



Asian Local Governments for Organic Agriculture

In Celebration of Five Years of ALGOA

2015 to 2019





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Messages & Milestones



Greetings from the President of ALGOA

Dear Beloved Organic Friends and Members of ALGOA!

First, I would like to express my deep affection and pride for ALGOA celebrating its 5th anniversary. I also want to extend my greatest thanks to the President (and the 1st honorary citizen of Goesan county) Dr. Zhou Zejiang, to the Executive Director Ms. Jennifer Chang and all their wonderful staff. They are the ones who should be commended above all others for making ALGOA so successful and without their unimaginable efforts, we would not have achieved such great progress and growth.

I can still remember my first duty as ALGOA President - it was at the 3rd Organic Asian Congress held in Bislig city, Philippines. It was just a few months after the start of my term as the mayor of Goesan and before the visit, I was not very much aware of ALGOA or of organic agriculture.

But the few days at Bislig attending the many organic events changed me entirely, and it was more than enough for me to catch up with the good works of ALGOA and moreover, the achievements it has made. Those few days



at Bislig enlightened what was required of me as the President ALGOA and I became a diehard fan of ALGOA and organic agriculture!

ALGOA has shown much progress over the past 5 years with its annual Summit that brings the organic community and local government leader together to share best practices and discuss ways to develop the organic sector. The Organic Foundation Courses have trained more than a hundred local government officers and the alumni of the courses have branched out to form the Asian Organic Youth Forum and the global network of organic youths – the Young Organics Global Network. The progress and achievements made by ALGOA are spectacular and Goesan County is proud to have been a strong partner from the very beginning of its establishment.

On top of the last 5 years of success, we have now come to a point where we need to focus on next 5 years of another great leap. The COVID-19 pandemic has changed the world entirely, and the importance of food security maintaining the health of people and our planet is becoming more crucial these days. I believe the one and only answer to this problem lies in transformation to more sustainable and organic food systems.

At this juncture, the role of ALGOA is growing bigger as it holds the key to the implementation of “Organic 3.0” to mainstream the sector and to “position organic systems as part of the multiple solutions needed to solve the tremendous challenges faced by our planet and our species.” Furthermore, Asia is now growing as a leader in the organic world and with half of the world’s farmers in Asia, local governments will have to be more strategic and proactive in promoting the organic sector.

Finally, with the building of international networks and the formation of new alliances across the globe since 2019, I am full of expectations that ALGOA will continue to strive in the next 5 years and more. The impact of ALGOA will not only be felt regionally but also globally.

Thank you very much for all your interest and cooperation in ALGOA.

Lee, Cha Young

President of ALGOA, Mayor of Goesan County

Greetings from the President of IFOAM Asia & ALGOA Ambassador



2015 is a special year for the world organic sector as the “Organic 3.0 Goesan Declaration” was announced indicating the kickoff of the new era in the global organic agriculture movement.

Inspired by the Organic 3.0 Goesan Declaration, the Asia Local Governments for Organic Agriculture (ALGOA) was also established in the same year at the same venue. The birth of ALGOA is a milestone in the Asian organic movement as it started its way towards mainstreaming organic agriculture in Asia.

The ultimate objective of the world organic movement is the full adoption of organic agriculture which is only possible with the full involvement of small farmers. We can never reach the goal in Asia without the participation of smallholder farmers as most Asian countries are developing countries and small farmers form the majority in agricultural production.

Local governments work closely with their local farmers and other stakeholders and have a decisive role in local agricultural development. As such, IFOAM Asia collaborates closely with Asian local governments and organized ALGOA in 2015 to further promote the Asian organic movement in a new and innovation way.

Our initiative has been greatly supported by our IFOAM Asia members and many Asian local governments such as Goesan county of South Korea, Xichong County of China; Bislig City and Kausuwagan municipality in the Philippines; Kisarazu city of Japan, etc. We are also very happy to see the active participation of New Taipei City in ALGOA activities.

The governments at provincial level have also provided their special support to ALGOA, such as Chungbuk Province of South Korea, the states of Sikkim and Nagaland, India, etc. We do appreciate the support from some national governments of Asia, such as the government of the Philippines and the government of Bhutan, etc.

Within the five years since its establishing, ALGOA has played an important role in promoting the Asian organic movement from various aspects, such as organizing ALGOA Summits and ALGOA Foundation Courses, establishing technical support, training and market promotion centers. All ALGOA activities are strongly under the supports of local governments.

ALGOA also invited quite a few influential organic experts as the ALGOA Ambassadors. They are very actively involved in ALGOA activities and give their high valued advice and guidance.

Early this year, the current president of ALGOA, Mayor Lee Cha Yong of Goesan County of South Korea paid a visit to Rome and signed the MOU with the INNER International Network of Eco-Regions and other interested organizations to collaborate on the promotion of organic agriculture in Asia and Europe. Even during the pressure of the worldwide COVID-19 pandemic, quite a few of joint virtual meetings have already been conducted and a new joint initiative called GAOD (Global Alliance for Organic Districts) has been formed. This is a good start in the global cooperation of local governments and will be a good demonstration and model for the future development of inter-governmental cooperation in developing organic agriculture in the world.

The 6th ALGOA Summit will be conducted in October of 2020, colleagues from all over the world have been invited to join the important and historical event, although, it will have to be undertaken virtually. ALGOA has already reached some fruitful achievements and has made its works influential in the global organic family. No matter how many difficulties are in front of us due to the current pandemic or other factors, organic is always a sunrise agriculture sector.

ALGOA is one of the brightest and most attractive sun rays of the organic movement and will lead in the mainstreaming of organic agriculture in Asia and the rest of the world.

Thank you and may we all stay healthy and safe!

Zhou Zejiang

President of IFOAM Asia ALGOA Ambassador

Message of Congratulations from the President of the Goesan County Council



Dear ALGOA members and Organic Friends,

It is with the greatest pleasure that I offer my congratulations to ALGOA for the great successes made during the last 5 years! It is an honor for me to have this chance to put my words in this ALGOA anniversary book.

As the chairman of Goesan County council, I am very proud that my beautiful homeland is becoming one of the hubs in the world of organics. Goesan is very well known for its beautiful nature and is now acknowledged as one of the birthplaces of Korean organic farming. It is not surprising that to see that Goesan has become one of the leaders in world of organics through the work of ALGOA. After its formation at the 2015 International Organic Expo, ALGOA has grown rapidly despite the many difficulties it faced. Membership in ALGOA encompasses more than 16 countries in Asia and Central Asia and this is phenomenal growth in the space of 5 years.

I have personally attended all the matriculation ceremonies of the Organic Foundation Courses and I am very proud that Goesan County has played such an important role in the training and capacity-building of our future leaders. Investing in the next generation of leaders is most satisfying and fruitful. And to see firsthand the alumni of the OFC to go on creating the Asian Organic Youth Forums and now the Young Organics Global Network.

I would like to thank everyone involved in ALGOA especially the staff of Goesan County and IFOAM Asia who have made this happen and I assure you every support that I can provide during my term in the council.

Gamsahamnida!

Shin, Dong Un

Chairman of Goesan County Council

Messages of Congratulations from the Members of the Goesan County Council



Lee, Pyeong Hun Vice Chairperson

Congratulations to ALGOA! I am very proud to be a part of this noble path that my hometown is pioneering in networking with the world to promote the organic sector. Due to the activities of ALGOA, Goesan has become the hub of the Asian organic sector development and the role of ALGOA is more important than ever as we overcome the challenges of Covid-19. I expect to see more growth in ALGOA and its impact for the whole organic world in the years to come!



Kim, Nak Yeong

I want to give my greatest applause to all the members of ALGOA. Five years of success is undoubtedly a great achievement and I can hardly imagine the challenges that were overcome to make ALGOA so successful. My respects go to all the members and partners of ALGOA around the world. I hope to see greater success in the next five years!



Ahn, Mi Seon

Congratulations to all the members of ALGOA! As a council member of the organic county, Goesan, I am personally proud to have been part of this exciting journey. With the globalization of ALGOA, the idea of public-private partnerships can take on new heights and help to bring much needed development in the organic sector locally, regionally, and globally.



Lee, Yang Jae

I commend all the staff of Goesan County and members of ALGOA to have achieved 5-years of such unprecedented growth. ALGOA is gaining momentum more than ever and I hope to see more developments in the organic sector through its various activities. ALGOA in partnership with other global organizations will become more impactful to help our organic farmers and growth in the sector. Once again, congratulations to ALGOA!



Lee, Deok Yong

I would like to express my special thanks to ALGOA for all its the efforts to promote networking, policy development and leadership in the organic sector in Asia. I am very proud to see the growth of ALGOA as a regional body into a global alliance, going beyond Asia. My beautiful county of Goesan has become one of the most well-known places in the world of organics. I assure you my full support for ALGOA during and even after my term in the council!



Jang, Ok Ja

Organic agriculture is getting more and more attention in the “new normal” of Covid-19 as more people are getting interested in personal health and immunity. ALGOA has done much to educate and promote organic agriculture to its members and partners. I am proud that Goesan has been in the forefront for the past 5 years and I expect to see more achievements of ALGOA in the future. Congratulations to ALGOA!



Shin, Song Gyu

I am very proud that my county with only a small population, has become the hub of organic in Asia. Much of this recognition is due to the activities of ALGOA which has promoted organic farming to local governments and to other stakeholders. I hope that Goesan continues its role as a leader in the organic world and expect to see more achievements in the future. Congratulations!

Messages of Congratulations from ALGOA Ambassadors



Dear ALGOA members, Organic Friends & Citizens of Goesan!

Congratulations to all members of ALGOA for 5 years of success!

ALGOA is one of the main outcomes of 2015 Goesan International Organic Expo, and I was one of the main members who prepared and made this historical event happen. This fact makes my love for the ALGOA so special, and sometimes ALGOA even feels like my child.

As many of you are already aware of, ALGOA is one of the most successful international organic organizations throughout history, and it is expanding its limit beyond Asia with international networking with such groups as International Network of Eco-regions (IN.N.E.R.), Regeneration International, and LOAMCP.

But the success of ALGOA could not have been possible without the efforts and sacrifice of Mr Zhou Zejiang, President of IFOAM, Ms. Jennifer Chang and her hardworking staff. I cannot imagine the numerous difficulties that the staff of IFOAM Asia staff have to overcome to make ALGOA so successful. I'd like to give my full respect to each and every one of them.

The world is becoming more interested in the ways of organic, and the real Organic 3.0 era is opening. I'm sure organic agriculture will soon become mainstream and will lead the way in sustainable development of human race.

Thank you!

Woo Jong-Jin (South Korea)

Director, the Goesan Red Pepper Cooperative & former Director-General of
Agricultural Policy Department of Goesan County

Ambassador, IFOAM - Organics International / Author, "Poisoning our Children" & "The Myths of Safe Pesticides"



I am very proud to be an ALGOA Ambassador and I have always been happy to attend all the ALGOA Summits held in Goesan County.

Local government is the level of government that is closest to the people, consequently it is most responsive to the needs of people. It is the level of government that can be the most effective change agent.

The mayors and governors of ALGOA are amongst the most innovative and forward thinking in the world. Their leadership in encouraging farmers to adopt organic agriculture is helping to take them out of poverty and increase the resilience of their farms. Avoiding toxic pesticides ensures that farmers, consumers, and the environment are healthier. Given the multiple problems facing the world at the moment, ALGOA is truly a bright ray of hope.

I congratulate ALGOA on its five years of amazing work and I am really looking forward to working with ALGOA for a brighter future.

Andre Leu (Australia)

International Director, Regeneration International / Ambassador, IFOAM - Organics International

I am delighted to extend my warm congratulations to the Asian Local Governments for Organic Agriculture (ALGOA) on its 5th anniversary.



It is one of the most beautiful memorable moments in my life when we had worked for launching the ALGOA as a sub-organization of IFOAM Asia in the years back.

It is great to see that ALGOA is now working with more than two hundred local governments in Asia and has successfully linked local governments, international and national organizations, and other stakeholders in the region to promote the organic agriculture. ALGOA is a unique organization that first time effectively could point out the importance of local governments for the promotion of organic agriculture with its active support, actions, and policy.

In celebration of its 5th anniversary, I would like to express my gratitude to all colleagues and friends and wish ALGOA continued success in the years to come. I am feeling proud to be part of this!

Shaikh Tanveer Hossain (Bangladesh)

Former Vice President of IFOAM Asia

The five-year journey of ALGOA has made a profound significant systematic conversation in mainstreaming and on the institutionalization of organic policy framework and operationalization of Organic 3.0 from the ground across generations and the world.



It is noteworthy that from its birth in 2015 in the hub of Organic 3.0 in Goesan County, ALGOA has tremendously expanded its memberships with the local governments in Asia. The series of annual ALGOA Summits with exchanges of ground experiences, initiatives and innovations and, serves as an inspiration in building up a collective voice to strengthen the organic sector locally and globally beyond Asia with the inception of the Global Alliance for Organic Districts (GAOD).

Congratulations to ALGOA for spearheading these waves of organic agriculture development pathways in Asia and to Goesan County for your unending support as seat of Presidency of ALGOA and with the new mandate to serve as the GAOD Secretariat in Asia.

LOAMCP-PH has been a valuable partner in the journey of ALGOA and has been strongly linked together under a mutual strategic partnership. LOAMCP-PH will continue to support and assist ALGOA in its progress towards the mainstreaming of organic agriculture and for the transformations into more sustainable and organic food systems towards achieving the SDGs.

Once again, our deepest congratulations to ALGOA!

Victoriano Ihong Tagupa (Philippines)

Executive Director, League of Organic Agriculture Municipalities, Cities and Provinces of the Philippines (LOAMCP-PH) / President,

Sustainable Agriculture Family-centered Entrepreneurial Group of Co-Creators, Inc. (SAFEGCC, INC.)

**In the last 5 years, ALGOA has grown rapidly.
It connects people, from farmers to Mayors.
It inspires us by linking youth to pioneers.
It networks with communities and crosses borders from local
to regions in Asia.**



I believe the role of local governments is extremely crucial, especially in this era of globalization. Local communities should be able to support farmers and their citizens.

Although the potential of local governments is high, it is difficult to exert their abilities alone and this is where ALGOA plays the role in bringing together the public and the private sectors as ALGOA is not a gathering of local governments only but a true gathering of all the stakeholders in the organic sector. Under the direction of IFOAM Asia, the county has consolidated a forum for exchange among the relevant stakeholders in the organic movements in Asia.

Annually, Goesan County, the current holder of the Presidency has invested in a 7-day residential training on the basics of organic agriculture to lay the foundations for the next generation of leaders. The County has also brought the organic community in a Summit which dealt with important issues concerning the organic sector. The empowerment of local governments is crucial for their commitment to promoting organic agriculture for a sustainable future.

I have no doubt about the future of ALGOA -it will be adopted worldwide and continue to empower local communities and local governments into taking actions to promote a more sustainable and food-secure world.

Congratulations!

Miyoshi Satoko (Japan)

Vice President of IFOAM Asia

Milestones of ALGOA by Year (2015 ~ 2019)

2019

5th ALGOA Summit - "ALGOA+4 International Conference on Organic Agriculture Policy" (Sept 18th ~ 20th)

Important Milestone

- Organic experts from all the continents were invited to the Summit
- Important network building with the International Network of Eco-regions (INNER), Organic Denmark, Food and Agriculture Organization, Organic Food Systems Programme (OFSP), etc.
- First step in ALGOA going global

2018

4th ALGOA Summit- "Family Farming and the Role of Local Governments in Organic Agriculture" (Apr 25th ~ 27th)

Important Milestone

- Historic Strategic Partnership Agreement signed with the League of Organic Municipalities and Cities – Philippines (LOAMCP-PH) – all LOAMCP-PH members automatically gain ALGOA membership status

2017

3rd ALGOA Summit - "Manifesting Organic Food Systems in Asia in the Era of Organic 3.0" (Aug 31st to Sept 2nd)

Important Milestone

- Asia Organic Day celebrated in Vietnam and hosted by ALGOA/IFOAM Asia member, Vietnam Organic Agriculture Association

2016

2st ALGOA Summit - "Best Cases of Organic Practices in Asia" (Sept 26th to 30th)

Important Milestone

- Designation of Sept 19 (founding date of ALGOA) as "Asia Organic Day"

2015

1st ALGOA Summit - "Inauguration of ALGOA" (Sept 19th to 20th)

Important Milestone

- Official launch of ALGOA
- Designation of Goesan County as the holder of the Presidency of ALGOA

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ALGOA Summit

1st ALGOA Summit

(Sept 19th ~ 20th, 2015 in Goesan County, South Korea)
“Inaugural Summit of ALGOA”



Concept

The 1st ALGOA Summit in 2015 was the event to launch the organization and the establishment coincided with the Goesan International Organic Expo. Major dignitaries included the Minister of Agriculture of Bhutan and local government leaders from more than 12 countries in Asia and Central Asia.

