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Africa Pavilion at BioFach 2008

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Every year the total number of exhibitors at Biofach is increasing, with a total of 2,565 last year. Most of them are from Europe, with some from Asia and Latin America. Only 1% of the exhibitors come from Sub-Saharan Africa, on average 24 per year; of whom 73% were sponsored by an export promotion programme (SIPPO, CBI, EPOPA). Table 1 shows the presence of Sub-Saharan countries at Biofach over the past 5 years.

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Countries	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007
Burkina Faso	1	1	1		1
Ethiopia			1	1	
Ghana	1	1	2	2	3
Kenya				5	1
Senegal				1	
South Africa	3	3	3	5	6
Tanzania	1	3	8	6	6
Uganda	1	9	13	10	10
Zambia	4	3		1	1
Total S.S.Africa	11	20	28	31	28
Total exhibitors	1945	1897	2045	2088	2565

The Africa Pavilion will change this radically and together we will put Africa on the Organic map!
By: Haike Rieks, Agro Eco

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Exporters / exhibitors

Within the Africa Pavilion there shall be room for cultural events. Ethiopia for example shall arrange for the traditional coffee ceremony to be done Ethiopian style. The organizers are still trying to arrange for African music. If you have any ideas please let us know!

Symposium Organic Africa

The programme for the symposium on 23rd February 2008, 10:00-17:50 is being finalised. There are many interesting speakers and it promises to become a lively event. The Minister of Trade, Uganda: Janet Nukwaya and Minister of Rural Development, Senegal: Fatou Gaye Sarr, will be speakers at the Symposium. Also Deputy Director of FAO: Alexander Mueller confirmed his participation. For more details please see the website under "symposium".

News from the countries by: Dr. Tovignan D. Silvére

Burkina Faso. The six Burkinabe exporters participating in Africa Pavilion met in Ouagadougou. A representative of the ministry in charge of trade was also there and has suggested to elaboration a document to ease the contact with the government in order to request support for the global organisation of exporters and to highlight the national colours on the Burkina Stand. In December they will all meet again and discuss the set up of the Burkina stand.

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