

Newsflash



Africa Pavilion at BioFach 2008

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The positive feed-back to this event is overwhelming! We have some 80 companies and organisations in the pipeline, however many are struggling to secure funds. Therefore we are still looking for funds and sponsors. There are different ways of sponsoring: see below

For all information and application forms see:

www.organicafrica2008.com

According to Ted van den Bergh, Director of Triodos Foundation in the Netherlands, the African Pavilion at Biofach 2008 is very good initiative. "It creates an opportunity for African exporters to acquire knowledge and experience, build a network and open up trade relations. This will encourage organic trade as well as organic production. Possibly organic agriculture prevents the disappearance of traditional agricultural practices. If these trade relations are also done in a fair manner, independent development of all concerned will improve; farmers, exporters, processors and local and national economies. Indirect improvement of the living conditions of the producers and workers involved and an increment in jobs will lead to more wealth. With proper institutions for micro credits and adequate trade financing; organic trade can flourish. Following the objectives of Triodos Foundation the Africa Pavilion initiative is very interesting and important as it will lead to this higher goal".

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In total 83 companies have applied to be present at Biofach African Pavilion: Ethiopia 9, Benin 3, Burkina 5, Cameroon 3, Togo 1, Mali 1, Burundi 1, Ghana 7, Kenya 16, Rwanda 6, South Africa 1, Tanzania 10, Uganda 15, Zambia 4, Madagascar 1, Zimbabwe 2. Also 1 Certifier has hired a stand in the Africa Pavilion. **We encourage more certifiers to do the same.**

If you are an exporter in Africa – sign up now and take advantage of this opportunity to expand your business and boost your image, contact us or the national coordinator in your country!

Partners / Donors / sponsors

The organisers are still seeking funding for the event. If you want to become a partner you can contact us. There are also other ways to sponsor this initiative. Your company logo can be put on big sponsor posters at the pavilion, you can sponsor the drinks and snacks served or you can sponsor an African participant or a VIP to come to the symposium. Your logo / name will be made clearly visible of course. For more ideas and details see: [Sponsoring](#)

News from the countries

by: Charity Namuwoza, NOGAMU

Uganda is doing everything possible to make its face visible under the African pavilion.

To ensure effective organization of Uganda's participation in the fair, an organizing team was put in place with representatives from NGO's, National movement, Exporters, Uganda Export Promotion Board, Ministries, a certifying body, the president's office and a University. The team focus is: how to get Ugandan Organic stakeholders involved; how to mobilize resources for participation and; how to show case the country as a supplier of organic products. The products to be exhibited include coffee, vanilla, sesame, Fresh and Dried fruit, Sheanuts and cocoa. We hope we shall leave no stone unturned.

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