Schedule of the 1st ALGOA Summit

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Sept 17 th , 2015	
Time	Details

16:00	Arrival of Foreign Guests in Seoul and Transfer to Goesan County
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Sept 18 th , 2015	
Time	Details

09:50	Visit Goesan Fermented Food Complex
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11:30	Visit Miru Organic Village and Lunch
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14:00	VIP Reception
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15:00	Attend Official Opening Ceremony of the Expo
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17:00	Visit Heuksalim Research Institute & Dinner
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20:00	Return to Hotel
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Sept 19 th , 2015	
Time	Details

10:00	Opening Ceremony of the ALGOA Summit Moderator: Mr Manoj Menon, (Vice-President of IFOAM Asia) - Opening Speech Mr Zhou Zejiang, (IFOAM Asia President) - Welcoming Speech Mr Lim Gak Soo, (Mayor of Goesan County) - Congratulatory Speech Mr Park Yeon Seop, (Chairperson, Gosean Local Assembly)
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10:30	Special Speech: The Role of Governments in Promoting Organic Agriculture – the Case of Bhutan The Honorable Lyonpo Yeshey Dorji, (The Minister of Agriculture of the Kingdom of Bhutan)
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10:50	Country Report 1: Government Support Policies for the Promotion of Organic Agriculture in India Mr Anil Singh, (Chairman, Task Force on "Organic and Non-Chemical Farming Systems", Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare, Govt. of India)
11:10	Coffee break
11:40	Country Report 2: LOAM - Municipalities Going Organic! Nacienceno M. Pacalioga Jr, (Mayor of Dumingag, Philippines)
12:00	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The Official Inauguration of ALGOA 2. Progress Report of the Membership MoC and Formation of the Executive Council Dr Suh Chong Hyuk, (Ex-President of IFOAM Asia) 3. Signing of the Membership MoC & Photo Session 4. Nominations for the Presidency of ALGOA and the Executive Council 5. Signing of the Presidency Contract & Receiving the ALGOA Flag 6. Greetings from the New President of ALGOA 7. Presentation of the Work Plan of ALGOA 2015 ~ 2017 8. Closing Remarks & Group Photo
13:00	Organic Lunch
14:00	Visit Expo
16:20	Visit Goesan Grains
18:00	Official Banquet (Gakyeonsa Temple)
20:00	Back to hotel

Sept 20th, 2015

Time	Details
10:00	Check-out Hotel & Departure

Photos of the Inaugural Summit of ALGOA in 2015



VIPs at the at the Opening ceremony





Group Photo



Opening Ceremony with International Guests



Opening Ceremony with International Guests



Opening Ceremony Reception



Group Photo



Founding Members of ALGOA



Founding Members of ALGOA



Opening Ceremony of the Goesan International Organic Expo



Opening Ceremony with International Guests



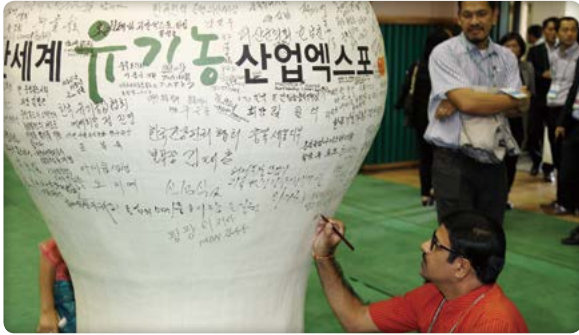
Opening Ceremony with International Guests



Opening Ceremony Reception



Opening Ceremony Reception



Opening Ceremony Reception



Opening Ceremony Reception



Opening Ceremony Reception



Opening Ceremony with International Guests



Opening Ceremony Reception



Visit to Miru Energy Village



Organic Dinner



Miru Village



Organic Processing Plant



Visiting Heuksalim



Heuksalim Farm Visit



Heuksalim Farm Visit



Having a good time in Heuksalim



Organic Dinner at Heuksalim



Organic Dinner at Heuksalim



Group Photo

2nd ALGOA Summit

(Sept 26th ~ 30th, 2016 in Goesan County, South Korea)

“Best Cases of Organic Practices in Asia”



Concept

The 2nd ALGOA Summit was successfully concluded with the participation 58 participants from 14 countries in Asia including Kyrgyzstan. The VIPs to the Summit included Mr. Andre Leu, the President of IFOAM Organics International. It was an auspicious event that was undertaken together as part of the 1st Organic Asia Congress hosted by IFOAM Asia.

Schedule of the 2nd ALGOA Summit

Sept 26 th , 2016	
Time	Details

Day 0	Arrival of the ALGOA Executive Council Members (Goesan County/OPTA/Dumingag/ICCOA /IFOAM Asia President)
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Sept 27 th , 2016	
Time	Details

Arrival of the ALGOA Participants (West of Canaan Hotel)

09:00	ALGOA Executive Council Meeting (West of Canaan Hotel)
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Sept 28 th , 2016	
Time	Details

09:00	2 nd ALGOA Summit (Day 1) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Presentations of Best Case Studies from Local Governments in Asia • Welcoming Party
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Sept 29 th , 2016	
Time	Details
10:00	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Participation at the Opening of the 1st IFOAM Asia Organic Congress - Opening /Congratulatory Speeches by VIPs - Conferment of Honorary Citizenship of Goesan County to Mr. Zhou Zejiang (IFOAM Asia President) - The 1st IFOAM Asia Organic Leader Awards - Life Achievement Award - Young Organic Leader Award - Special Presentations by the Recipients of the 1st IFOAM Asia Organic Leader Awards
13:30	<p>2nd ALGOA Summit (Day 2)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Special Workshop: Understanding Participatory Guarantee Systems (PGS) & Methods of Implementation - Adoption of the Declaration of the 2nd ALGOA Summit - Signing of Membership Memorandum of Commitment of New ALGOA Members - Signing of Sister City Agreements and MoUs Between Goesan County and Foreign Local Governments

2nd ALGOA Summit Declaration

We, the participants of the 2nd ALGOA Summit from 14 countries having shared our knowledge and experiences and discussed topics¹ on the role of local governance in the era of Organic 3.0, solemnly declare the following:

1. That we continue to go forward with actions on designing supportive policies, programs, projects and activities towards sustainable organic agriculture and rural development and harnessing the support of civil society organizations, business sectors, academia and others;
2. That we promote ALGOA as a model of public and private partnership and model of bottoms up approach of policy planning from local to national policy development;
3. That we support the creation of ALGOA forums at the country level to encourage more participation and contribute meaningfully to the ALGOA Summit;
4. That we support the initiatives of the Asian Young Organic Leaders Forum;
5. That we organize regular training courses including the ALGOA Organic Foundation Course, for farmers and young people;
6. That we establish networks and exchanges among local governments in Asia and initiate inter-municipality and/ or city cooperation;
7. That we support and develop database on innovations within the organic value chain from farming, processing and marketing;
8. That we continue to recognize the lead role of IFOAM Asia on ALGOA inter-regional collaboration;
9. That we adopt every 2¹⁹th day of September as the Asian Organic Day and hold celebrations in the respective localities.

Proclaimed on September 29th 2016, Goesan County, South Korea

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¹ Specific topics discussed at the 2nd Summit include the status and prospects of organic agriculture in Asia and cases on rural development; local support policies; local governments and bio-villages; local governments and promotion of local food; promotion of organic through demonstration zones; development of organic agriculture in mountain eco-systems; and poverty alleviation through organic agriculture programs.

² Date of the formal establishment of ALGOA – Sept 19th, 2015, in Goesan County, Republic of Korea

2nd ALGOA Summit



Venue (Chungbuk Organic Agriculture Research Institute)



Signing the Visitors' Book



IFOAM President, Andre Leu



VIPs at the Opening Ceremony



Participant from Bhutan



Discussion



Coffee Break



Coffee Break



New Members



New Members



New Members



New Members



New Members



MoU Signing Photo with Vice-Mayor



Delicious K-Food!



Delicious K-Food!



Delicious K-Food!



Cheers to the Organic Movement in Asia!

3rd ALGOA Summit

(Aug 31st to Sept 2nd, 2017 in Goesan County, South Korea)

“Manifesting Organic Food Systems in Asia”



Concept

Transformation into organic food systems is crucial in Asia as these sustainable systems maintain the health of the farmers, consumers, and the soil. To manifest Organic 3.0 in Asia, ALGOA members join efforts in search for organic approaches to solve global challenges in climate change and food shortages, and to contribute to achieving the United Nations’ Sustainable Development Goals.

The Summit came at an important time for the organic world – to find ways of bringing solutions and the voice of the Asian organic stakeholders to the 19th Organic World Congress in India, later in the year.

Schedule of the 3rd ALGOA Summit

Aug 30th, 2017	
Time	Details
Day 0	Arrival of Foreign Guests and Participants
Aug 31 st , 2017	
Time	Details
08:30	Depart Hotel for Goesan County
09:30	Opening ceremony - Opening Speech (Na Young, Chan, Mayor of Goesan County, Holder of the Presidency of ALGOA) - Welcoming Speech (Mr. Zhou Zejiang, President of IFOAM Organics Asia) - Congratulatory Messages by Local and Foreign VIPs - Group Photo
10:00	Coffee Break
10:30	Keynote Speech: Implementation of Local Organic Food Systems in Asia (David Gould, IFOAM Organics International)
11:30	Main Presentation: Goesan County – A Model of A Local Organic Food System in Korea (Na Yong Chan, Mayor of Goesan County, Holder of the Presidency of ALGOA)
12:30	Organic Lunch
14:00	Presentation "Achieving 100% Organic" (Sikkim Organic Mission)
14:30	Presentation on the "1000 Organic Villages in Indonesia" (Indro Surono, Indonesia Organic Alliance)
15:00	Coffee Break

15:30 Presentation on "Organic aymaks in Kyrgyzstan"
(Damir Monoldorov, Vice-Governor, Issykul)

16:00 Presentation on "From Arms to Farms"
(Rommel Arnado, Mayor of Kauswagan)

16:30 Q & A

18:00 Official Banquet

Sept 1st, 2017

Time	Details
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09:30 Plenary Sessions (1)

11:00 Coffee Break

11:20 Plenary Sessions (2)

13:00 Organic Lunch

14:30

1. Going Forward
 - How to Become Part of the UN Organic Food Systems Program
 - OWC Pre-conference on Organic Food Systems Program
 - Others
2. Signing Ceremony of the MoC of the New ALGOA Members
3. Appointment of the ALGOA Ambassadors
4. 3rd ALGOA Declaration
5. Closing ceremony

17:00 Attend Red Pepper Festival

17:20 Cultural Performance "Nanta"

18:00 Opening Ceremony of the Goesan Red Pepper Festival

20:00 Transfer to Hotel and Rest

Sept 2 nd , 2017	
Time	Details
08:00	Check-out of Hotel
08:30	Travel to Hongseong County
10:30	Introduction to Hongseong County & Organic Farm Visits 1. icoop Center - Greetings from Hongseong Mayor - Introduction to Organic Farming in Hongseong 2. Transfer to Moondangri Education Center
12:00	Light Lunch
12:30	Visit Organic Village
13:30	Visit rice processing center
14:20	Visits School Meal Support Center
15:00	Travel to Seoul (stay overnight)
18:00	Dinner (self-organized)
Sept 3 rd , 2017	
Time	Details
Day 4	Departure (self-organized)

3rd Summit Declaration

“Implementation of Local Organic Food Systems in Asia”

Organic 3.0 Comes Alive in Asia.

Two years ago, the historic launch of Organic 3.0 took place here in Goesan, marking the organic movement’s resolution to act as a leader and an agent of change for transforming production and consumption systems – locally and globally – to become truly sustainable. The innovative and inclusive empowerment outlined in Organic 3.0 continues to inspire people across Asia and the whole world.

ALGOA and its Members are Leaders in Social and Environmental Sustainability.

Just as it did at its 2nd Summit one year ago in Goesan, exploring and developing innovations to manifest Organic 3.0 in Asia, ALGOA again comes together in its 3rd Summit to build on its efforts and show how organic approaches are key strategies and solutions to solving global challenges, and contribute to achieving the United Nations’ Sustainable Development Goals.

The members of ALGOA – Asian Local Governments for Organic Agriculture – have emerged as leaders in societal transformation, working year-round to manifest the Principles of Organic Agriculture and inspire more people and communities to be better stewards of the environment and enable altruism, so that people can lead healthy, prosperous, and fulfilling lives. Through their examples, their collaboration, and their growing numbers, ALGOA and its members exemplify the paradigm shift the world so urgently needs.

Transforming Agriculture and Food Systems is a Holistic Endeavor.

Food is central to human life and society. Most of our food comes from agriculture. Many people’s livelihoods are centered around agriculture and the use of its products. Our environment, agriculture, food, health, and livelihoods are intertwined. ALGOA members understand that we must take a systems approach to sustainable development. The healthy interplay of governments, farming enterprises, businesses, civil society organizations, and private citizens is needed for societal transformation. We resolve to keep integrating the six features of Organic 3.0 into diverse, holistic food and eco-friendly agriculture systems.

Organic food systems are inclusive, honor gender equity, integrate science and innovation, spirituality and ethics, and empower the value chain to improve ecosystems and product quality, educate consumers to make healthy choices, and hold all parties responsible for their due costs and benefits. We resolve to work to manifest these attributes and transparently share them with each other and the world at large, as living examples of how diverse communities can unite their efforts to make the world a better place.

ALGOA Members Lead by Example, and have Global Relevance and Impact.

Leadership requires vision, passion, and stamina, and an ability to reach out to others, to teach and to learn. The United Nations' 10-Year Framework of Programmes (10YFP) on Sustainable Production and Consumption has recognized the value of organic approaches as a solution to global challenges, and made the Organic Food System Program (OFSP) one of the Core Initiatives of its Sustainable Food System Programme. ALGOA and its members resolve to partner with, contribute to this effort, and appreciate the due recognition and benefits of their participation in it. We join with IFOAM – Organics International in this effort to model and lead Organic 3.0.

We are committed to share, spread, study, and improve our efforts and the lives of all of our peoples. Asia's diversity of communities, cultures, and farming situations – especially with its multitude of smallholders – offers a wealth of opportunities for developing and demonstrating organic food systems.

We head toward the 19th Organic World Congress in New Delhi, India in November 2017, and look forward to showcasing our achievements, our diversity, and our vision as we spread hope and real solutions to the challenges we face.

