



WORKSHOP
“ Organic Agriculture for Development: What works “
 11:30 to 18:00 Sep. 29th, 2011
 Cityhall of Namyangju – Room 302

Organization: ICEA (Institute for Ethical and Environmental Certification), FECD (Fondo Ecuatoriano Cooperacion para el Desarrollo), EQUOBIO network, IFOAM.

Introduction: The workshop will focus on some specific aspects of OA in development projects (listed below) and will provide a space for exchanging experiences and ideas among the project stakeholders.

The aims of the workshop:

The goal is to identify a common ground to start drafting guidelines for future projects focused on organic agriculture and to establish an international working group/network for the promotion and development of international cooperation projects based on OA.

The main six issues that will be covered during the workshop:

1. Organic and Fair Trade Certification

How is the synergy between organic and fair trade movements part of the project? Which strategies and practical tools are implemented in the project? Which are the main benefits for the project stakeholders?

2. Access to Markets and Food Security

How does the project support the development of local, regional and/or international markets? Which forms of commercialization are implemented (e.g. public catering; etc.)? What is the role of producer and consumer networks? Are food security and food sovereignty enhanced by the project?

3. Biodiversity and Climate Change

Does the project link organic production systems with protecting biodiversity and/or enhancing climate change mitigation and adaptation? Which practical tools have been developed?

4. Income generation and diversification

Does the project include income diversification through services such as eco-tourism, direct sales and environmental/food education?

5. Knowledge sharing, awareness and cooperation

Does the project foster cooperation between organic and fair trade stakeholders’ networks in the same region (South – South) and internationally? Which are the best ways to share experiences, know-how and best practices?

6. Policy

Does the project support local and regional governments’ knowledge and capacity building, in order to develop appropriate legal frameworks and support policies for organic and fair trade production systems? Which are the main results reached by the project?

Program:

11.30 – 12.15	Introduction and goals of the workshop from the organizers (ICEA, FECD, Tavolo EQUOBIO) and Project Selection Committee (FAO, IFAD, HIVOS, EU Commission, COSA/SCAN, ERVET, GroLink, FLO)
12.15 – 12.30	Overview on the selected projects and main results.
12.30 – 14.00	Lunch
14.00 – 15.30	Presentation of best practices on the six issues coming from the selected projects and initiatives.
15.30 – 16.00	Questions and answers
16.00 – 16.30	Coffee break
16.30 – 18.00	Roundtable on lessons learnt, challenges and opportunities for future development. Working for solutions: a global network for “Organic&Fair Development”.