



The 2nd ALGOA Summit to be held in Goesan County, South Korea (September 28th to 30th, 2016)

ALGOA or the “Asian Local Governments for Organic Agriculture” was established by IFOAM Asia with the full financial support of Goesan County in September 2015 to promote the full adoption of organic farming practices in Asia. Currently, there are more than 40 local governments and organic groups from 15 countries participate in ALGOA as members.

The ALGOA Summit is an annual event and brings together representatives from the major local governments in Asia and IFOAM Asia affiliates and partners involved in organic farming and for 2016, more than 60 foreign guests will be invited to the events. *For more detailed information go to page 2.*

VIPs to the 2nd ALGOA Summit



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Program Summary of the 2nd ALGOA Summit

Date	Time	Contents	
9/27 (Tues)		Arrival of the ALGOA Participants	
9/28 (Wed)	09:00~18:00	2nd ALGOA Summit (Day 1) Welcoming Party	
9/29 (Thurs)	10:00 ~13:30	Participation at the Opening of the 1st IFOAM Asia Organic Congress <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Opening /Congratulatory Speeches by VIPs 2. Conferment of Honorary Citizenship of Goesan County to Mr Zhou Zejiang (IFOAM Asia President) 3. The 1st IFOAM Asia Organic Leader Awards <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Life Achievement Award 2) Young Organic Leader Award 4. Special Presentations by the Recipients of the 1st IFOAM Asia Organic Leader Awards 	
	13:30 ~17:00	2nd ALGOA Summit (Day 2) <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Special Workshop: Understanding Participatory Guarantee Systems(PGS) & Methods of Implementation 1. Adoption of the Declaration of the 2nd ALGOA Summit 2. Signing of Membership Memorandum of Commitment of New ALGOA Members 3. Signing of Sister City Agreements and MoUs Between Goesan County and foreign Local Governments 	
9/30 (Fri)	09:30 ~12:00	2nd ALGOA Summit (Day 3) <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Special Session: Manifesting Organic 3.0 in Asia 2. Organic Site Visit & Departure 	

Goesan County, the holder of the Presidency of ALGOA, 2015 to 2017



Goesan County is one of the nine local governments in Chungbuk Province and has a population of over 38,000. It is less than an hour's drive from the capital city of Cheongju and is known for its clean air and beautiful natural environment as it is also the source of three major rivers of Korea.

A predominantly farming area, Goesan County is unique as it is one of the birthplaces of organic farming in South Korea. Even today, the major organic consumers' cooperatives like Hansalim and iCoop have their production bases in Goesan.

Organic farming research and the seed-saving movement remains crucial with organic groups like Heuksalim Research Institute at the forefront. A government-funded Organic Agriculture Research Center has been built to promote research and to assist farmers with the latest innovative technology.

Goesan County has hosted a number of events including the 2015 International Organic Expo, attended by 1.06 million foreign visitors; **IFOAM Organic 3.0 conference**, resulting in *the Goesan 3.0 Declaration*; and is set to host the *2nd ALGOA Summit* to promote mutual understanding and communication in Asia.

With the establishment of the offices of *IFOAM Asia, ALGOA and the IFOAM Organic Education and Research Center* in Goesan County, it will soon become a major hub in organic agriculture in South Korea.

The 1st IFOAM Asia Organic Congress

(Sept 29th ~ Oct 2nd, 2016)

Goesan County, Chungbuk Province, Republic of Korea

The historic 1st IFOAM Asia Organic Congress will be held in Goesan County, Chungbuk Province, South Korea, from Sept 29th to Oct 2nd, 2016.

Co-funded by Chungbuk Province and Goesan County, the event will bring together more than 80 representatives from the organic movements from the Asia-Pacific Region.

The 1st Congress will be a pan-Asian regional meeting to discuss on how to manifest ‘organic 3.0’ in Asia and aims to focus on the understanding of the principles of “Organic 3.0” and on the dissemination and manifestations of its components.

The main venue of the Conference will be the Chungbuk Organic Agriculture Research Center in Goesan County.

The ALGOA or the «Asian Local Governments for Organic Agriculture» Summit will also be held prior to the official opening of the Congress. To add the the festivities, an organic festival will also be held to link urban consumers and local organic farmers and there will be many interesting on-site programs for participation.



The Organic 3.0 Goesan Declaration

– Organic 3.0 for the Benefit of All

Preamble

With a shared vision of how organic principles and practices can benefit all of human society and the planet's diverse ecosystems, IFOAM – Organics International and the International Society of Organic Farming Research (ISO FAR), and their generous supporters, the government of Goesan County, Republic of Korea, held an International Organic Expo from 18 September – 11 October 2015, to imagine and plan the future of the organic sector and its contribution to ecological sustainability and societal well-being.

We make this Declaration of our intentions to manifest the Principles of Organic Agriculture - health, ecology, fairness and care - for the good of all people.

With this Declaration, we also release our document “Organic 3.0 for Truly Sustainable Production and Consumption”, as guidance for the true road to sustainability.

Organic 3.0 – the Next Phase

“Organic 1.0” was started by our numerous pioneers, who observed the problems with the direction that agriculture was taking at the end of the 19th century and the beginning of the 20th century and saw the need for a radical change.

The visionary pioneers of the organic movement showed the holistic and healthy relationships between how we live, eat, and farm, our health and the health of the planet. We still follow the guidance of these “Organic 1.0” founders. The organic sector worldwide has successfully shown the benefit and appeal of these regenerative practices and their positive impacts.

“Organic 2.0” started in the 1970s when the writings and agricultural systems developed by our pioneers were codified into standards and then later into legally-mandated regulatory systems. The organic sector is taken seriously by the dominant global economic paradigm and growth continues unabated on all continents.