Proclaimed on September 1st 2017, Goesan County

Photos of the 3rd ALGOA Summit



Foreign VIPs at the Goesan County Office



Presentation by Mayor of Goesan



Progress Report of ALGOA



Keynote Speech



Andre Leu, designated as ALGOA Ambassador



New Members Joining ALGOA



New Members Joining ALGOA



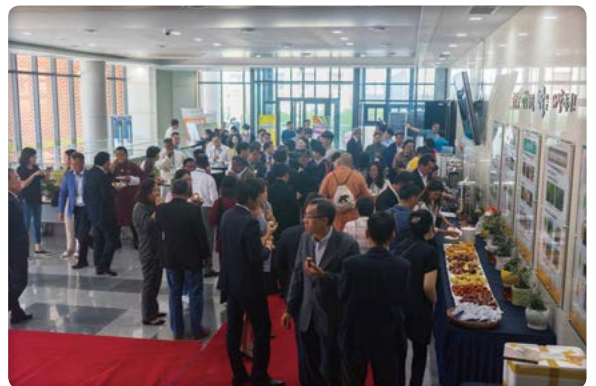
New Members joining in 2017



New Members joining in 2017



Coffee Break



Coffee Break



Delegation from Zamboanga del Sur, Philippines



Summit Declaration Read by Youth Leaders



Group Photo (outdoors)



Official welcoming banquet



Toasts at the official welcoming banquet



Foreign VIPs at the official welcoming banquet



Mayor of Goesan with President of IFOAM Asia



Mayor with the Indian Delegation



Filipino delegation (Cultural Experience)



Traditional Korean organic lunch

Promotion Activities of ALGOA in 2017

Participation at the IFOAM Organic World Congress



President of ALGOA at the Opening of the 19th IFOAM Organic World Congress, Nov 2017, New Delhi India



With the Minister of Agriculture of Bhutan



With the Chief Minister of Sikkim, India



Receiving the Plaque of Appreciation from IFOAM-Organics International



Official Goesan Delegation to the 2017 IFOAM Organic World Congress

4th ALGOA Summit

(Apr 25th ~ 27th, 2018 in Goesan County, South Korea)

“Family Farming and the Role of Local Governments in Organic Agriculture”



Concept

On December 20th, 2017, the United Nations General Assembly, in its 72nd Session, officially adopted a resolution for the “Decade of Family Farming 2019-2028”. The resolution allows for better public policies on Family Farming and offers a unique opportunity to contribute to the alleviation of hunger and poverty as well as to achieve the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). The resolution was proposed in early October by a group of 14 countries led by Costa Rica, co-sponsored by 104 states and unanimously approved at the General Assembly plenary session.

In lieu with such international developments, ALGOA decided to take on the theme at its Summit to recognize the role of family farming in local organic agriculture development and bring forth relevant support policies from the local governments. Local governments can play a very big role in manifesting the objectives of the IYFF+10/Decade of Family Farming 2019-2028.

Schedule of the 4th ALGOA Summit

April 24 th , 2018	
Time	Details
08:30	Depart Hotel
09:30	1. Official Opening Ceremony Moderator: Jang Sang Jun (Projects Director, IFOAM Asia) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Introduction of VIPs - Opening Speech - Welcoming Speech - Congratulatory Speeches - Progress Report of ALGOA 2. Commemorative Group Photo
10:30	Break
11:00	Keynote Speech Moderator: Patrick Belisario (Vice-President, IFOAM Asia) "The Significance of the Decade of Family Farming and the Role of Local Governments in Organic Agriculture" David Gould (Senior Facilitator, North American Representative, IFOAM Organics International)
11:30	Q&A
11:40	Main Presentation Moderator: Patrick Belisario (Vice-President, IFOAM Asia) "Family Farmers and their Impact on Organic Agriculture" Shamika Mone (President, Intercontinental Network of Organic Farmers' Organizations (INOFO))
12:10	Q&A

12:20	Case Study Presentation Moderator: Patrick Belisario (Vice-President, IFOAM Asia) "Govt Support for Organic Farming-Case of Nanjing China" Qin Jun (Director of Qin Bang Ji-Pin Co., China)
12:50	Q&A
13:00	Lunch
14:00	Panel Discussion (1) Moderator: Indro Surono (Board Member, IFOAM Asia) "How to implement policies in support of family farmers" Govt representatives from India, Indonesia, Philippines
15:30	Break
16:00	Panel Discussion (2) Moderator: Indro Surono (Board Member, IFOAM Asia) "Why we support family farmers?" (By representatives from the private sector/consumer groups/ IFOAM members) - Maya Stolastika (President of the Indonesia Organic Alliance) - Luo Yujia (China Poverty Alleviation Foundation) (China) - Sundeep Kamath (Biodynamic Association of India)
18:30	Official Banquet

April 25th, 2018

Time	Details
09:30	Case Studies from ALGOA / IFOAM Asia members Moderator: Sundeep Kamath (Board Member, IFOAM Asia) - Ambootia Tea Group (India) - Tse Xin Organic Agriculture Foundation (Taiwan) - League of Organic Agriculture Municipalities & Cities (Philippines)
11:00	Voices of Our Young Leaders Moderator: Li Feng, (Secretary-General, Organic Youth Forum, IFOAM Asia) - Manisha Kairaly (Timbaktu, India) - Ryan Breste (Food for Life Campaigner, Greenpeace Southeast Asia) - Nurlan Asanbaev (Youth Leader, Kyrgyzstan)
12:00	ALGOA Organic Foundation Course Graduation Ceremony Moderator: Jennifer Chang (Executive Director, IFOAM Asia)

12:30	Lunch
13:30	Group Discussion Moderator: Zhou Zejiang (President, IFOAM Asia) & Vic Tagupa (ALGOA Ambassador) - Ways to Move Forward Rapporteur: David Gould (NA Representative, IFOAM Organics International)
15:00	Break
15:30	Signing of the Membership of Commitment of the New ALGOA members Moderator: Jennifer Chang (Executive Director, IFOAM Asia)
16:00	Closing Ceremony Moderator: Patrick Belisario (Vice-President, IFOAM Asia) & David Gould (NA Representative, IFOAM Organics International) - Lessons learned and Implementations - 4 th ALGOA Summit Declaration - Closing Speech - Zhou Zejiang (President, IFOAM Asia)
17:30	Dinner

April 26th, 2018

Time	Details
08:30	Depart Hotel
10:30	Arrive in Asan (field trip) - Purundeul Farmers' Community (Asan Hansalim)
12:30	Lunch
13:30	Visit Asan Local Food & School Meal Center - Intro to Center and operations
15:30	Departure to Ibis Insadong Seoul

4th ALGOA Summit Declaration

We are Asian Local Governments for Organic Agriculture – ALGOA.

Committed to increasing the benefits and the positive impacts of organic farming, we gather again in Goesan County, Republic of Korea, to advance our mission. In 2015, the Goesan Declaration globally launched Organic 3.0, the next phase of the global organic movement. Goesan is the birthplace and the holder the Presidency of ALGOA and is an exemplary model of how local governments can support the organic mission locally and globally.

We recognize that local governments have a critical role in empowering and transforming our communities towards true sustainability. The United Nations has recognized the foundational importance of family farming to human society and has declared a full Decade of Family Farming (2019 ~ 2028). It emphasizes the importance in improving the lives and performance of family farms which impact humanity's attainment of the Sustainable Development Goals. We reaffirm our willingness to share our learning and successes, and help lead the world forward.

Agriculture is the Base of Human Sustenance, one of the most important human activities. Every person needs to eat in order to survive, and most of our food comes from agriculture. But demands on agriculture are increasing, as the global population grows, and more land gets pressed into use to produce food, fiber, and other goods. We recognize the need to produce more efficiently, with adequate and even higher quality, and in a way that allows us to do so without destroying the environment or exhausting our natural resources.

Family Farms are the Base of Human Society. About 70% of all food produced by agriculture comes from family farms, even though they only comprise less than 30% of all land farmed. Family farming is a living for vast numbers of people on the planet. In rural areas it is often the most prevalent source of livelihood. Value addition enterprises are a livelihood for many others. Indeed, the products of agriculture touch almost every person on the planet.

We proclaim that organic farms and products reflect a better way of life. We appreciate that organic practices outperform non-organic modes of production, and are increasingly proven and more widely accepted as the main path towards true sustainability, with solutions that can be taken up anywhere. We see more and more how organic food has lower residues of toxins and higher density of nutrients. People who eat organic foods are healthier in comparison. Organic approaches have ecological, social, economic and cultural benefits. It is a people-centered agriculture.

We commit to invest and enable sustainable agriculture based on the Organic Principles of Health, Ecology, Fairness, and Care. We support family farms to thrive and create societal, cultural, and public health benefits, a more prosperous local economy with greater diversity without pollution from genetic engineering, higher revenues, more food security and food sovereignty, and a richer culture. We acknowledge, honor, and celebrate the role of women in farming, and the importance of gender equity in societal health.

We, the local governments of ALGOA and Summit participants, pledge to support family farms through favorable policies and practices.

We commit to organize our own communities with definitive plans and roadmaps with concrete actions. We see many opportunities to act, for example:

- As an institutional purchaser and provider of goods from organic family farms, for schools, hospitals, public offices, public distribution systems and utilities, etc.;
- By providing extension and training services to producers, by direct farm visits, classes, establishment of training and demonstration centers, and cooperation with local researchers, laboratories, and universities;
- By helping organize producers and developing value chains into appropriate economies of scale, which balance the economic viability of farms with long-term ecological sustainability.
- Through schools and consumer education programs;
- Through effective and innovative use of digital technologies;
- Promoting and organizing festivals and other events that highlight the local culture stemming from the local farming, its harvest, and related value-added goods.

We further envision how we can interface with urban areas in mutually rewarding ways for the flow of goods, services, and cultural exchanges between us.

We commit to ongoing improvement, shall keep collaborating and sharing with each other, exercising our authority to be living examples of how to bring change from the ground up, successes that others can replicate, putting family farming at the center of a global strategy for attaining the Sustainable Development Goals.

Proclaimed on April 25th, 2018, Goesan County

Photos of the 4th ALGOA Summit



Goesan officials welcoming foreign guests





Stage set for the Opening Ceremony



VIPs at the Opening Ceremony



Foreign VIPs



Leader of the Goesan Local Council



Representative from the Ministry of Agriculture



Sikkim State Delegation



New Members Joining

Promotion Activities of ALGOA in 2018



ALGOA participates at BIOFACH Southeast Asia in Bangkok Thailand

IFOAM Asia, Goesan County and the Asian Local Governments for Organic Agriculture (ALGOA) took part at the BIOFACH Southeast Asia at IMPACT Exhibition Hall Number 3 and 4, Bangkok, Thailand on July 11th – 14th, 2018. Goesan County displayed their organic products all the way from South Korea while IFOAM Asia and ALGOA distributed advocacy and other promotional materials.



ALGOA Philippines Members' Forum



Mayor Lee Cha Young and Goesan County officials pose together with Mayor Rommel Amado, President of LOAMC-PH & IFOAM Asia President, Zhou Zejiang.

The Philippine members of the Asian Local Governments for Organic Agriculture (ALGOA) had an ALGOA Philippines Members' Forum on September 18th, 2018 in Bislig City, Philippines. The event was organized by the League of Organic Agriculture Municipalities and Cities in the Philippines (LOAMC-PH), a group composed of 121 mayors who are strong advocates of Organic Agriculture and who implement numerous organic agriculture programs in their respective municipalities.

Mayor Lee Cha Young, President of ALGOA and Mayor of Goesan County, South Korea delivered his congratulatory speech in front of more than 100 members of LOAMC.

Nicanor Perlas, Executive Director of Ecosystem Solution Activator delivered a keynote speech entitled "Artificial Intelligence: The Challenge of Organic Agriculture and Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).

There was signing of Memorandum of Agreement between ALGOA and LOAMC as champions of Organic Agriculture in their respective countries, represented by their presidents, Mayor Lee Cha Young and Mayor Rommel Arnado. The signing of the Membership of Commitment for the new members of ALGOA also took place with LOAMC members becoming members of ALGOA



Mayor Lee Cha Young and Mayor Rommel Arnado proudly signs the Memorandum of Agreement between ALGOA and LOAMC-PH.



Goesan County and South Korean Organic Groups donates \$2,000 scholarship to a local school in Bislig City



Goesan county led by Mayor Lee Cha Young donates \$2,000 to the Stand Alone Senior High School in Bislig City, Philippines. The principal was in tears when she learned about the scholarship fund. It is the largest amount that the school has received from any donor and the fund will go a long way towards the support of the students.

The entire Stand Alone Senior High School students together with their teachers and other guests warmly welcomed the Goesan City officials and were cheering while receiving the \$2,000 check straight from Mayor Lee. They showed the mayor their organic vegetables that were planted and cultivated by their students.

The principal said that they would continue to reinforce their Organic Agriculture activities in the school with the help of the local government of Bislig and IFOAM Asia.



Mayor Lee Cha Young gives the \$2,000 scholarship, the largest amount received by the school from a donor, to the Stand Alone Senior High Schol in Bislig City, Philippines.

Participation at the 3rd IFOAM Asia Organic Congress







5th ALGOA Summit

Sept 18th ~ 20th, 2019 in Goesan County, South Korea

ALGOA+4 International Summit on Organic Agriculture Policy



Concept

There is a broad consensus that food production and consumption need to change to address the global challenges such as climate change, biodiversity loss and poverty. Policies unarguably play a crucial role in driving – or impeding – this change. Fortunately, the number of positive examples of local, national and regional policies that are aligned with the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) is rapidly increasing.

In this Summit, policy makers, practitioners and renown experts from across the globe share best practices in agriculture-related policy making. Based on inspiring examples from various locations around the world, they jointly identify ways to advance policy development and implementation. The Summit will be held in combination with the International Summit on Organic Food Systems and the Goesan Organic Festival.

Schedule of the 5th ALGOA Summit

Sept 18 th , 2019	
Time	Details
	<p>Opening Ceremony</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Opening Speech (Lee, Cha Young, Mayor of Goesan County, President of ALGOA) 2. Welcoming Speech (Zhou Zejiang, President of IFOAM Asia) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Welcoming all local & foreign VIPs 3. Congratulatory Speeches <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Lee Si Jong, Governor, Chungbuk Province - Peggy Miars, President of IFOAM - Organics International - Neiphu Rio, Chief Minister, Nagaland State, India - President of the Goesan Local Assembly - Representative from the Ministry of Agriculture 4. ALGOA Progress Report (ALGOA Ambassador) 5. Signing of the Membership Commitment for New Members of ALGOA 6. Group Photo
09:30	
10:30	Coffee Break
	<p>Session 1: Policies for transformational change in agriculture</p> <p>Moderator: Louise Luttkholt, Executive Director, IFOAM-Organics International</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Frank Eyhorn, Vice-President IFOAM-Organics International: <p>“Coherent policies driving sustainability in agriculture”</p> - André Leu, International Director, Regeneration International, Ambassador, IFOAM - Organics International: <p>“Why policy change is urgently needed: The role of organic and like-minded farming systems in providing solutions for global problems”</p> - Nicanor Perlas, (Philippines), 2003 Recipient of the Right Livelihood Award (Video message): <p>“What is needed for transformational change to happen?”</p> <p>Panel Discussion: Overcoming Barriers to Transformational Change</p>
11:00	
12:45	Lunch Break
	<p>Session 2: Government Policies in Support of Organic Agriculture</p> <p>Moderator: Mathew John, Director, Keystone Foundation</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Europe: Paul Holmbeck, Organic Denmark, Future Policy Silver Award 2018 - Africa: David Amudavi, Biovision Africa Trust / Ecological Organic Agriculture Initiative of the African Union, IFOAM- World Board - Pacific Islands: Karen Mapusua, Operations Manager Land resource Division, Pacific Community, IFOAM – World Board <p>Panel Discussion “Best practice” and Q&A with audience</p>
14:00	

15:30 Coffee Break

Session 3: Best Practices of Local Government Initiatives in Korea

Moderator: Zhou Zejiang, President, IFOAM Asia

16:00

- Lee Cha Young, Mayor of Goesan County, President of ALGOA
- Lee Seung Bok, Director of the Environmentally-Friendly Agriculture Division, Hongseong Agriculture Extension Center, Hongseong County
- Nakhyun Choi, Director of Environmentally-friendly Agriculture Dept, Ministry of Agriculture
- Dong Geun Choi, Korea Check-off Board

Q&A with audience, Flash-round: Key success factors

18:30 Dinner

Sept19th, 2019

Time

Details

Session 4: What governments can do to drive change

Moderator: Shaikh Tanveer Hossain, APO, Japan

09:00

- Pierre Ferrand, FAO Asia and Pacific
- Paula Daniels, Centre for Good Food Purchasing, USA, Honorable mention of Future Policy Award 2018
- Patricia Flores, IFOAM Latin America Representative
- Hsu, Kai Yu, Deputy Commissioner, Agriculture Department of New Taipei City Government

Q&A with audience; Flash-round: Key success factors

10:30 Break

Session 5: Ways forward in working for better policies

Moderator: Miyoshi Satoko, Vice-President, IFOAM Asia

11:00

- Eduardo Cuoco, Executive Director, IFOAM EU:
"Advocating for organic policies in the EU"
- Rommel Arnado LOAMCP-PH:
"How local governments influence policy-making"
- Louise Luttkholt, Executive Director, IFOAM – Organics International:
"Facilitating peer-to-peer exchange among Policy Makers"

