

# 2019 NEWSLETTER



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## THE 5<sup>th</sup> ALGOA+4 SUMMIT *page 1* 18<sup>th</sup> - 20<sup>th</sup> September



Above: More than 100 delegates from Asia, Europe, North America, Africa, Australia and Latin America attended the ALGOA+4 Summit last September 2019 in Goesan County, South Korea.

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## 2020 ACTIVITIES

### 6TH ALGOA SUMMIT

The Annual ALGOA Summit will be held in Goesan, South Korea and will again feature speakers from all over the world.

### ORGANIC TRAINING XICHONG COUNTY, CHINA

The training is part of the 10-year cooperation with Xichong and will take place together with a local organic event. The major trends in organic agriculture.

### ORGANIC ASIA CONGRESS

The OAC brings local governments and the organic sector together to discuss the major trends in organic agriculture.

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## The 5th ALGOA+4 International Summit on Organic Agriculture September 18<sup>th</sup> - 20<sup>th</sup>, 2019



### International Summit

More than a hundred foreign guests from all over the world attended the Asian Local Governments for Organic Agriculture (ALGOA+4) International Summit on Organic Agriculture Policy in Goesan County, South Korea last September 18<sup>th</sup> to 20<sup>th</sup>, 2019. This is the first time that the annual ALGOA event has gone global.

Representatives from various international organizations and companies took part of the event, which included delegates from IFOAM Organics International and its regional bodies, the Intercontinental Network of Organic Farming Organizations (INOFO) and the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO).

### About ALGOA

The Asian Local Governments for Organic Agriculture (ALGOA) is a sub organization of IFOAM Asia which works with over two hundred local governments in Asia to promote the expansion of organic agriculture.



ALGOA is under the presidency of Goesan County, under the leadership of Mayor Lee Cha Young, who will serve as the President of ALGOA until 2022.

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### Summit Sessions

#### Wednesday, September 18th (Day 1) (9:30 – 10:30 Opening Ceremony)

1. Opening Speech  
(Lee, Cha Young, Mayor of Goesan County, President of ALGOA)
2. Welcome Speech (Zhou Zejiang, President of IFOAM Asia)
3. Congratulatory Speeches
4. ALGOA Progress Report (ALGOA Ambassador)
5. Nomination of New ALGOA Ambassadors
6. Signing of the Membership Commitment of New Members

#### Session 1. 11:00~12:30

##### Policies for Transformational Change in Agriculture

1. Frank Eyhorn, Vice President, IFOAM Organics International: "Coherent policies driving sustainability in agriculture"
2. André Leu, International Director, Regeneration International, Ambassador, IFOAM Organics International: "Why policy change is urgently needed: The role of organic and like minded farming systems in providing solutions for global problems"
3. Nicanor Perlas, Philippines: "What is needed for transformational change to happen?" 2003 Recipient of the Right Livelihood Award (Video message)
4. Panel discussion: Overcoming barriers to transformational change

#### Session 2. 14:00~15:30

##### Government Policies in Support of Organic Agriculture

1. Europe: Paul Holmbeck, Organic Denmark, Future Policy Silver Award 2018 "National and local organic policies driving organic breakthroughs in Denmark"
2. Africa: David Amudavi, Biovision Africa Trust / Ecological Organic Biovision Africa Trust / Ecological Organic Agriculture Initiative of the African Union
- 3) Pacific Islands: Karen Mapusua, Operations Manager Land resource ) Pacific Islands: Karen Mapusua, Operations Manager Land Resource Division, Pacific Community, IFOAM World Board

#### Session 3. 16:00 – 17:30

##### The Role of Local Government Initiatives in Asia

1. ALGOA (Lee Cha Young, Mayor of Goesan County)
2. Local Government of Hongseong County Chungnam Province "Organic Food Box Scheme for Pregnant Women and New Mothers" (Nakhyun Choi, Director of Agriculture Department, Ministry of Agriculture, Food & Rural Affairs)
3. "Check-off Funds of Korea"  
(Donggeun Choi, Secretary-General, Korea Check-off Board)
4. Q&A with Audience and Flash-round: Key Success Factors

#### Thursday, September 19th (Day 2) Session 4. 9:30 – 10:30 What Governments Can Do to Drive Change

1. Pierre Ferrand, FAO Asia and Pacific: "Policies for Scaling Up Agroecology"
- 2) Paula Daniels, Centre for Good Food Purchasing, USA, Honorable mention of Future Policy Award 2018: "The power of public contracts"
3. Patricia Flores, IFOAM Latin America Representative
4. Hsu, Kai Yu, Deputy Commissioner, Agriculture Department of New Taipei City Government "Platform of Eco friendly Contractual Farming System"

