

# IFOAM 's engagement in Sub - Saharan Africa



**Uniting the Organic World !**

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IFOAM is the worldwide umbrella organization for the organic agriculture movements, uniting more than 700 member organizations in 110 countries.



The IFOAM World Board

# Strengthening Organic Agriculture in targeted Regions & Countries

In order to grow together, IFOAM is putting a special focus on regions where Organic Agriculture is emerging, but developing slower

- Representation Offices in:
  - China
  - Latin America and Caribbean
  - Other priorities are Arabic countries and Central Asia
- **Strongest focus clearly on Africa**
  - **Development of a Strategic Plan**
  - **Implementation of different projects based on the Strategic Plan**

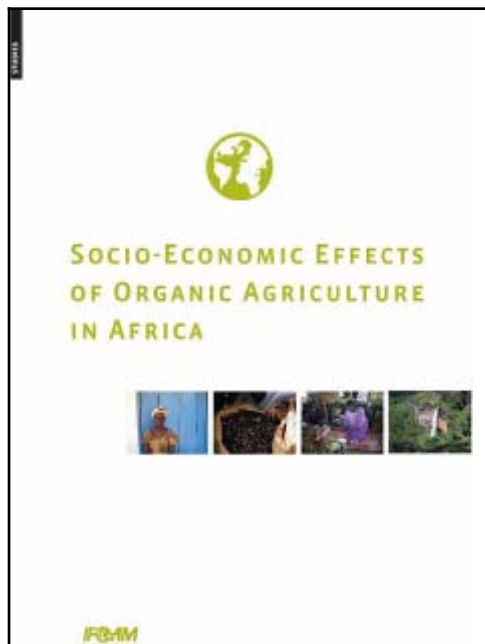
# The IFOAM Africa Office (IAO)



- Support to institutionalize the organic sector in Africa
- Facilitation of information flow and information exchange
- Networking activities on advocacy issues  
(Africa Office homepage, e-newsletter, Contact Points)

Donor: **HIVOS**  
Time frame: **2005-2007**

# (IAO) Advocacy Tools



## Promotion of OA as a development option for Africa:

- surveys about food security and socio-economic effects of OA in Africa

Organic Agriculture and HIV/AIDS in Sub-Saharan Africa /  
the Health – Oriented Agricultural Response

# Regional Cooperation for Organic Standards and Certification Capacity in East Africa – OSEA Project

## OSEA,

- Financed by Sida, Sweden
- Implemented by IFOAM, in cooperation with Grolink
- Regional partners are TOAM, KOAN and NOGAMU
- Close cooperation with the UNEP-UNCTAD CBTF project (Promoting Production and Trading Opportunities for Organic Agricultural Products in East Africa)

# Regional Cooperation for Organic Standards and Certification capacity in East Africa – OSEA Project



## Main Results:

- East African Organic Product Standard (EAOPS) adopted by the East African Community. Second regional organic standard in the world.
- Successful private - public partnership
- East African Organic Mark owned by the national organic movements of Uganda, Kenya and Tanzania.
- Joint consumer awareness campaign implemented in the 3 countries
- Joint protocols for the verification of compliance with standards

# The Rudolf Steiner Foundation Project



## Supporting:

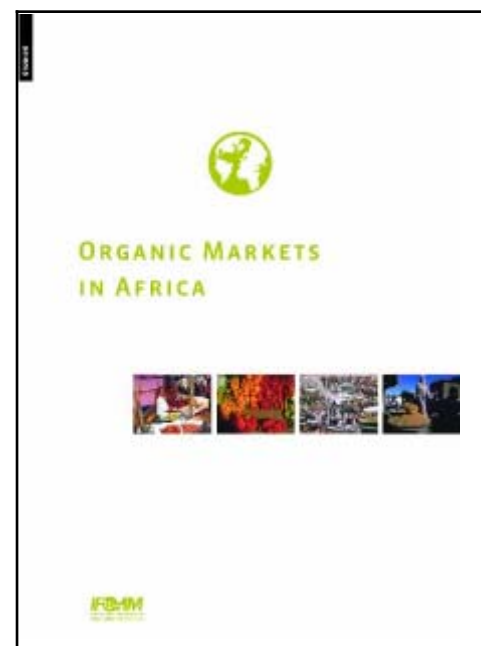
- The accreditation of 4 African certification bodies
- The organization of the Africa Pavilion at BioFach 2008 (link buyers and producers)

Donor: Rudolf Steiner Foundation  
Time frame: 2006-2009

# Development of Local Organic Markets (I-GO)

## Local organic market development in Africa:

- Case studies about existing local organic markets in Africa
- Analysis of existing “PGS” and verification systems in East Africa
- Workshop on PGS in East Africa
- Set up of pilot PGS in East Africa



# New Africa Project Proposals

## **IAO:**

- Targeted Networking and advocacy
- Local market development, PGS Pilots (stronger focus on West Africa)

## **OSEA II:**

- A real follow up of the OSEA I