Concluding panel: Action points

12:30 Lunch

Sept 19 th 2019	
Time	Details
International Summit on Organic Food Systems	
	<p>1. Welcome Message & Introduction</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - By David Gould, FoodChain ID on “The Role of the Organic Food System Program (OFSP) in The Context of Food System Transformation, and Deliverables to the United Nations.” <p>2. Midterm Report on the Progress of the OFSP: A Core Initiative of UN-SFSP</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - By Carola Strassner (University of Munster) “On Research” - By Jostein Hertwig (BERAS) “On OFSP engagement in Actual Practice.” <p>3. Keynote Speech</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - By André Leu, International Director of Regeneration International on “Organic 3.0 to Regenerative Agriculture: The connection between regenerative agriculture and organic/sustainable food system approaches.”
14:00	
15:30	<p>Break and Poster Gallery Physical and virtual posters with conversations by presenters.</p>
16:00	<p>1. OFS as models for food system transformation</p> <p>Moderator: David Gould, FoodChain ID</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Henk Renting: (video presentation) The Potential Role of Agroecology and Organics in Strengthening Sustainable and Inclusive City Region Food Systems - Susanne Bugel: Implementing Organic Into Dietary Recommendations - Carola Strassner: The Role of Organic Public Procurement and Gastronomy <p>2. The Role of OFS Key Actors (45 min total)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Sebastian Krestchmer: Drivers of Change in Organic Food System - Lilliana Stefanovic: Food System’s Outcomes: A Brief Overview and The Potential for Organic - Tooba Jamil: Social Interaction and Collaboration for Organic Food System
Sept 20 th 2019	
Time	Details
9:00	<p>Food system transformation</p> <p>Moderator: Jostein Hertwig (BERAS)</p> <p>1. Part I – The Role of OFS in Practice: Network Models</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Salvatore Basile for INNER network with focus on Eco-regions in Europe and Northern Africa - 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 - Joy Carrey for Milano Urban Food Network (international) – video presentation <p>2. Part II – OFS in Practice: Individual Case Models</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Mwanamisi Hussein for OFS in Manyara, Tanzania - Sara Jervfors for OFS in Södertälje, Sweden

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- 11:00** Break and Poster Gallery
Physical and virtual posters with conversations by presenters.
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- 11:30** **Fishbowl Wrap-up**
Food system transformation – how OFS may contribute, especially in Asia
Moderator: David Gould, poses leading questions
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- 12:30** **Closing Ceremony**
Moderator: Vic Tagupa, Jr
1. Nomination of New ALGOA Ambassadors
 2. Conference Wrap-up (Day 1): Bablu Ganguly (World Board Member, IFOAM-Organics International)
 3. Conference Wrap-up (Day 2): David Gould (FoodChain ID)
 4. Adoption of the Conference Declaration (Members of the Organic Youth Forum)
 5. Closing Remarks: Zhou Zejiang (President, IFOAM Asia)

5th ALGOA Summit Declaration

We, representing the young generation at the ALGOA+4 Summit on this historic day of youth-inspired global climate action, declare:

- That we recognise the potential of global organic systems to heal and protect the life-giving biodiversity on our planet;
- That we combine tradition, innovation and science to ensure a truly sustainable future for all;
- That we honour and appreciate the efforts already undertaken by local governments in Asia to support the development of organic agriculture and food systems through their visionary policies addressing public procurement, nutrition and health such as programs for pregnant women and new mothers. Efforts such as these inspire the rest of the world, and we hope to see them replicated and multiplied around the globe;
- That we express our deepest gratitude for the support that these governments have given to strengthen and empower the organic youth movement in Asia. This pioneering initiative is now expanding around the globe with the creation of the World Organic Youth Forum in 2020.

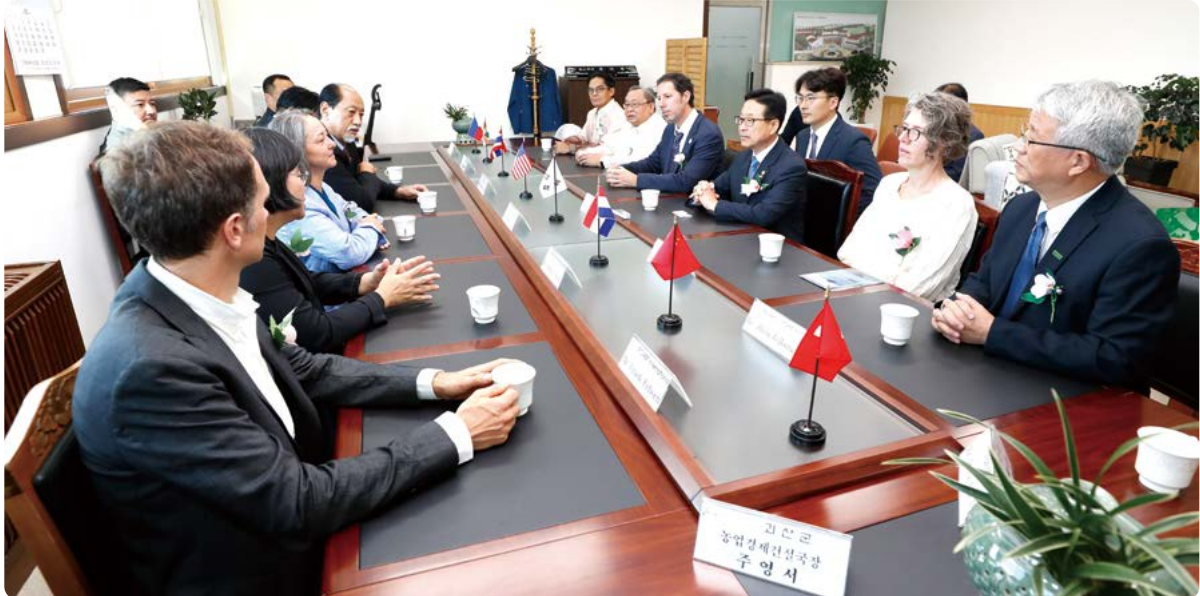
We demand from all stakeholders the following actions:

- further development and dissemination of organic solutions to the climate crisis;
- investment in the multiplication of the successful ALGOA model;
- inclusion of sustainable organic agriculture in the curricula of primary, secondary and tertiary education institutions;
- to indicate that such solutions are the ONLY solutions able to effectively address the current challenges – the conventional paradigm is no longer an option;
- To extend their support to include the development of sustainable and inclusive value chains, addressing all stakeholders in cross-cutting policies;
- To allocate resources to the creation of representative and diverse youth platforms, and through this, create a cross-disciplinary and multisectoral approach to developing solutions – the more diverse the audience, the more extensive will be the understanding and impact of organic solutions.
- We want to see the development of legislation that recognizes nature as an equal stakeholder in the sustainability discourse, and recognizes its unique and pivotal role in the web of life.

In conclusion, we call on local, national, and global governments to set aside their differences, come together for the common good with common purpose, and create a vibrant cooperation to implement these robust solutions to inspire the next generation.

Proclaimed on Friday September 20th 2019, Goesan County

Photos of the 5th ALGOA Summit



Mayor Lee Cha Young, Mayor of Goesan County and President of ALGOA meets with delegates from the IFOAM Organics International, FAO, Nagaland State and the Philippines.



IFOAM Organic International Board Members with Mayor Lee Cha Young



Opening Ceremony VIPs



President of ALGOA, Mayor Lee Cha Young making his opening remarks



Shin Dong Un, President of the Goesan Local Council



Vice-Governor of Chungbuk Province



Chief Minister of Nagaland, India



Peggy Miars, President of IFOAM-Organics International



ALGOA Progress Report







Mayor Lee Cha Young as President of ALGOA welcomes the new members of ALGOA





New members signing the Membership of Commitment



Official Dinner





Presentations by experts



Presentations by experts



Designation of the New ALGOA Ambassadors (Miyoshi Satoko)



Designation of the New ALGOA Ambassadors (Shaikh Tanveer Hossain)



ALGOA Ambassadors



Gift from the Department of Agriculture, Malaysia



Reading the Summit Declaration



President of ALGOA with officials from New Taipei City



Members of the Organic Food systems Programme (OFSP)

Side Events of the 5th ALGOA Summit

1. Goesan Organic Festival

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

More than 8 foreign countries and areas participated - China, India, Indonesia, Kyrgyzstan, Malaysia, Philippines, Ukraine, and Taiwan. These 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 Organization (INOFO) participated in a local organic farmers' meet which was held during the festival.



During the Goesan Organic Festival

2. Training of Trainers

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 19th - 21st at Chungbuk Organic Agriculture Research Institute, Goesan County, South Korea 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.



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ALGOA Activities

Featured Article

The following article was published in “The World of Organic Agriculture: Statistics and Emerging Trends 2018”³.

“Working in Partnership with Local Governments” - the ALGOA Project

By Jennifer Chang, Vice President, IFOAM Organics International

Executive Director, ALGOA

“Asian Local Governments for Organic Agriculture (ALGOA)” is a special project initiated by IFOAM Asia in 2014 in efforts to link up bio-villages (eco-villages) in India, Philippines, and South Korea. IFOAM Asia members in these countries have been working with local governments to develop a more holistic and integrated form of organic agriculture development focusing on the “village” as a whole, rather than on individual farmers.

The project was boosted with the financial support of Goesan County, South Korea and with the active participation of a visionary group of local municipal leaders from the Philippines under the “League of Organic Agriculture Municipalities and Cities (LOAMC)”, then headed by the 2012 One World Award Winner, the Honorable Mayor Jun Pacalioga of Dumingag. ALGOA was officially launched on Sept 19th, 2015 in Goesan County, South Korea.

ALGOA is unique as it is an alliance build on mutual cooperation between IFOAM Asia members and local governments in Asia. Any level of government below the central government which promote organic agriculture, is eligible to join ALGOA. Central governments or any IFOAM member outside Asia can join as a “special member”.

Due to the emphasis on mutual collaboration between local governments and IFOAM Asia members, the criteria for membership is defined along such lines:

- “Full membership (with voting rights”) is granted when a local government joins together with an IFOAM Asia member or is endorsed for membership by an IFOAM Asia member who is already an ALGOA member;
- “Associate membership” is given when only a local government join or when only an IFOAM Asia member join.

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The most important activity of ALGOA is the annual Summit where local governments and IFOAM Asia members meet to learn about the major issues relevant to organic agriculture and share their best practices. Members learn about the diversity of the organic movements, get connected to the bigger international issues and make valuable connections. For example, members learn how organic farming was successful in building peace in rebel-controlled areas (the “Arms to Farms” project of the municipality of Kasuwagan, Philippines), how a local government manifested policies to mainstream organic farming (Sikkim, India); how a central government aims to create “1000 Organic Villages” (Indonesia); how a local school meal center was set up (Hongseong County, South Korea), etc.

MoUs were signed between the ALGOA members and mutual visits took place - solidifying their networks and relationships. Members also got integrated into international partnerships such as the “Organic Food Systems Partnerships” which recognized diverse and comprehensive developments of organic agriculture in ALGOA member countries.

Another major activity of ALGOA is the fully-sponsored trainings in organic agriculture for local government officials and IFOAM Asia members. More than a hundred people in Asia from local governments and IFOAM Asia members have been trained under the ALGOA Organic Foundation Course (OFC) carried out in collaboration with the IFOAM Organic Academy.

An interesting development of the 1st ALGOA Organic Foundation Course was that the trainees spontaneously decided to group themselves into the IFOAM Asia Organic Youth Forum and since then, have been self-organizing and financing their own trainings. One thing noteworthy about these trainings was their efforts to link up the organic pioneers to the younger generation in Asia. Organic pioneers from China, India, Japan and Korea were invited to give special lectures and testimonials and these events were very successful in inspiring the younger generation into joining the organic movements. Many members of the Youth Forum were also present at the Organic World Congress in Delhi in 2017 and were instrumental in getting a youth candidate elected, the first-time ever, to the IFOAM World Board – the youngest person elected in the history of IFOAM.

In 2016, the participants of the 2nd ALGOA Summit adopted “September 19th” as “Asia Organic Day”. Vietnam was the first country to celebrate this day in 2017 with an organic conference and trade fair. In 2018, “Asia Organic Day” will be celebrated in the Philippines with the start of the 3rd IFOAM Asia Organic Congress in Bislig City.

From 2018 onwards, ALGOA will also focus on developing policies in support of small and marginal farmers in lieu with the recent UN Declaration of the “Decade of Family Farming (2019 ~ 2028)”.

Promotion Activities of ALGOA in 2020



Mayor Lee Cha Young, Ministry of Agriculture, Rome, Italy, Feb 6th 2020

Historic Agreement with INNER

On Feb 6th, 2020, ALGOA, led by its President, Mayor Lee Cha Young of Goesan County, South Korea and INNER, the International Network for Eco Regions signed a Memorandum of Understanding to facilitate the sharing of the experience from processes, examples and knowledge from the work done by both parties and Invite other local governments of the world to form an example of a dynamic global organic food system.

The MoU was fully supported by IFOAM-Organics International, IFOAM Asia, IFOAM EU, Mouans-Sartoux/Un Plus Bio, Baltic Foundation of Lithuania, and the Organic Food System Programme.



Signing of the MoU between ALGOA and the international Network of Eco-regions





The MoU Partners and Supporters



Mayor Lee Cha Young, ALGOA President with Salvatore Basile, President of the International Network of Eco-regions



Mayor Lee with Jostein Hertwig from Norway, member of the Organic Food Systems Programme



The Korea delegation in front of the ministry of Agriculture, Rome, Italy



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MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

(April 2020 Updated Version)

This Memorandum of Understanding between Asian Local Governments for Organic Agriculture (ALGOA), International Network of Eco-Regions (IN.N.E.R.), Regeneration International (RI) and League of Organic Agriculture Municipalities, Cities and Provinces of the Philippines (LOAMCP- PH) with the participation and support of IFOAM-Organics International, IFOAM Asia, IFOAM EU, Baltic Foundation of Lithuania and Organic Food System Programme (collectively referred to as the Parties) has been signed at the place and date specified below.

The Asian Local Governments for Organic Agriculture (ALGOA) is an integrated body of IFOAM Asia (a regional body of IFOAM-Organics International) and was established on the 19th of September 2015, in the Republic of Korea, to promote a model of public and private partnership and a model of bottom up approach of policy planning from local to national policy development for the promotion of organic agriculture.

ALGOA consists of an Annual ALGOA Summit of local government leaders and the ALGOA Organic Foundation Course (OFC), participated by government officials from more than 14 countries in Asia. The purpose for the establishment of ALGOA is to facilitate the full adoption of organic agriculture in Asia. Examples of its activities are: Policy Support, Information Exchange, Mutual Exchanges, Capacity-Building and the meeting of the local government representatives at the annual ALGOA Summit. In 2019, the annual ALGOA Summit became global through the "ALGOA+4 International Summit on Organic Agriculture Policy" and aims to cooperate with other similar groups and like-minded organizations outside Asia to further enhance the growth of organic agriculture in the world.

Since its establishment in 2015, the ALGOA Presidency has been held by Goesan County, an organic county in the Republic of Korea. It is one of the birthplaces of organic farming and has become an organic hub in Asia with the hosting of the 2015 International Organic Expo and the "Organic 3.0 International Conference."

The International Network of Eco Regions "IN.N.E.R." was officially established as International Association on the 14th of December 2014 in Italy, where the Cilento eco-region model was implemented in 2004 and successively disseminated worldwide. At present about 40 bio-districts/eco-regions are operating in Italy. Other countries where the eco-regions have been implemented are: Portugal, France, Austria, Switzerland, Spain. An interest for establishing Eco-Regions has been shown also from North Africa and Portuguese Speaking Countries (CPLP) such as Brazil, Angola, Mozambique, Cape Verde, Guinea-Bissau, Sao Tome and Principe and Equatorial Guinea. Eco-Regions acts based on the principles of organic agriculture of health, ecology, fairness and care and are applying a food system approach facilitating interactions between all actors. Each Eco-Region is unique following nature, lifestyle, human relations and food culture.

Regeneration International (RI) was formed in 2015 with the mission to promote, facilitate and accelerate the global transition to regenerative food, farming and land management for the purpose of restoring climate stability, ending world hunger and rebuilding deteriorated social, ecological and economic systems.