#### 11:00 – 12:30: Session 5: Ways Forward in Working for Better Policies

1. "Advocating for Organic Policies in the EU" (Eduardo Cuoco, Executive Director, IFOAM EU)
2. "How Local Governments Influence Policy-Making" (Victoriano Ilong Tagupa, Executive Director, LOAMCP-PH)
3. "Facilitating Peer-to-Peer Exchange Among Policy Makers" (Louise Luttkholt, Executive Director, IFOAM – Organics International)

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## The 5th ALGOA+4 International Summit on Organic Agriculture September 18th - 20th, 2019

### Summit Sessions

**Thursday, Sept 19th 14:00 – 15:30:**

#### **Session 6: International Summit on Organic Food Systems**

Welcome address by David Gould, FoodChain ID: The role of the Organic Food System Program (OFSP) in the context of food system transformation, and deliverables to the United Nations.

OFSP as a Core Initiative of UN SFSP: a midterm status: Carola Strassner (University of Munster) describing the leading research; Jostein Hertwig (BERAS) describing OFSP engagement in actual practice

Keynote:

André Leu, International Director of Regeneration International "Organic 3.0 to Regenerative Agriculture: The connection between regenerative agriculture and organic/sustainable food system approaches"

#### **15:30 – 16:00 Break and Poster Gallery**

Physical and virtual posters with conversation by presenters.

#### **16:00 – 17:30: OFS as models for food system transformation**

1. The Potential Role of Agroecology and Organics in Strengthening Sustainable and Inclusive City Region Food Systems (Henk Renting - video presentation)
  2. Implementing organic into dietary recommendations (Susanne Bugel)
  3. The role of organic public procurement and gastronomy (Carola Strassner)
  4. The role of OFS key actors
1. Drivers of Change in Organic Food System (Sebastian Krestchmer, University of Kassel)
  2. Food system's outcomes: a brief overview and the potential for organic (Lilliana Stefanovic)
  3. Social Interaction and Collaboration for Organic Food System (Tooba Jamil)

**Friday, September 20th 9:00 – 11:00:**

#### **Session 7: Food System Transformation**

Part I

The role of OFS in practice: Network models

1. Salvatore Basile for INNER network with focus on Eco regions in Europe and Northern Africa
2. Victoriano Ihong Tagupa for Relevance of ALGOA in the Food Systems Transformation: The New Life of Innovations and Systems Thinking as Foundations to Escape Poverty and Hunger in Asia

3. Joy Carrey Carrey for Milano Urban Food Network (International) --- video presentation

Part II

OFS in practice: individual case models

1. Mwanamisi Hussein for OFS in Manyara, Tanzania
2. Sara Jervfors for OFS in Södertälje, Sweden

The ALGOA+4 International Summit on Organic Agriculture Policy closing ceremony was held from 12:00 - 13:00 and was formally closed by IFOAM Asia President Mr. Zhou Zejiang.



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## ALGOA+4 Activities Goesan County, South Korea September 18th - 21st, 2019

### Goesan Organic Festival



The annual Goesan Organic Festival brought together organic producers and consumers in Goesan, South Korea last September 20<sup>th</sup>-21<sup>st</sup> to promote organic products from the locality.

More than 8 foreign countries and territories (China, India, Indonesia, Kyrgyzstan, Malaysia, Philippines, Ukraine, and Taiwan) participated

and showcased their organic products and provided information on the organic farming in their respective places.

Representatives from IFOAM Organics International farmers' group, the Intercontinental Network of Organic Farmers Organisations (INOFO) participated in a local organic farmers' meet held during the festival.



One of the international booths at the Goesan Organic Festival

### The Training of Trainers (TOT)

The Organic Foundation Course Training of Trainers (TOT) is an extensive course training given to the next educators of the organic movement in Asia.

It was held last September 19<sup>th</sup>-21<sup>st</sup> at Chungbuk Organic Agriculture Research Institute under the guidance of IFOAM Organics International Capacity Development Manager, Konrad Hauptfleisch.

5 delegates from India, Argentina, The Philippines and China successfully completed the program and received their certificates given by IFOAM Asia, led by its president, Zhou Zejiang.



The 5 trainees of the OFC Training Of Trainers.

