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**Guidance document**  
for the evaluation of the equivalence of organic producer group certification schemes  
applied in developing countries

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## Training Manual for Organic Agriculture in the Tropics

- Training is essential prerequisite for certification
- Basis for the IFOAM training platform on the web



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