Our vision is a healthy global ecosystem in which practitioners of regenerative agriculture and land use, in concert with consumers, educators, business leaders and policymakers, cool the planet, feed the world and restore public health, prosperity and peace on a global scale.

We work with multiple stakeholders in key regions of the world who are committed to building alternative food and farming systems on a regional or national level. We are a global network of 284 partner groups on every arable continent.

We are currently assisting in the building of numerous Regeneration Alliances, including those in Southern Africa, India, Myanmar, Mexico, Guatemala, Belize, Canada, regional U.S.A. Chile, Brazil, Australia and New Zealand.

The League of Organic Agriculture Municipalities, Cities and Provinces of the Philippines (LOAMCP-PH) is the only national organization of the Local Chief Executives(LCEs) or Mayors and Governors in the Philippines and was established on 2012 as an outcome of the 2012 Gold One World Award (OWA) of Dumingag municipality in Zamboanga del Sur and intensively replicated in family farms, municipalities and cities territories all over the Philippines after the 2016 Bogota, Columbia Gold Peace Prize of UCLG (United Cities and Local Governments) awarded to the previously in heavy conflict and war torn municipality of Kauswagan with entry of "From Arms to Farms" anchored in municipal-wide local policy framework of programs in sustainable organic agriculture.

The principal aims of LOAMCP-PH is to liberate the family farms and citizens from poverty, hunger (food secured with high nutrition) and sickness anchored on the best examples of local self-organized initiatives and innovations of functional participatory governance and development processes in Family Farms Climate-resilient Investment Master Plans and thereafter upscaled to legal policy framework in Municipal/City/Provincial-wide Climate-resilient Investment Master Plans covering at least 1,200,000 hectares into organic conversion by 2022 through Inner Conditioning and mobilization of its societal three folds of government, business and cultural organizations at the context of Organic 3.0 as societal transformations mindset to sustainable organic food and consumption and healthy lifestyle development agenda.

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Globally, LOAMCP-PH aims to significantly contribute to the achievement of interdependent SDGs 2030 specifically in Goal 1, Goal 2 and Goal 17. In the Philippines' context, LOAMCP-PH on the ground initiatives are parallel implementation of the Philippine's Republic Act 10068 or Organic Agriculture Law of 2010.

INTRODUCTION

Sustainable food production and consumption are key to increasing both human and ecological capacities to cope with major challenges such as health, food and nutrition security, climate change and loss of biodiversity. The transformation of global food and farming systems is also key towards achieving the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) and to this end, building effective partnerships and scaling up examples of practical solutions is highly important.

Climate Change is one of the greatest existential threats to all communities on this planet, especially small holder farmers who are the vast majority of the world's farmers and produce the overwhelming majority of food that is eaten by people. Agricultural systems that regenerate soil organic matter by drawing down carbon dioxide via photosynthesis are more resilient to weather extremes caused by climate change. These systems can also make a considerable contribution to reversing climate change by drawing carbon dioxide out of the atmosphere.

ALGOA, IN.N.E.R. , RI and LOAMCP-PH have established working models and living laboratories for transformation processes towards sustainable food and farming systems based on actions from local and sub national governments. Many of the municipalities and regions of ALGOA, IN.N.E.R., RI and LOAMCP-PH are in rural areas and main activities are related to agriculture. As such, they produce food from the land with the supply also to the population living in cities and represent a cultural heritage with nature and landscape in living vital ecosystems. Seen in the perspective of the need for an integrated food system approach for healthy and environmental friendly dietary patterns, this opens up for developing new rural-urban linkages to provide more and better jobs for youth in agriculture and food systems and in general, a potential for the revitalization of rural areas.

Reference is also made to the Memorandum of Understanding signed 6 February 2020 in Rome between Asian Local Governments for Organic Agriculture (ALGOA) and International Network of Eco-Regions (IN.N.E.R.) with the participation and support of IFOAM-Organics International, IFOAM Asia, IFOAM EU, Baltic Foundation of Lithuania and Organic Food System Programme has been signed by the aforesaid Parties at the place and date specified below. Furthermore, with the cooperation initiated we will also be working to support key initiatives at national and pan national level such as the European Green Deal and the Green New Deal in the US and in particular their focus to combat climate change and biodiversity losses and to build a new economic system that is more environmental friendly, supporting health and social fairness globally.

OBJECTIVES OF THIS MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

The main objectives of this MoU are:

- 1.To facilitate the sharing of the experience from processes, examples and knowledge from the Parties and
- 2.To invite other local governments of the World (Africa, Americas, and countries in Oceania and the PICT - Pacific Islander Countries and Territories) into the cooperation network and to form an example of a dynamic global organic food system.

Examples of issues to be dealt with are:

- i. Partnerships, resources available, institutions and working groups
- ii. Youth engagement including Out of School Youth, training and employment in organic agriculture and food systems
- iii. Practical achievements for organic farming, agroecology and regenerative agriculture in food and farming systems
- iv. Policies and policy – making processes including needed structural economic, cultural, social and spatial transformations
- v. Innovation, new technologies and common research framework
- vi. Preparing for a “new deal” between rural and urban (cities) areas
- vii. Prepare a declaration to be presented during the next Organic World Congress in Rennes, France inviting other local governments of the world (Africa, Americas, and countries in Oceania and the PICT (Pacific Islander Countries and Territories) in the cooperation
- viii. Expansion of cooperation to other similar groups, like-minded groups and civil society organizations
- ix. Advocating the cooperation work in the international fora, UN agencies, and on regional and national levels

WORKING GROUP

The Parties to this MoU agree to establish a working group for the fulfillment of the objectives and each of the Parties is encouraged to nominate a representative to this working group for the implementation of the objectives and activities of this MoU.

Signed Online, April 2020

Official Visit to IFOAM-Organics International (Bonn, Germany)



At the Headquarters of IFOAM-Organics International





Meeting with the Staff of IFOAM-Organics International



ALGOA Organic Foundation Course

ALGOA or the “Asian Local Governments for Organic Agriculture” was established by IFOAM Asia in September 2015 to promote the full adoption of organic farming practices in Asia and to increase networking among local governments in Asia and the private sector involved in organic farming. Currently, there are more than 200 members in 16 countries in Asia. Annual events include the ALGOA Summit and the Organic Foundation Course. The ALGOA Organic Foundation Course is a training program on organic agriculture offered to local government officials and IFOAM Asia affiliates as part of the ALGOA project. More than a hundred people from local governments, IFOAM Asia members, partners, farmers and other like-minded organizations have received training under the ALGOA project in Korea, Japan and Kyrgyzstan.

All participants will receive a “Certificate of Completion” on the successful completion of the course and will be eligible for future in-depth training offered by ALGOA.

What are the Benefits for Participants?

- The full picture of Organic Agriculture: from field to plate;
- Effective, sustainable strategies tailored to individual needs;
- Deepened understanding of the organic principles;
- Inspiration for organic development;
- An action network of likeminded peers.

What are the Learning Objectives?

The training will broaden the knowledge of the participants and develop their skills. After the course, participants will be able to:

- Analyze situations holistically and draw conclusions in line with the principles of Organic Agriculture;
- Design strategies in an effective and ethical way;
- Apply productivity increase strategies and find appropriate information for technology innovations;
- Develop projects - includes planning, implementation, monitoring & evaluation;
- Build relationships, networks and cross-sector alliances;
- Make their value chains more sustainable and competitive;
- Use services from the organic sector to develop operations;
- Access research, advice and training.

What are the Core Competencies Acquired by Participants?

The Organic Foundation Course follows a holistic approach, allowing participants to develop:

- Knowledge, e.g. facts about Organic Agriculture,
- Skills, e.g. sound technology transfer know-how;
- Attitude, e.g. a commitment for sustainable and ethical development personality.

It is geared towards enabling and supporting concrete action. A variety of methods are used to facilitate learning at different levels (action, reflection and theory), as well as learning with and from each other.

Sample Education Program

Day 0

Arrival of the Foreign Participants (Airport Pickup)

Training Day 1

Gather at Training Room - Getting to know each other (Ice Breaking)

Introduction of the Training Program & Methodology / Logistics / Division into work groups /Select harvester/Energizer

Official Matriculation Ceremony

Introduction of the VIPs

Opening Speech – Zhou Zejiang (President, IFOAM Asia)

Welcoming Speech – Lee Cha Young, Mayor of Goesan County, president of ALGOA

Group Photo & Break

(Session 1)

History of Modern Organic Agriculture & Organic Pioneers

(Session 2)

Principles and Definition of Organic Agriculture

Lunch

(Session 3) What is Organic Production?

Group Work: Designing an Organic Farm

End of Day 1

Welcoming Dinner

Training Day 2

Reflections Day 1

Presentation of Group Work (World Café) 10 mins / per group

Moments of Inspiration: "My Organic Journey"

Why am I still involved in Organic Agriculture and how did being part of the organic movement changed my life? Who am I? How did I get involved in the Organic movement?

Break

Group work:

Our Organic Pioneers & Why we respect and emulate them?

Create our list of Organic Pioneers

(Session 4)

Organic Value Chain:

Production, Processing and Distribution of Organic Agricultural Products: Understanding the whole value chain

Lunch

(Session 5)

Organic Guarantee Systems & Alternative Guarantee Systems

Break

Group work: How to build-up a value chain

End of Day 2

Training Day 3

Reflections Day 2

Group Work Presentation on Value Chain

Break

Moments of Sharing

- Case studies of short value chains and alternative guarantee systems

Presentations from Trainees

(Session 6)

Status of Organic Agriculture in the World

Lunch

(Session 7)

Organic Agricultural Movements and networking

1. Introduction of the History and Activities of IFOAM Organics International
 2. Introduction of IFOAM Asia and its Activities
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Break

Group Work: Building up the organic sector in your region
Networking with stakeholders and like-minded movements

End of Day 3

Dinner

Training Day 4

Field Trips – Organic Farms & Shops

Cultural Experience

Training Day 5

Reflections on Day 3 & 4

(Session 8)

Organic 3.0 Strategy: A New Paradigm Shift

Break

Moments of Sharing: Roles of Stakeholders
Presentations from Trainees

Lunch

(Session 9)

Seeds and GMOs

Break

End of Day 5

Networking with Local Young Farmers

Training Day 6

Reflections Day 5

(Sessions 10)

Global Advocacy

Break

Group work: Advocacy

Lunch

Presentations on the Group Work on Advocacy

Break

(Session 11)

Communications: Spreading the Word

End of Day 6

Training Day 7

Reflections on Day 6

Group Work: How to Communicate the Importance of Organic Agriculture

Break

Presentations on Group Work

Lunch

Completion Ceremony

Farewell Dinner

Training Day 8

Departure from Hotel to Seoul

Visit Organic Farm, Shops and Lunch

Arrival at Ibis Insadong Hotel (Seoul)

Day 9

Departure from Korea

Memories of the Organic Foundation Courses (2016 to 2019)



Matriculation (2016 OFC)



Farm Visit



Farm Visit



Early Morning Walk



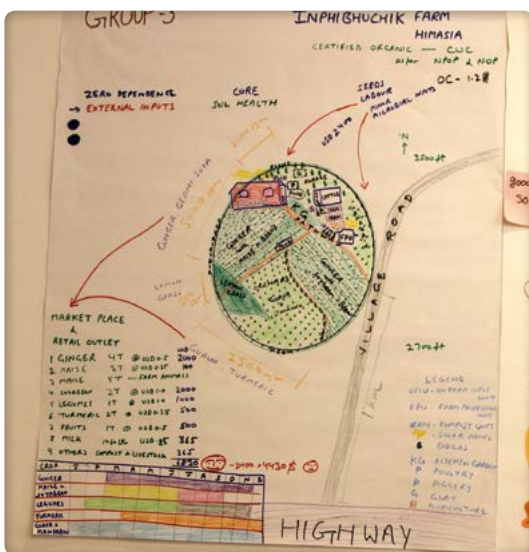
Group Work



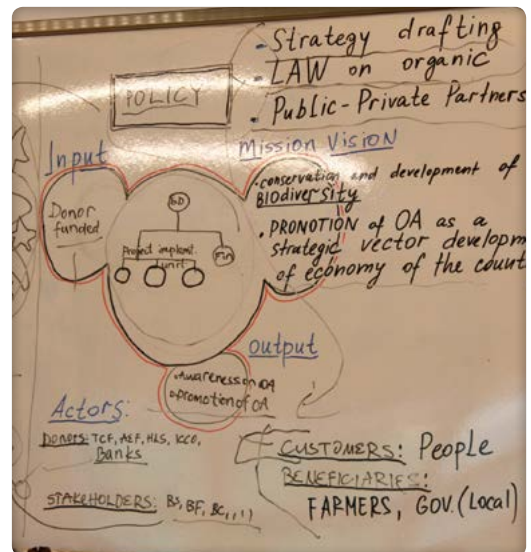
Wonderful K-Food



Trainees from Bhutan & India



Group Work



Group Work



Group Work



Graduation (Trainee from Hongkong)



Graduation (Trainee from Bhutan)



Graduation (Trainee is a Mayor from Philippines)



Friends for Life!

2017



Matriculation Ceremony



Mayor of Goesan welcomes the 2017 OFC trainees





Welcoming the Main Trainer from the IFOAM Organic Academy



2018



Women Trainees



Trainees from the Philippines



Graduation Ceremony



Graduates attending the 4th ALGOA Summit



Mayor Philip Astorga, Daram Municipality, Philippines, Receiving his Completion Certificate



Two Goesan County Officers Receiving their Certificates of Completion

2019



Matriculation Ceremony



ALGOA President, Mayor Lee Cha Young with a trainee from Sri Lanka and Nagaland, India



Group Photo



Group Work Presentation



Group Photo Having Good Organic Coffee



Cultural Experience at the Paper Museum



Learning how to make traditional paper



Graduation Ceremony

In-Country ALGOA Events by Year

Since the 1st ALGOA Organic Foundation Course in 2016, there have been more than 100 graduates from different countries and areas all over Asia. In-country Organic Foundation Courses were hosted by ALGOA members in their respective countries and ALGOA Members' Forums were also held in Japan and the Philippines.

Date	Country
Nov 11 th ~ 14 th , 2016	Organic Foundation Course, Kisarazu, Japan
Nov 16 th , 2016	1 st ALGOA Japan Forum, Kisarazu, Japan
Jul 3 rd ~ 7 th , 2017	Organic Foundation Course, Bishkek, Kyrgyzstan
Mar 19 th ~ 22 nd , 2018	Organic Foundation Course, Bandung Indonesia
Sept 17 th 2018	ALGOA Philippines Members' Forum, Bislig City, Philippines

Asian Organic Youth Forum



Background

In April 2016, IFOAM Asia organized the first Organic Foundation Course (OFC) for local government officers and its members. The OFC was funded under the ALGOA (Asian Local Governments for Organic Agriculture) project under the sole sponsorship of Goesan County, South Korea. Later in Oct 2016, the first graduates of the OFC went on to form the historic Asian Organic Youth Forum. The Asian Organic Youth Forum is not to create a gap between youth and elder generation, but creating a platform that youth can be empowered by the pioneers and by self-organizing events.

It was launched on Oct 27th to 28th, 2016 in Changzhou China. The first forum was fully funded by IFOAM Asia member, "The First farm" and the local government of Changzhou and was attended by over a hundred participants from seven countries including the graduates of the 1st ALGOA Organic Foundation Cour

The Asian Organic Youth Forum is a most unique organization of its kind in the world and through its establishment, it has attracted substantial funding from various local governments in Asia for their annual training and conferences. The Asian Organic Youth Forum alumni has grown to over three hundred members from all over Asia.

Asian Organic Youth Forum by Country / Region & Year

Date	Country/Region
Oct 27 th ~ 28 th , 2016	Changzhou, China
Jun 23 rd ~ 28 th , 2017	Shanghai, China
Sept 16 th ~ 18 th , 2018	Bislig City, Philippines
Mar 26 th ~ 31 st , 2019	New Taipei City, Taiwan
Nov 26 th ~ Dec 1 st , 2019	Nagaland, India

The 1st Asian Organic Youth Forum

Oct 27th - 28th, 2016 in Changzhou, China

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Schedule of the 1st Asian Organic Youth Forum

The 1st Asian Organic Youth Forum consists of organic foundation course and best practices of organic agriculture in Asia.