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## ALGOA Activities Goesan County, South Korea September 18th - 21st, 2019

### Naturland and LOAMCP-Philippines Signing of Memorandum of Agreement during the ALGOA+4 Summit

One of IFOAM Asia's largest members, the League of Organic Agriculture Municipalities, Cities and Provinces of the Philippines (LOAMCP-PH), a coalition of more than 200 mayors in the Philippines, and IFOAM Organics International affiliate Naturland signed a cooperation agreement during a ceremony at the International Summit on Agricultural Policy organized by IFOAM Asia. The cooperation agreement set out a concrete cooperation frame to support the development of organic farming and smallholders throughout the Philippines.

"We are very glad about joining forces with Naturland as they are a true pioneer and one of the largest organic farmer associations worldwide", says Arnado Rommel, President of LOAMCP-PH. "We look forward to strengthen ties between both organizations and benefit from their long experience in organic technical knowledge, smallholder certification systems and organic value chain development".



(above) LOAMCP-P Executive Director and Naturland International Development Manager of Naturland signed the MOA from parties during the ALGOA+4 International Summit.

"Together, we seek to improve livelihoods of many organic smallholders in the Philippines helping them to get out of poverty and hunger. Naturland is proud to be a cooperation partner of the organic municipalities and cities in the Philippines and to contribute developing organic farming wherever we can", added Marco Schlüter, International Development Manager of Naturland.

The cooperation agreement outlines the commitment of both partners to work together to develop organic food and farming in the Philippines, implement common projects, training and market development.

### IFOAM Organics International officials meet with the President of ALGOA



IFOAM Organics International, led by its President Peggy Miars, together with IFOAM Organics International Executive Director Louise Luttkholt and other officials met with the ALGOA President Mayor Lee Cha Young to further strengthen the organic movement in Asia last September 18<sup>th</sup>, 2019 at the Goesan County Mayor's office.

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### 10 New ALGOA Members sign the Memorandum of Commitment

10 New ALGOA Members signed the Memorandum of Commitment during the Opening Ceremony of the ALGOA+4 International Summit on Organic Agriculture Policy last September 18<sup>th</sup>, 2019.



Women of Organic Agriculture in Asia - Philippines



Hansalim Goesan Farmers' Association



Municipality of Linamon, Lanao del Norte, Ph



Municipality of Sibagat, Agusan del Sur, Ph



Municipality of Dulag, Leyte, Philippines



Municipality of Asuncion, Davao del Norte



Sustainable Agriculture Ministries

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## 4<sup>th</sup> IFOAM Asia Organic Youth Forum and International Conference

### New Taipei City

March 26<sup>th</sup>-31<sup>st</sup>, 2019

The 4th IFOAM Asia Organic Youth Forum was held last March 26<sup>th</sup> - 31<sup>st</sup>, 2019 in New Taipei City, Taiwan under the sponsorship of the New Taipei City Government.

(Below) 51 delegates from all over Asia, including a representative from IFOAM Asia Organics International in Bonn, Germany attended the 3-day training from March 26<sup>th</sup> - 28<sup>th</sup>.



(Above) The 2019 IFOAM Asia International Conference was held on the 29th of January where organic pioneers from Europe and Asia were invited over an audience of more than 200 at the Hilton Taipei Sinban, New Taipei City.

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## 2019 ALGOA Organic Foundation Course Goesan County, South Korea

April 24<sup>th</sup> - May 1<sup>st</sup>, 2019



Mayor Lee Cha Young, Mayor of Goesan County and President of ALGOA welcomes the delegates of the annual ALGOA Organic Foundation Course

The 2019 ALGOA Organic Foundation Course is an annual event of ALGOA which brings organic leaders from different countries and territories in Asia and is focused on the basics of organic agriculture, its principles, growth and trends.

In 2019, twenty one delegates from Bhutan, India, the Philippines, India, Taiwan, Japan, China, South Korea and Sri Lanka embarked on an extensive 8-day training at Hotel West of Canaan, Goesan County, South Korea from the 24<sup>th</sup> to the 1<sup>st</sup> of May.



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## 1<sup>st</sup> Xichong International Organic Innovation Summit Xichong, China

May 30<sup>th</sup> - 31<sup>st</sup>, 2019

The Xichong International Organic Innovation Summit is a biennial meeting of innovators and the stakeholders in the organic industry from all over the world. It is jointly organized by Xichong County and IFOAM Asia to highlight innovations in the organic sector and search for ways of dissemination of these innovations in farming practices, policies, technology, research and networking.