“Organic 3.0” is the third phase of the organic movement – the next paradigm. It is about bringing organic out of its current niche into the mainstream and positioning organic systems as part of the multiple solutions needed to solve the tremendous challenges faced by our planet and our species.

“Organic 3.0” is about developing a new collective vision for the organic sector and like-minded movements such as agroecology, fair trade, slow food, and others, to actively engage with major global issues.

Organic 3.0 - Our Strategy

The strategy for Organic 3.0 includes six main features unified by the principles of health, ecology, fairness, and care – consistently promoting the diversity that lies at the heart of organic and recognizing there is no ‘one-size-fits-all’ approach:

1. **A culture of innovation**, to attract greater farmer conversion, adoption of best practices and to increase overall productivity and quality;
2. **Continuous improvement toward best practices**, at a localized and regionalized level;
3. **Diverse ways to ensure transparent integrity**, to broaden the uptake of organic agriculture beyond third-party assurance and certification;
4. **Inclusiveness of wider sustainability interests**, through alliances with the many movements and organizations that have complementary and fair approaches to truly sustainable food and farming;
5. **Holistic empowerment from the farm to the final product**, to acknowledge the interdependence and real partnerships along value chains and also at the territorial level.
6. **True value and fair pricing**, to internalize costs, encourage transparency for consumers and policymakers and to empower farmers as full partners.

Our Commitment: The Road to True Sustainability

Pragmatism and idealism go hand in hand in Organic 3.0. Through innovations in production and assurance models, we shall empower individuals and communities toward holistic achievement of best practices leading to health and prosperity for current and future generations.

With the Organic 3.0 Goesan Declaration, we promise:

- To welcome and assist all people, operations, organizations, territories, and movements who share our vision to adopt organic principles and practices. We enthusiastically invite the like-minded to work with us, and pledge to seek opportunities to work with them.
- To recognize that sustainability is a journey and must encompass a full range of best practices across societal, ecological, economic, cultural, and accountability dimensions. Founded on agroecological, regenerative farming practices, we proclaim our commitment to continuously improve our performance and share benefits in ways that are context-appropriate, transparently credible and clearly demonstrate our progress.
- To recognize the limits of the planet’s resources and the value of human capital, and pledge to account for the true costs of our actions on people and the environment, and to offer true value in the goods we produce.
- To innovate across technical, technological, social, and political realms in order to meet the apex challenges of our time. We commit to combining to best of traditional knowledge and practices

with new technologies and creative interactions in order to meet the increasing demands of humanity for decades to come.

- To admit and honor our interdependence from farm and farming communities to consumers wherever they are, and empower women and men alike to improve the health and prosperity of all.
- To be transparent, receptive, and constructive in our efforts so that we may work with each other and learn from each other. Through innovations in production and assurance models, we shall empower individuals and communities toward holistic achievement of best practices leading to health and prosperity for current and future generations.

We go forward from Goesan determined to proactively engage all interested parties to build on existing best practice models and create systematic changes to further empower our collective progress for the common good.

Proclaimed on 11th October 2015, Goesan County, Republic of Korea

At the Official Closing Ceremony of the 2015 ISOFAR International Organic Expo

Manifesting Organic 3.0 in Asia

IFOAM – Organics International Makes a Concrete Proposal

By David Gould (IFOAM – Organics International, North America Representative)

The launch of [Organic 3.0](#) at the 2015 Goesan International Organic Expo helped clarify the organic movement's vision to increase the benefits of organic principles and practices for all of society. [Based on the Principles of Organic Agriculture](#) and the [Best Practice Guideline for Agriculture and Value Chains](#), Organic 3.0 describes how we can broaden the scope and impact of the organic sector's contribution to global sustainability. While Organic 3.0 explicitly invites the creative and innovative approaches that may come from any stakeholders wishing to embody the features of Organic 3.0, IFOAM – Organics International itself continues to take a leadership and coordinating role to put the clarified vision and progressive ideas of Organic 3.0 into action.

More people doing better – this could be a simple statement of the goals of Organic 3.0 – and this is the intended capture of IFOAM – Organics International with its current approach. We need to involve more people and empower them to take a personal role and responsibility in manifesting the objectives we have set out. We need to understand how we can interact collaboratively and interdependently, to continuously improve our performance toward solving the global challenges of climate change, pollution, hunger, poverty, health, and livelihoods. This demands that we craft our approach so that it is understandable by the maximum number of people possible, is scientifically sound, and based on values that reflect the common good.

In order for us to make systemic changes, we need to take approaches that engage, empower, and motivate (even require) more people to take action toward the common good, that reward people for improving and stewarding the ecosystem, human health, and livelihoods. Affecting such change needs to be a combination of public education about the relevant issues, with appropriate market and policy mechanisms that guide producer and consumer behaviors toward the most positive impacts. We need to permeate the societal mindset with attention on the most important practices to cause the most positive impacts by the greatest number of people. The kinds of impacts we wish to make must be easy to communicate, so they can be easily understood – as well as easy to use in trade.

One of IFOAM – Organics International's main efforts in manifesting Organic 3.0 in all of its features is now through development and expansion of the Organic Food System Program, a structural framework that coordinates producers, consumers, governments, and researchers. It is based on inclusiveness, transparency, and full accountability and responsibility of all parties ([including true cost accounting](#)), with relevant incentives. It provides a common framework on which to continually improve our individual and societal impacts, and allows for local context co-creation along with unified concepts that are globally relevant and contribute to the common good. Organic 3.0 offers an alternative that can grow alongside the dominant unsustainable paradigm and influence change both from the bottom up and the top down.