Oct 26 th , 2016	
Time	Details
Day 0	Picking up from Airport
Oct 27 th , 2016	
Time	Details
08:00	Tai Chi Practice
10:00	Opening Ceremony Speeches by VIPs/Local government representatives
10:30	MoU Signing
11:00	Motivating By Local government Officer
10:45	Special Lectures: The Importance of Organic Farming and the Role of Young People
11:15	Group Picture

11:30	Lunch
13:30	Current Status and Perspective of Organic Agriculture in the World By Dr. Zhou Zejiang
14:00	History of Organic Farming & Organic Pioneers By Li Feng
14:30	The Principles and Guarantee System of Organic Agriculture By Dr. Zhou Zejiang
15:00	Coffee Break
15:30	100% Organic Agriculture and Gross National Happiness in Bhutan By Jigme Wangchuk
16:00	Nonviolent & Cooperation: Amazing Small Holders Organizations in India By Sabyasachi Roy
16:30	How Organic Agriculture Change a City: The OA Practice in Dumingag By Mark Pacalioga
17:00	Organic Agriculture on Silk Road: OA in Kyrgyzstan By Asan Alymkulov
17:30	Dinner

Oct 28th, 2016

Time	Details
9:00	Direct Partnerships between Farmers and Consumers: the Hansalim Story (Video Presentation of Hansalim) By Ji Young Moon
9:30	Teikei System and Farmers' School in Japan By Satoko Miyoshi, Ayumi Kubo
10:00	Coffee Break
10:30	Vegetarian & Environmental Protection: How OA joint with like-minded movements By Munkhbayar Ulziisaikhan
11:00	Fishbowl What is Organic Best Practice and How to Collect It.
11:30	Lunch

13:30	Explore the Hidden Part of Soil and Acquisition of More Nutrients From Subsoil By Eusun Han
14:30	OFDC in China By Hu Yunfeng
15:00	JONA of Japan By Keiko Oka
15:30	Graduation
16:30	Visiting First Farm
17:00	Dinner
19:00	Bonfire Party

Oct 29th, 2016

Time	Details
10:00	Speech of IFOAM Asia President
10:15	Speech of Local Government
10:30	Introduction of the Purpose and Main Task of IAOYF
10:45	Electing the President and Board Members
11:15	Announcement of the Foundation of IAOYF
11:15	Group Picture
11:30	Lunch
Afternoon	Orient Salt Lake City Ritual Music of Daoism Play in Female Daoist Temple

Oct 30th, 2016

Time	Details
	Departure to Airport or visiting Nanjing

The Inaugural Declaration of the IFOAM Asia Organic Youth Forum

Vision

Open your eyes!
Open your hearts!!
Look to the land,
Look to the water,
Look to the sky,
Look at the farmers,
Look at us!!

Misconceptions and greed are killing agriculture
Fragmentation of modern society
Devastation of Mother Earth
No more that we want

We are the young,
We are the force,
We carry the baton of change,
Rooted to our traditions and culture,
Inspired by the passion of the organic farmers and pioneers,

We Dare to Dream
We Share for Synergy
We Care to Change
We Do with Dedication
To Restore Resilience
And Bring back the Balance
To make a better world for One and All

Mission

We, the youth, are gathered here to witness history in the making – the historic inauguration of the IFOAM Asia Organic Youth Forum, the first of its kind in the world!

We, as the Stewards of Nature and Change, have understood the importance and the role of youth in the era of Organic 3.0, and solemnly declare the following:

1. That we fully abide and uphold the Principles of Organic Agriculture, namely, the Principles of Health, Ecology, Fairness and Care, for the good of all people;
2. That we advocate the true values and benefits of Organic Agriculture;
3. That we acknowledge the importance of the role of farmers especially the small holders and their contributions in the development of organic agriculture;
4. That we recognize the contributions made by our Organic Pioneers and highlight their achievements;
5. That we promote Organic Agriculture as a means to end poverty and for attaining basic food sovereignty, security and safety;
6. That we ensure fairness and social justice for all stakeholders who are engaged in agriculture, particularly the disadvantaged and marginalized groups;
7. That we work in synergy with like-minded individuals, organizations and movements to implement truly sustainable food and farming systems;
8. That we build linkages to collect, document and disseminate information and knowledge on innovations and best practices of Organic Agriculture;
9. That we empower individuals and communities toward holistic achievement of best practices leading to health and prosperity for present and future generations;
10. That we actively contribute to the fulfillment of the mission of IFOAM Asia in promoting the full adoption of organic agriculture in the region;

We go forward with the Organic Dream of creating synergy among us with care and dedication to restore the balance to a better world for One and All.

**Adopted by the Participants of the 1st IFOAM Asia Organic Youth Forum
On October 29th 2016, at The First Farm, Changzhou, China**



Zhejiang Zhou, President of IFOAM Asia, making his speech



Organic youth played Tai Chi in the morning.

The 2nd Asian Organic Youth Forum

23rd – 28th June 2017 in Shanghai, China



After its successful launch in Changzhou the previous year, the 2nd Organic Youth Forum was hosted by IFOAM Asia and ALGOA member, AboveFarm based in Shanghai, China. Financial support was also provided by Organic and Beyond, another valuable member based in China. More than twenty young people were invited from twelve countries in Asia for the 5-day residential training in Shanghai.

More than seventy participants attended the popular public session of “Meet the Organic Pioneers” where organic pioneers from China, Korea and India held constructive sessions with foreign and local young people attending the even

Schedule of the 2nd Asian Organic Youth Forum

Date	Details
Jun 22 nd , 2017	Arrival and Hotel Check in of the Attendees
Jun 23 rd , 2017	<p>Training Day 1:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Introduction of Course and Participants 2. History and Current State of Organic Agriculture <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Past, Present and Future of Organic Agriculture - Beginnings of Organic Agriculture - Status & Prospects - Introduction to Organic Pioneers 3. Principles and Definition of Organic Agriculture <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Introduction to the 4 Principles of Organic Agriculture - Background of the Birth of Organic Farming - Definition of Organic Agriculture - What is Organic Production? 4. Group Work
Jun 24 th , 2017	<p>Training Day 2:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Organic Value Chain – Distribution Methods <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Production, Processing and Distribution of Organic Agricultural Products - Understanding the Whole Value Chain 2. Organic Guarantee Systems <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Understanding Organic Promotion Regulations - Organic Standards & regulations - Alternative Guarantee Systems - Participatory Guarantee Systems 3. Group Work
Jun 25 th , 2017	<p>Training Day 3:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Organic Agricultural Movements and Networking <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Understanding IFOAM - IFOAM History - IFOAM Organizational Structure - Main Activities & Goals - Networking with Like-minded Movements - Fair Trade, Climate Change, Food Security, Seed Saving Movement, etc. 2. Organic 3.0 and Ways of Implementation 3. Graduation Ceremony 4. Reception
Jun 26 th , 2017	Public Conference Day 1: The Story of Our Organic Pioneers

Jun 27 th , 2017	Public Conference Day 2: Best Practices of Organic Agriculture Development in Asia in the Era of Organic 3.0
Jun 28 th , 2017	- Organic Farm Visiting - Departure

June 26 th , 2017	
Moderator: Li Feng, Secretary-General of the Youth Forum	
Time	Details
09:00	- Welcoming Speech - Congratulatory Speech
09:20	Speeches by Local VIPs
09:50	Keynote Speech: "The Role of Youths in the Development of Organic Agriculture in Asia in the Era of Organic 3.0" By Andre Leu, President of IFOAM Organics International
10:50	Introduction of the Organic Pioneers in Asia & Summary of their Achievements By Jennifer Chang
11:00	Presentation 1: "Transformation of a Village into Organic – The Shimosato Experience" By Yoshinori and Tomoko Kaneko, Japan Pioneer Organic Farmers
12:00	Q & A
12:15	Organic Lunch
13:30	Presentation 2: The Story of a Pioneer Biodynamic Farmer By Sarvdaman Patel, Pioneer Biodynamic Farmer from India
14:30	Q & A
14:45	Break
15:15	Presentation 3: The Story of the Korean Hansalim Farmers By Kim Chan Mo, President of the Hansalim Farmers' Association (South Korea)
16:15	Q & A
16:00	End of 1st Day & Reflection By Konrad Hauptfleisch, Director of the IFOAM Organic Academy
16:30	Break
18:00	Dinner & Cultural Exchange

Moderator: Li Feng, Secretary-General of the Youth Forum	
Time	Details
09:00	Start of Day 2
09:15	Best Practices 1 (China)
09:45	Best Practices 2 (China)
10:15	Best Practices (India)
11:00	Best practices (Japan)
11:30	Q & A - Lessons Learned By Konrad Hauptfleisch Director of the IFOAM Organic Academy
12:00	Organic Lunch
13:30	Best Practices (Bhutan)
14:00	Best Practices (Kyrgyzstan)
14:30	Best Practices (Mongolia)
15:00	Break
15:30	Best Practices (Indonesia)
16:00	Best Practices (Philippines)
16:30	Best Practices (Iran)
17:00	Q & A - Lessons Learned By Konrad Hauptfleisch Director of the IFOAM Organic Academy
17:45	End of the Public Conference By Konrad Hauptfleisch, Andre Leu, Zhou Zejiang



The graduation ceremony of the 2nd Asian Organic Youth Forum



Konrad Hauptfleisch from the IFOAM Organic Academy as the main lecturer



During the conference in the 2nd Asia Organic Youth Forum



Alumni of Asian Organic Youth Forum met in Delhi

The 3rd Asian Organic Youth Forum

Sept 16th-18th, 2018 in Bislig City, Philippines



The 3rd Asian Organic Youth Forum was held at Bislig City, Philippines and 26 foreign delegates from all over the world joined the 3-day conference. The foreign delegates were joined by 80 youth leaders from all over the Philippines and Bislig City.

Class lectures were followed by onsite visits to the City Organic Agriculture Fisheries Complex (COAFC), and to three elementary schools which have adopted organic agriculture in their curriculum. On the final day of the Youth Forum, the youth delegates had the chance to meet with the organic pioneers of Asia including Mr. Nicanor Perlas, a prominent figure in the organic agriculture industry in the Philippines and a Right Livelihood Award Recipient.

Schedule of the 3rd Asian Organic Youth Forum

Sept 16 th , 2018	
Time	Details
08:30	Registration (local participants)
10:00	<p>Opening ceremony</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Introduction of VIPs/Participants 2. Opening Remarks (Li Feng, Secretary-General ,Organic Youth Forum) 3. Welcoming Address (Zhou Zejiang, President, IFOAM Asia) 4. Congratulatory Message (Mayor Lib Navarro, Bislig City) 5. Keynote Speech "The Role of the Youth in the Era of Organic 3.0" (Julia Lernoud, IFOAM Organics International, World Board Member) 6. Group Photo
11:00	Tea Break
11:30	Presentation 1 "The Status and Prospects of Organic Agriculture in Asia" (Zhou Zejiang, President, IFOAM Asia)
12:00	Presentation 2 "The Status and Prospects of Organic Agriculture in the Philippines" (Rebecca Atega, CARAGA Region Department of Agriculture Organic Focal Person)
12:30	Lunch
14:00	<p>Panel Discussion 1: Benefits of Organic Agriculture</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Increasing Farmer Income <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Hansalim Movement: Mutual Trust & Common Responsibility Between Farmers and Consumers (Ji-Young Moon, South Korea) • Organic Aymaks and Benefits for Farmers (Asan Alymkulov, Kyrgyzstan) 2. Rural-Urban Exchanges and an Organic Lifestyle <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Consumer Experiences of a Greener Lifestyle (Yu-Chuan Chan, Taiwan) • Living an Organic Lifestyle (Ryan Brestre, Philippines)
16:00	Tea Break

16:30	<p>Panel Discussion (Continues)</p> <p>4. Sustainable Organic Development Led by Governments</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Jigme Wangchuk (Bhutan) • Miyoshi Satoko (Japan) <p>5. Mobilizing the Tribal Youth towards Organic Agriculture</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Rodolfo L. Domingo Jr. (Indigenous People Focus Person DA-CA RAGA, Philippines) • Walice Zilo (Taiwan Indigenous Peoples Association)
18:00	Session Wrap-up
18:30	Youth Fellowship Night (Highlands Function Farm)

Sept 17th, 2018

Time	Details
09:00	Visit COAFC (City Organic Agriculture Fisheries Complex)
11:30	Travel to Tinuy-Ann Falls
12:30	Lunch & Relaxation in the Falls
14:30	<p>Depart for Field Trip</p> <p>Cumawas Stand Alone Senior High School (1 hour)</p> <p>Bislig Elementary School (Organic Garden) (45 mins)</p> <p>San Fernando Elementary School (30 mins)</p>
17:00	Early Barbeque dinner at Baywalk
18:30	Visit Night Market / Organic Exhibition
20:30	Back to Hotel

Sept 18 th , 2018	
Time	Details
09:00	Meet the Organic Pioneers of Asia <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Introduction of the Organic Pioneers
09:15	“Why We Must Engage in Organic and Sustainable Farming” Nicanor Perlas (2003 Right Livelihood Award Recipient, Philippines)
10:00	“The Dangers of Pesticides in Farming” (Andre Leu, Director, Regeneration International, Author of “Myth of Pesticides” and “Poisoning Our Children”)
10:45	Tea Break
11:15	“The Timbaktu Story” (Bablu Ganguly, India)
12:00	“My Organic Story” (Shirley Tien, China)
12:45	Lunch
14:30	“Empowerment of Village Communities Through Sustainable Development” (Father Hubby Mathew, India)
15:15	“My Life as an Organic Pioneer” (Zhou Zejiang, China)
16:00	Tea Break
16:30	Closing of the Forum <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Forum Wrap-up (David Uychiat, Youth Representative, Philippines) • Announcement of the 2018 Organic Youth Forum Declaration (2 Local Youths) • Closure (Li Feng, Secretary-General, Organic Youth Forum)
18:30	Official Welcoming Banquet of the 3rd Organic Asia Congress <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Announcement of the Organic Youth Ambassadors

Sept 19 th , 2018	
Time	Details
	Departure for home country Or Continue to Participate at the 3 rd Organic Asia Congress



Participants of the 3rd Asia Organic Youth Forum in Philippines



The Asian Organic Youth Forum preconference tour



Field Trips to various organic sites



More field trips



Group photo of the participants of 3rd Asia Organic Youth Forum

The 4th Asian Organic Youth Forum

March 26th to 31st, 2019 in New Taipei City, Taiwan



The 4th Asian Organic Youth Forum was from March 26th to 31st, 2019. The forum activities included organic youth workshops, international seminars, and local visits. Through the three-day seminars, organic experts gave lectures on the basic concepts of organic agriculture, organic farm design, production, and marketing, and led discussions in the group workshops. The international seminars on March 29th was presented by 12 experts and attracted more than 450 participants.