The 1st Xichong International Organic Innovation Summit was held at Grand Lotus Hotel, Xichong County, Sichuan Province, China last May 30<sup>th</sup> - 31<sup>st</sup>, 2019.

During the Opening Ceremony, there was a signing of the Memorandum of Understanding on Cooperation between International Organic Friendship Counties by Xichong County, China and Goesan County, South Korea.

Field Trips were also arranged where the delegates visited the Organic Dragon Fruit Farm, Organic Citrus Farm and the Organic Rose Farm and Eco-village.



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## First Organic Medal of Honor Winners Xichong, China

May 30<sup>th</sup> - 31<sup>st</sup>, 2019

The awarding of the first ever Organic Medal of Honor was done during the opening ceremony of the Xichong International Organic Innovation Summit. A total of eleven nominations from six countries were submitted and were judged based on the three pillars of sustainability in the areas of ecological, economical and societal impacts.

The Kerala Jaiva Karshaka Samithi (KJKS) (Kerala Organic Farmer's Association) in India and The Youth Collabo Farm from South Korea bagged the First Organic Medal of Honor.

The two recipients received a cash award of USD 5000 and the symbolical medal to signify the two organization's contribution in the organic community.



KJKS, (above), is a self-sufficient, membership based voluntary organisations that has been running for almost three decades without any external funding support, mobilising resources locally



The Youth Collabo Farm (above) was established in 2011 by young farmers who left the city to go back to farming without any land or capital. Today, the group has increased in numbers and are involved in organic farming, community activities, community-based learning, agricultural youth education, among many others.

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## 4th IFOAM Asia General Assembly Xichong, China

June 1<sup>st</sup>, 2019



The 4<sup>th</sup> IFOAM Asia General Assembly was held in Grand Lotus Hotel, Xichong County, China last June 1<sup>st</sup>, 2019. The Adoption of the Agenda, the Amendments of the Working Methods, Work Progress and Budget Reports were discussed by 78% of IFOAM Asia members who took part of the General Assembly.

One of the highlights of the General Assembly is the Board Member Elections. After all the members voted, Sundeeep

Kammath was re-elected. Edgardo Uychiat and Selina Gan were elected as Board Members for the first time. IFOAM Asia incumbent President Zhou Zejiang retained his position while incumbent Board Members Miyoshi Satoko and Indro Surono were elected as Vice Presidents.



(From left to right) Edgardo Uychiat from the Philippines, Selina Gan from Malaysia, Indro Surono from Indonesia, Zhou Zejiang from China, Miyoshi Satoko from Japan and Sundeeep Kammath from India. Manchul Jung from South Korea was not present during the Assembly.

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## 2019 Organic Youth Forum - Nagaland

### Dimapur, Nagaland, India

November 26<sup>th</sup> - December 1<sup>st</sup>, 2019

2019 was a special year for IFOAM Asia Organic Youth Forum since it is the first time that it was held twice in one year. Last March 26<sup>th</sup> - 31<sup>st</sup>, the 1<sup>st</sup> IFOAM Asia OYF was held in New Taipei City, Taiwan.

On November 26<sup>th</sup> to December 1<sup>st</sup>, 2019, the second IFOAM Asia Organic Youth Forum was held in Dimapur, Nagaland, India. For three days, 32 delegates, including 3 from Europe took part of one of Nagaland's largest international events of the year.

On the 29<sup>th</sup>, the International Open Forum: Meet the Organic Pioneers, speakers from Japan, Taiwan, South Korea and India shared their experiences to a crowd of more than 200 organic agriculture students, practitioners researchers and enthusiasts. Key officials of Nagaland graced the event, led by the state's Chief Minister, Shri Neiphiu Rio.

On the 30<sup>th</sup>, the delegates were invited to the Molvom Organic Pineapple Festival and proceeded to Kohima, Nagaland on the 1<sup>st</sup> of December for the annual Hornbill Festival.

The IFOAM Asia Organic Youth Forum was fully funded by the Government of Nagaland and Nagaland Organic Konnect (NOK).



(Above) Shri Neiphiu Rio, Nagaland's Chief Minister, delivers his congratulatory speech during the International Open Forum: Meet the Organic Pioneers



The trainees of the IFOAM Asia Organic Youth Forum Nagaland poses together with IFOAM Asia, Government of Nagaland and NOK officials.