Schedule of the 4th Asian Organic Youth Forum

March 26 th , 2019	
Time	Details
08:30	Arrival in Training Center: Trainees Getting to know Group Members
08:50	Start playing BGM / Video
09:00	The Matriculation Ceremony Moderator: Jennifer Chang, Executive Director, IFOAM Asia - Short Introduction to the IFOAM Asia, Organic Youth Forum
09:03	Opening Speech by President of IFOAM Asia, Zhou Zhejiang
09:10	Introduction of the Training Program / Staff / other Housekeeping matters
09:20	Group Photo
09:30	Start of Training Moderator: Vic Tagupa Session 1: History and Current State of Organic Agriculture - History of Modern Organic Agriculture (include Organic Pioneers) By Li Feng - Moments of Inspiration: "My Organic Journey" By Zhou Zejiang - Current Status of Organic Agriculture in the World By Julia Lermour (World Board Member, IFOAM – Organics International)
11:00	Break
11:15	Session 2: Principles and definition of Organic Agriculture By Zhou Zejiang - Introduction to the 4 Principles of Organic Agriculture - Definition of Organic Agriculture
12:00	Moments of Sharing (write out on sticky notes and later to paste on the wall under the group's names) - Who are your organic pioneers? - Why do you respect them?
12:30	Lunch
12:45	Play BGM - Songs / videos on Organic

13:30	Session 3: What is Organic Production? Guidelines for Organic Production By Li Feng
14:00	Group Work "Designing an Organic Farm"
15:30	Break
15:45	Presentation of Group Work
17:30	Moments of Inspiration from a local Organic Farmer: "Why I am an Organic Farmer"
18:00	Reflections
18:30	Welcome Reception

March 27th, 2019

Moderator: Li Feng

Time	Details
08:45	Arrival of Trainees
09:00	Start the day with video "How Great Leaders Inspire Action"
09:10	Session 3: Organic Value Chain By Jennifer Chang <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Production, Processing and Distribution of Organic Agricultural Products: Understanding the whole value chain - Case Study 1. Hansalim and School Meals in Korea (Hansalim Video) - Case Study 2. NTC Policy on Organic School Meals - Case Study 3. Building up a Farmers' Market in Misamis Oriental - Case Study 4: Tribal E-shop
10:30	Break
10:45	Session 4: Organic Guarantee Systems By Zhou Zejiang <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Global Organic Standards & Regulations - Participatory Guarantee Systems - Case Study: India (Last Forest)
12:30	Lunch

13:30	Group Work "Marketing of Farm Products" with Break inclusive
15:20	Presentation of Group Work
17:00	Drafting of the Youth Forum Declaration
17:30	Reflections & Closing
18:00	Dinner

March 28 th , 2019	
Moderator: Jennifer Chang	
Time	Details
09:00	Finalizing the Youth Forum Declaration
09:30	<p>Session 5: Organic Agricultural Movements and networking By: Claudia Meinicke, Coordinator, IFOAM Organic Academy Vic Tagupa, Projects Manager, IFOAM Asia</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Introduction of the History and Activities of IFOAM Organics International <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Organic World Congress 2020 2. Introduction of IFOAM Asia and its Activities <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Offices - Organic Asia Congress - ALGOA Summit / ALGOA OFC - Youth Forum & Platform - International Organic Expo 2022 (World Youth Forum)
10:30	Break
10:45	<p>Networking with Linked minded Movements - Intercontinental Network of Organic Farmers Organizations (INOFO) By Maya Stolastika</p>
11:15	<p>Moments of Inspiration - Political Empowerment of the Youth in Bislig City</p>
11:45	<p>Organic 3.0: Ways of Implementation & Ways Forward By Zhou Zejiang</p>
12:30	Lunch

13:30	Group Work "Stakeholder Mapping & How to Promote the Organic Movement in Asia"
14:30	Presentations of Group Work
15:45	Break
16:00	Special Sessions - Local Case Studies
17:00	Closing Ceremony - Adoption of the 2019 Taiwan Organic Youth Forum - Awarding of the Certificates of Completion - Group Photo

International Conference (March 29th, 2019)

Time	Details
09:00	Opening Ceremony
09:30	Keynote Address: The Importance of Youth in Organic Agriculture Speaker: Julia Lernoud (Argentina) World Board Member, IFOAM – Organics International
10:00	Tea Break
10:20	Session 1: 1. Importance of the Role of Local Government in the Promotion of Organic Agriculture By Victoriano Ihong Tagupa, (Philippines) Executive Director, League of Organic Agriculture Municipalities and Cities in the Philippines 2. New Taipei City Government's Organic Farming Policies By Jia Wei Zhang Section Chief, Department of Agriculture, New Taipei City Government
11:10	Session 2: 1. Ensuring Smallholder Livelihoods by Organised Structures By Marco Schlüter, (Germany) International Development Manager, Naturland e.V. 2. Global Development Trends in Sustainable Agricultural Products By David Huang Senior Director, SGS Certification and Business Enhancement of Taiwan and Northeast Asia
12:00	Lunch

Session 3:

- 13:00**
1. How to Build Up a Participatory Guarantee System
By Mathew John (India)
Founder-Director, Keystone Foundation
 2. Pure Spring Tea: National Ecological Network's Source Protection Area
By Muh-Rong Su
Chief Executive Officer, Tse-Xin Organic Agriculture Foundation

Session 4:

- 13:50**
1. Learning from the Japanese Teikei and Korean Organic Co-ops
By Man Chul Jung (South Korea) President, Institute of Rural Development and Local Governance
 2. Support of Organic Market Access for Local Farmers in Taiwan
By Glendy Lee, President, Leezen Company

Session 5:

- 14:40**
1. Biodynamic Agriculture: A Holistic Approach
By Christoph Simpfendorfer (Germany)
General Secretary, Demeter-International
 2. Organic Value Chain Development in Taiwan
By Kelly Pai
Chief Executive Officer, Foxconn Agricultural Technology

15:30 Tea Break

16:00 Closing Ceremony

Declaration of the 4th Asian Organic Youth Forum

We, the participants of the 4th IFOAM Asia Organic Youth Forum, are thankful to IFOAM Asia and the New Taipei City Government for hosting the Forum.

We enjoyed sharing our experiences and learning best practices from eminent organic pioneers.

We, as future leaders, embrace our role and commit to lead the next phase of the organic movement.

We solemnly declare the following:

- We uphold the four Principles of Organic Agriculture - Health, Ecology, Fairness and Care- and apply these Principles in all aspects of our life. We shall work hand-in-hand with all stakeholders from public to private sector to see the Principles adopted.
- We follow the mission and vision of IFOAM Asia Organic Youth Forum and empower the organic movement in our countries.
- We strive to cooperate with governments to ensure that young organic leaders participate in decision-making processes.
- We encourage governments to support young organic farmers with capacity building opportunities, financial support, and market access.
- We urge governments to recognize the importance of Organic Agriculture in climate change mitigation and adaptation.
- We plan to work with all stakeholders to ensure the adoption of organic lunch programs across schools.
- We strive to improve the quality of life for our farmers, women, indigenous people and marginalized groups in our societies.
- We, as the young stewards of Nature, take the responsibility to preserve our planet for future generations.
- We aim to work for the creation of a World Organic Youth Forum for knowledge exchange and synergies to promote Organic Agriculture in Asia.

Adopted by the Participants of the 4th IFOAM Asia Organic Youth Forum

On March 28th, 2019 in New Taipei City, Taiwan



Group Photo of 4th Organic Youth Forum



Group Work



Group Work



The 4th Asian Organic Youth Forum hosted by New Taipei City.



The 4th Asian Organic Youth Forum hosted by New Taipei City.



4th Asia Organic Youth Forum (Public Forum)



Field trip during the 4th Asia Organic Youth Forum



Field trip during the 4th Asia Organic Youth Forum

The 5th Asian Organic Youth Forum _____

Nov 26th - Dec 1st 2019 in Dimapur, Nagaland, India



On November 26th to December 1st, 2019, the 5th IFOAM Asia Organic Youth Forum was held in Dimapur, Nagaland, India. For three days, 32 delegates, including 3 from Europe took part in one of Nagaland's largest international events of the year.

On the 29th of December, in 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 30th of December, the delegates were invited to the Molvom Organic Pineapple Festival and proceeded to Kohima, Nagaland on the 1st 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).

Schedule of the 5th Asian Organic Youth Forum

Nov 26 th 2019 (Matriculation Ceremony)	
Time	Details
10:00	<p>Matriculation Ceremony Moderator: Li Feng, Secretary-General, IFOAM Asia Organic Youth Forum</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Invocation Prayer Dr. Hesheto Y. Chishi (Director, Indigenous Cultural Society Nagaland) Opening Message Zhou Zejiang (President, IFOAM Asia) Welcome Address Tiatemjen (Executive Member, Nagaland Organic Konnect) Felicitation Thungdemo Oving (IFOAM Asia Organic Youth Forum Alumnus) Special Message: Journey of Nagaland Organic Konnect Dr Akali Sema (President, Nagaland Organic Konnect) Special Number Messengers Vocal Band, Nagaland Inaugural Address Mr. Tongpang Ozuqum (Minister for Housing and Mechanical, Government of Nagaland) Vote of Thanks Chikosale Thingo, Secretary, Nagaland Organic Konnect Group Photo
Sessions Moderator: Vic Tagupa, Chief Operating Officer, IFOAM Asia	
11:00	<p>(Session 1) History of Organic Agriculture Li Feng (Secretary-General, IFOAM Asia Organic Youth Forum)</p>
12:00	<p>Current Status of Organic Agriculture in the World Vic Tagupa (COO, IFOAM Asia)</p>
12:30	<p>(Session 2) Principles and Definition of Organic Agriculture Zhou Zejiang (President, IFOAM Asia)</p>
13:00	Lunch
14:00	Group Work 1: Organic Pioneers
14:30	<p>(Session 3) What is Organic Production? Guidelines for Organic Production Li Feng (Secretary-General, IFOAM Asia Organic Youth Forum)</p>

15:30 Group Work 2: Designing an Organic Farm

18:00 Dinner

Nov 27th 2019 (Matriculation Ceremony)

Session Moderator: Vic Tagupa, Chief Operating Officer, IFOAM Asia

Time	Details
09:00	Presentation of the World Café
10:30	Break time
10:45	<p>(Session 4)</p> <p>1. Organic Value Chain: - Production, Processing and Distribution of Organic Agricultural Products: Understanding the Whole Value Chain - Vic Tagupa (COO, IFOAM Asia)</p> <p>2. Case Study 1: Assisting Farmers throughout the value chain Fatima Trofeo (NISARD Philippines)</p> <p>3. Case Study 2: My Experience as an Organic Farmer in Austria – from Production to Distribution Thomas Huemer (Organic Farmer, Austria)</p> <p>4. Case Study 3: The Farmer's Market in Misamis Oriental Vic Tagupa (COO, IFOAM Asia)</p>
12:00	<p>(Session 5) Organic Guarantee Systems</p> <p>Global Organic Standards & Regulations Zhou Zejiang (President, IFOAM Asia)</p>
13:00	Lunch
14:00	<p>(Special Session) Participatory Guarantee Systems</p> <p>Joy Daniel (Director, Ipok Foundation)</p>
15:00	<p>“Organic Agriculture: Markets & Livelihood Opportunities”</p> <p>Ransom Lungleng (Intern, IFOAM Organics International)</p>
16:00	Break
16:15	Group Work 3 “Marketing of Farm Products”
17:15	<p>1. Drafting of the 5th Asian Organic Youth Forum Declaration</p> <p>2. Reflections & Closing</p>
18:00	Dinner

Nov 28 th 2019 (Matriculation Ceremony)	
Moderator: Li Feng, Secretary-General, IFOAM Asia Organic Youth Forum	
Time	Details
09:00	Finalizing the 5 th Asia Organic Youth Forum Declaration
09:30	Group Work 3 Presentation
10:30	Break
	(Session 6) Organic Agricultural Movements and networking
10:45	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Introduction of the History and Activities of IFOAM Organics International Alicia Klaus (Office Coordinator, IFOAM-Organics International) - Introduction of IFOAM Asia and its Activities Li Feng (Secretary-General, Organic Youth Forum) - Launching of the IFOAM Asia Organic Youth Platform Vic Tagupa (COO, IFOAM Asia)
11:45	Organic 3.0: Ways of Implementation & Ways Forward Zhou Zejiang (President, IFOAM Asia)
12:30	Lunch
13:30	Group Work "Stakeholder Mapping & How to Promote the Organic Movement in Asia"
14:30	Presentations of Group Work
15:30	Break
	Special Sessions - Case Studies of Local Youths Promoting the Organic Sector
16:00	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The role of youth in the promotion of organic agriculture in Nagaland Lanuakhum Imchen (India) 2. How a group of friends started an Organic Company Herwita Rosalina (Indonesia) 3. Satoyama Initiative in Taiwan and the role it plays in restoration of socio-ecological production landscapes and seascapes (SEPLS) through organic agriculture Paulina Karimova (Russia, Taiwan)
	Closing of the Training
17:00	Moderator: Li Feng (Secretary-General, Organic Youth Forum) <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Adoption of the 2019 Nagaland Organic Youth Forum 2. Awarding of the Certificates of Completion 3. Group Photo

**“Meet the Organic Pioneers” International Organic Forum
November 29th, 2019, Nagaland, India**

**Opening Ceremony
Moderator: Ms. Abokali Sumi (Executive Member, Nagaland Organic Connect)**

Time	Details
09:00	Chairman’s Remark Mr. Alemtemshi Jamir, Indian Administrative Service, (IAS), CEO, Investment Development Authority of Nagaland (IDAN)
09:07	Invocation Prayer Local Pastor, Dimapur Church
09:09	Opening of the Forum
09:11	Introduction of local and Foreign VIPs Dr Akali Sema (President, Nagaland Organic Connect (NOK))
09:20	Welcome Address Shri Temjen Toy (IAS, Chief Secretary, Nagaland)
09:25	President’s Address Zhou Zejiang (President, IFOAM Asia)
09:40	Special Number Nagaland Music Task Force
09:45	Exhortation Neiba Khronuo (Minister of Planning and Patron, Nagaland Organic Connect)
Start of Forum Moderator: Vic Tagupa, COO, IFOAM Asia	
09:55	Inaugural Address His Excellency Nephui Rio (Chief Minister, Nagaland)
10:20	My Organic Journey Zhou Zejiang (President, IFOAM Asia, former IFOAM World Board Member, ALGOA Ambassador)
10:50	The Timbaktu Story and Championing an Organic Future - Youth, Ethics and Markets in Timbaktu Story Bablu Ganguly (Board Member, IFOAM Organics International) Manisha Kairaly (Director for Enterprises and Design, The Timbaktu Collective)
11:20	The Non-Food Organic Sector: Organic Textiles Miyoshi Satoko (Representative, Global Organic Textile Standard (GOTS) in Japan, Vice-President, IFOAM Asia and ALGOA Ambassador)
11:50	Organic Agriculture and PGS in Marathwada - Stories from the Field. Joy Daniels (Director, Lipok Social Foundation)

12:20	Q&A
13:00	Lunch
14:00	Afternoon Session: Chairman's Remark Shri Sentiyanger Imchen (IAS, Development Commissioner, Nagaland)
14:40	Goesan County and ALGOA: Going Beyond Asia Byeonggon Choi (ALGOA Project Officer, Goesan County, South Korea)
15:10	Organic producer cooperative is the way for Sustainable Development Roy Sabyasachi (Manager, National Dairy Development Board Cooperative Services)
15:40	Agricultural Placemaking and Organic Youth Farmer Counseling of New Taipei City Lee, Wen (Commissioner of Agriculture Department, New Taipei City Government.)
16:10	Q&A
16:30	Break
16:40	Public policies in evolution of Organic Agriculture in India Dr. A.K.Yadav (Former Director, National Center for Organic Farming)
17:10	Connecting farmer groups with governments, value chains and markets - ICCOA's story as a catalyst to organic movement Manoj Menon (Executive Director, International Competence Center for Organic Farming)
Closing Ceremony	
Moderator: Tiatemjen Jamir, ALGOA Organic Foundation Course Alumnus	
17:40	Closing Ceremony and Remarks on the 5 th Asia Organic Youth Forum Hushili Sema (Agriculture Production Commissioner, Nagaland)
17:45	Adoption of the 2019 Organic Youth Forum Declaration By Organic Youth Forum Representatives
17:50	Handover of the Flag to the next hosts Byeonggon Choi, on behalf of Goesan County
17:55	Farewell Address Dr. John Murry (Patron, Nagaland Organic Konnect)
18:00	Closing Address Li Feng (Secretary-General, IFOAM Asia Organic Youth Forum)
18:10	End of ceremony Nagaland Organic Konnect Members

Declaration of the 5th Asian Organic Youth Forum

We, the graduates of the 5th IFOAM Asia Organic Youth Forum in Dimapur, Nagaland, India, are convinced that the multifaceted character of such organic movement necessitates concerted national actions for which we, the young leaders, hereby acknowledge the importance and role of the youth and solemnly declare the following:

- That we pledge to contribute to the mission of making the world a better place by promoting the organic farming as a path towards balancing ecology, economic development and sustainable livelihoods.
- That we will further advocate for collaborative approaches with organic-based organization at local level to implement small-scale farming practices, exposure trips, workshops, seminars and awareness-raising campaigns to influence relevant organic farming.
- That we will promote participation of women and youth in organic farming at the local level by means of capacity building and facilitating their involvement in bridging the gap between generations of farmers.
- That we recognize the urgency and take action on current unsustainable pattern of production and marketing through fair involvement of all related stakeholders.
- That we encourage and learn from one another and ensure food sovereignty and security, safety and sufficiency for all by promoting organic agriculture.

That we become patrons for the future organic farming enthusiasts and engage with multiple stakeholders from various sectors to promote organic agriculture to a wider audience

That we weave local and expert knowledge, as well as traditional knowledge and modern science for the common benefit of organic agriculture

And that we encourage collection, documentation and dissemination of all forms of knowledge on innovation and best practices to ensure equality within the organic farming community.

We pledge to carry forward this 5th IFOAM Asia Organic Youth Forum Declaration with renewed strength and spread the message of sustainable development goals through organic agriculture.

We are the catalyst for change! Let's act now!

Adopted by the delegates of the 5th IFOAM Asia Organic Youth Forum

On the 28th of November 2019 in Dimapur, Nagaland, India



During the 5th Asia Organic Youth Forum in Nagaland



Cultural Performance



Youth Forum in session



Alicia Klaus (left) from IFOAM Organics International in Germany and Thomas Huemer (right) from Austria also attended the Youth Forum



His Excellency Neiphieu Rio, Chief Minister of Nagaland, India (rightmost) attended the Open Forum during the 5th Asian Organic Youth Forum in Nagaland.



Group photo of the 5th Organic Youth Forum

Young Organics Global Network



The success of the Asian Organic Youth Forum attracted the attention of many other young and innovative leaders from other parts of the world and in 2020, the minds behind Young Organics established in Europe in the early 2000s and the Asian Organic Youth Forum decided that it was time for the youth to connect the boundaries in the name of Organic Agriculture. Discussions started for the formation of a global network – Young Organics Global Network (YOGN).

The members of YOGN are a group of young, innovative leaders from across the world who are passionate about living a life that embodies holistic Principles of Organic Agriculture of Health, Ecology, Fairness, and Care. YOGN is currently hosted by IFOAM Asia and fully sponsored by Goesan County, South Korea.

YOGN will be officially launched at the 5th anniversary of ALGOA in September, 2020. For more information, please visit: www.yoglobalnetwork.com

Annex

List of ALGOA Members (as of June 2020)

ALGOA has 220 members from 15 countries and territories in Asia.

Bangladesh (2)

1	Kandigao Union Parishad
2	Friends in Village Development Bangladesh (FIVDB)

China (5)

1	Beijing Yongning Township
2	Beijing Puxu Network Technology Co. Ltd
3	Organic and Beyond Company Ltd
4	Above farm Ltd
5	Hongkong Organic Resource Center

India (9)

1	mByom Consultants
2	Kohima Nagaland
3	Kasargorde Kerala

4	International Competence Center for Organic Agriculture (ICCOA)
5	SARG
6	Sikkim Organic Mission
7	Biodynamic Association of India
8	Intercontinental Network Organic Farmers' Organizations (INOFO)
9	Organic Farming Association of India

Indonesia (8)

1	City of Binjai, North Sumatra
2	Indonesia Organic Alliance
3	Fakfak Regency, West Papua
4	Serdang Bergai
5	Ngada
6	Sangihe Islands
7	Kehati Indonesian Biodiversity Foundation
8	Association of Indonesian Regency Governments

Iran (2)

1	Tehran Municipality Management of Fruit & Vegetable Organization
2	IFOAM Iran

Japan (3)

1	Organic Agriculture Super Innovation Supporters (OASIS)
2	IFOAM Japan
3	Kisarazu Agri-food Promotion Association

Korea (11)	
1	Goesan County
2	Goesan Organic Farmers Association
3	Chungju City
4	Jecheon City
5	Eumseong County
6	Jeungpyeong County
7	Yeongdong County
8	Boeun County
9	Cheongju City
10	Cheongdo County
11	Hansalim Goesan Producers Union

Kyrgyzstan (1)	
1	Bio KG

Malaysia (3)	
1	Dept of Agriculture
2	Kean Been Lee Industries (M) Sendirian Berhad /Baba Organics
3	Opika

Mongolia (1)	
1	Organic Mongolia National Movement /

Philippines (161)			
1	Dumingag	26	Mondragon, Northern Samar
2	Bislig City	27	Tayasan, Negros Oriental
3	General Nakar	28	Tuburan, Cebu
4	Mindoro Occidental	29	Tunga, Leyte
5	Zamboanga del Sur	30	Tubungan, Iloilo City
6	Talisayan	31	San Isidro, Leyte
7	Piagapo, Lanao del Sur	32	Baybay City, Leyte
8	Siayan, Zamboanga del Norte	33	Antequera , Bohol
9	Organic Producers' Trade Association of the Philippines	34	Tudela, Cebu
10	Negros Occidental	35	Cabatuan, Iloilo
11	NISARD	36	Alegria, Cebu
12	Kauswagan, Lanao Del Norte	37	Biliran, Eastern Visayas
13	Pagadian city	38	Lambunao, Iloilo
14	Dimataling	39	Paranas, Western Samar
15	Dinas	40	Can-avid, Eastern Samar
16	Lakewood	41	Quinapondan, Eastern Samar
17	Margosatubig	42	Altavas, Aklan
18	Pitogo	43	Laoang, Northern Samar
19	Vincenzo Sagun	44	Jimenez, Misamis Occidental
20	League of Organic Agriculture Municipalities (LOAMC)	45	Molave, Zamboanga Del Sur
21	Catubig, Northern Samar	46	Ramon Magsaysay, Zamboanga Del Sur
22	Castillejos, Zambales	47	Plaridel, Misamis Occidental
23	Hadji Mohammad Ajul, Basilan	48	Liloy, Zamboanga Del Norte
24	Daram, Samar	49	Mahayag, Zamboanga Del Sur
25	Godod, Zamboanga del Norte	50	Pres.Manuel Roxas, Zambanga del Norte

51	Polanco, Zamboanga del Norte	77	Tubajon, Dinagat Island
52	Alegria, Surigao del Norte	78	Kolambugan, Lanao Del Norte
53	Butig, Lano Del Sur	79	Lala, Lanao Del Norte
54	Axelum Resources Corporation	80	Bacolod, Lanao Del Norte
55	Medina, Misamis Oriental	81	Linamon, Lanao Del Norte
56	Silang Cavite	82	Kapatagan, Lanao Del Norte
57	Bindoy, Negros Oriental	83	Salipongan, Balindong Lanao del Sur
58	Bagulin, La Union	84	Del Carmen, Surigao
59	Sindangan, Zamboanga del Norte	85	Labason, Zamboanga Del Norte
60	Alfonso Lista, Ifugao	86	Baroy Lanao Del Norte
61	Lamut, Ifugao	87	La-Libertad ,Zamboanga Del Norte
62	Mayoyao, Ifugao	88	Nunungan, Lanao del Norte
63	Banaue, Ifugao	89	Salug, Zamboanga Del Norte
64	Asipulo, Ifugao	90	Oroquieta City
65	Lidlidda, Ilocos Sur	91	Tubod, Lanao Del Norte
66	San Emilio, Ilocos Sur	92	Siocon, Zamboanga del Sur
67	Polillio, Quezon Province	93	Sultan Dumlundong, Lanao del Sur
68	Goa, Camarines Sur	94	Patikul, Sulu
69	Calabanga, Camarines Sur	95	Asuncion, Davao del Norte
70	Lupi, Camarines Sur	96	Veruela, Agusan del Sur
71	San Lorenzo Ruiz	97	Dumalinao, Zamboanga Del Sur
72	Cervantes, Ilocos Sur	98	Esperanza, Agusan Del Sur
73	Aguinaldo, Ifugao	99	Lumbayanague, Lanao del Sur
74	Iriga City	100	San Francisco, Agusan Del Sur
75	Carranglan, Nueva Ecija	101	Magsaysay, Misamis Oriental
76	Roxas, Palawan	102	Gutalac, Zamboanga del Norte

103	Pioduran, Albay	129	Sibagat, Agusan Del Sur
104	Ayungon, Negros Oriental	130	Old Panamao, Sulu
105	Allen, Northern Samar	131	Dumigag, Zamboanga Del Sur
106	Hernani, Eastern Samar	132	Cervantes, Ilocos Sur
107	Rosario, Northern Samar	133	Ipil, Zamboanga Sibugay
108	Tublay, Benguet	134	Alegria, Surigao del Norte
109	Galimuyod, Ilocos Sur	135	Dupax del Sur, Nueva Vizcaya
110	Tagudin, Ilocos Sur	136	Marihatag, Surigao del Sur
111	Sta Cruz, Ilocos Sur	137	Moises Padilla, Negros Occidental
112	Virac, Catanduanes	138	Damulog, Bukidnon
113	Pambujan, Northern Samar	139	Burgos, La Union
114	Lawaan, Eastern Samar	140	Goa, Camarines Sur
115	New Lucena, Iloilo	141	Llanera, Nueva Ecija
116	Pinabacdao, Samar	142	Aguinaldo, Ifugao
117	San Miguel, Bohol	143	Tudela, Misamis Occidental
118	Kapatagan, Lanao Del Norte	144	Balindog, Lanao Del Sur
119	Manukan, Zamboanga Del Norte	145	Sominot, Zamboanga Del Sur
120	Malangas, Zamboanga Sibugay	146	Talisayan, Misamis Oriental
121	Diplahan, Zamboanga Sibugay	147	Siayan, Zamboanga del Norte
122	Ditsa-an Ramin, Lanao Del Sur	148	Bindoy, Negros Oriental
123	Midsalip, Zamboanga Del Sur	149	Bagulin, La Union
124	Linamon, Lanao Del Norte	150	Sindangan, Zamboanga del Norte
125	Sta Josefa, Agusan Del Sur	151	Ipil, Zamboanga Sibugay
126	Bacong, Negros Oriental	152	Maribojoc, Bohol
127	Alegria, Surigao del Norte	153	Moises Padilla, Negros Occidental
128	Dupax del Sur, Nueva Vizcaya	154	Marihatag, Surigao del Sur

155	Linamon, Lanao del Norte	159	Damulog, Bukidnon
156	Sibagat, Agusan del Sur	160	Sustainable Agriculture Ministries
157	Dulag, Leyte	161	Women of Organic Agriculture in Asia (WOAA)-PH
158	Asuncion, Davao del Norte		

Taiwan (4)

1	Association of Taiwanese Indigenous Peoples Development
2	Tse Xin Organic Agriculture Foundation
3	Dept of Agriculture, New Taipei City
4	Hualien County

Thailand (1)

1	Green Net
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Vietnam (2)

1	Vietnam Organic Agriculture Association
2	PGS Vietnam

Ukraine (1)

1	Organic Federation of Ukraine
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Working Methods of ALGOA

Working Methods
(July 1st, 2019 version)



1. Name of body

The name of the body is “Asian Local Governments for Organic Agriculture (ALGOA).”

2. Nature of body

ALGOA is forum for dialogue and cooperation among local governments and IFOAM Asia to promote organic agriculture in Asia and was initiated by IFOAM Asia⁴.

3. Location of ALGOA

The Secretariat of ALGOA shall be based in the country where the Secretariat of IFOAM Asia is located. Other local offices of ALGOA shall be set up in Asia when deemed necessary.

4. Purpose of ALGOA

The purpose of ALGOA is based on the Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) that have been signed among the founding local governments⁵ and IFOAM Asia.

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⁴ Scope of IFOAM Asia: North Asia, South Asia, Southeast Asia, East Asia (Central Asia, Australia, New Zealand & Oceania also applicable)

⁵ MoUs were signed among the local governments in India, Philippines with Goesan County and IFOAM Asia in October and November 2014.

1. The purpose for the establishment of ALGOA is to facilitate **the full adoption of organic agriculture** in Asia.
2. ALGOA pursues activities with IFOAM Asia to achieve the adoption of organic agriculture in Asian countries.

5. Activities of ALGOA

The following activities of ALGOA are based on the Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) that have been signed among the founding local governments and IFOAM Asia.

1. Policy Support for countries developing Organic Agriculture
2. Information Exchanges on the best practices and innovations on Organic Agriculture
3. Exchanges of Government Personnel / Experts & Organic Stakeholders
4. Education for local government officials on organic agriculture
5. Hosting of the Annual ALGOA Summit
6. Others

5-1. Funding for the activities of ALGOA

Funding for the activities of ALGOA shall be provided by the hosting local government (“Presidency of ALGOA”) and from contributions by ALGOA members.

6. Membership

Membership is open to all local governments in Asia and the affiliates of IFOAM Asia. Membership is finalized with the signing of the Membership Memorandum of Commitment (MoC) (see Annex 1).

6-1. Membership Criteria

Membership in ALGOA involves two parties, that is, a local government and an IFOAM Asia affiliate in each country and shall be classified as **“full members”**. The “Membership MoC” shall be signed both by the local government and IFOAM Asia affiliates.

Any membership application which involves only one party, that is, one local government only or an IFOAM Asia affiliate only, shall be classified as “**associate members**”

Any central governments in Asia or IFOAM affiliates outside Asia applying for ALGOA membership shall be known as “**honorary members**”

6-2. Annual Membership Fees

All members have the obligation to pay an annual membership fee. The membership fee will be determined by the Executive Council.

6-3. Special Membership Fees

The hosting local government (the “Presidency of ALGOA”) pays a special membership fee annually for the duration of the Presidency. The special membership fee is determined by the Executive Council and has been set at USD 20,000 (twenty thousand) from July 1st, 2019.

7. Management and Operations of ALGOA

7-1. Internal Structures

The internal structures are the Summit, Executive Council and the Secretariat. Other organizational structures such as working groups, task forces, advisory groups and others can be set up if required or when considered necessary. In legal or financial matters, both the hosting government (“Presidency”) and IFOAM Asia have the final authority in all matters regarding ALGOA.

7-1-1. The Summit

The Summit consists of all the members of ALGOA and is an annual meeting of the heads of local governments and IFOAM Asia affiliates/partners to discuss and share ideas and policies on the promotion of organic agriculture.

7-1-2. The Executive Council

The Executive Council consists of not more than 5 persons. One representative from the hosting local government (in the role of the Presidency of ALGOA), one IFOAM Asia board member and the Executive Director of IFOAM Asia are permanent members of the Executive Council. The other two representatives are selected through recommendations from full members of ALGOA. It advises the hosting local government (in the role of the Presidency of ALGOA) to make decisions on the overall operations of ALGOA and monitors the execution of the tasks of the Presidency and the Secretariat.

Members of the Executive Council are nominated at the ALGOA Summit and will be in office for a minimum of two years until the next Presidency of ALGOA is determined.

7-1-3. Secretariat of ALGOA

The Secretariat of ALGOA shall be maintained by IFOAM Asia in partnership with the hosting local government (the “Presidency” of ALGOA).

The hosting government shall provide the necessary funds (and premises if necessary) for the operation of the Secretariat.

The Secretariat assists the presiding local government to implement the decisions of the Executive Council.

7-2. The Roles and Responsibilities of the Presidency of ALGOA

7-2-1. Nomination of the Presidency

The Presidency could be self-nominated or recommended by full members of ALGOA.

In case of self-nominations, it should be seconded by one local government member and one affiliate of IFOAM Asia.

In the case of recommendations, it must be nominated by two local government members and two affiliates of IFOAM Asia.

7-2-2. Signing of the Memorandum of Commitment as the Presidency of ALGOA

The local government undertaking the role of the Presidency of ALGOA signs a Memorandum of Commitment (MoC) in agreement to the roles and responsibilities outlined in the Working Methods of ALGOA.

7-2-3. Responsibilities of the Presidency / Hosting Local Government

- a. The local government undertaking the role of the Presidency of ALGOA bears responsibility for the operation of the Secretariat of ALGOA until the next presiding local government is nominated, for a period of minimum two years.
- b. The local government undertaking the role of the Presidency of ALGOA bears the responsibility of the provision of funds for the activities of ALGOA and the operation of the Secretariat.
- c. The local government undertaking the Presidency of ALGOA shall operate the ALGOA Secretariat with IFOAM Asia.
- d. The local government undertaking the Presidency of ALGOA shall represent ALGOA at all events related to organic agriculture.
- e. The local government undertaking the Presidency of ALGOA shall make efforts to monitor the development of organic agriculture in Asia and shall develop policies and personnel exchanges to foster growth of organic agriculture in developing countries.

8. Others

Any amendments to this document shall be made in writing in consensus with the hosting local government and IFOAM Asia.



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