

THE 5TH AFRICAN ORGANIC CONFERENCE, KIGALI, RWANDA		
Theme: Strengthening Resilient and Sustainable Food Systems in Africa through Organic Agriculture		
Venue: Marriott Hotel, KN 3 Avenue, Nyarugenge District Kigali, Rwanda		
12 - 15 December, 2023		
PROGRAMME OF EVENTS		
Day 1. Venue: Main Hall 12 December, 2023		
Time	Events	
8:30 - 9:00	Arrival of delegates, registration of participants and African music	LOC
9:00 - 10:30	Opening Ceremony	
9:00 - 9:05	Welcome address by the Board of ROAM	Mr. Emmanuel Majoro
9:05 - 9:10	Remark by the President, African Organic Network (AfrONet)	Ms. Josephine Atangana
9:10 - 9:15	Remark by the World Board President of IFOAM-Organics International	Karen Mpasua
9:15 - 9:20	General overview of programme of events by the Chair of the Continental Planning Committee	Prof. Olugbenga AdeOluwa
	<i>Entertainment - Cultural Presentation</i>	
9:35 - 9:40	Statement by East Africa REC	Institutional representative
9:40 - 9:45	Statement by the African Union Commission (AUC)	Dr. Janet Edeme Head, Rural Development Division and Acting Head, Agriculture and Food Security Division, Dept. of Agriculture, Rural Development, Blue Economy and Sustainable Environment, African Union Commission

9:45 - 9:55	Keynote Presentation 1	Mr. Steffen Reese, Executive Director, Naturland e.V., Germany)
9:55 - 10:15	Keynote Presentation 2	Prof. Dr. Gerold Rahmann, President, International Society for Organic Agriculture
10:15 - 10:25	Opening speech by the guest of honor	Minister of Agriculture and Animal Resources, Rwanda
10:25 - 10:35	Opening and touring exhibition	Minister of Agriculture and Animal Resources, Rwanda
10:35 - 10:40	Group photo	CPC/LOC
10:40 - 11:00	Health break / Media briefing	
11:00 - 13:00	Plenary Session 1: Organic Food Systems Development in Africa; Perspectives	
	Moderator: Irene Kadzere (FiBL) /Alison Loconto (NRAE)	
	Topic 1: Status of Implementation of the African Heads of State and Government's Decision on organic farming - EX.CL/Dec.621 (XVII)	Dr. Janet Edeme, African Union Commission
	Topic 2: Sustainable development in fragile areas using agroecological approach	Dr. Khaoula Mokrani, Tunisia/Vice Chair,
	Topic 3: Engaging Smallholder Farmers as Primary Custodians of Seed to Influence Seed Policies for The Promotion of Resilient and Sustainable Food Systems	Wanjama Daniel – INOFO Vice President
	Topic 4: The roles of Farmer Organisations in Strengthening Resilient and Sustainable Food Systems in Africa Through Organic Agriculture	Elizabeth Nsimadala is the EAFF President and Member of PAFO
	Discussions	
13:00 - 14:00	Lunch	
14:00 - 15:30	Tracks Presentations 1	
15:30 - 16:00	Health Break	
16:00 - 17:00	Roundtable/ Dialogue	
	Day 2 : 13 December, 2023	
8:30 - 10:30	Plenary 2: Resilience to Food Systems Shocks in Africa	
	Moderator: Fortunate Nyakanda (ZOPPA/AfrONet) /David Amudavi (Bvat)	

	Topic 1: Current global challenges and shocks impacting African Food System	Markus Abenz, FiBL, Switzerland
	Topic 2: Organic agriculture: Innovative business models for sustainable food systems in Africa	DAGOUDO Bienvenue Akowedaho, Uganda Martyrs University, Uganda
	Topic 3: Promoting the use of organic fertilizers to enhance African food systems resilience: Outcomes of the Fertilizer and Soil Health Summit	Ms. Etsubdink Mamo, AU Senior CAADP Advisor
	Topic 4: Creating public-private partnership for organic agriculture business in Africa: A case of National Organic and Agroecology Business Summit (NOABS) in Nigeria	Prof. Olugbenga AdeOluwa
	Discussions	
10:30 - 11:00	Health Break	
11: 00 - 13:00	Tracks Presentations 2/ Side events	
13:00 - 14:00	Lunch	
14:00 - 15:30	Track Presentations 3/ Side events	
15:30 - 16:00	Health Break	
16:00 - 17:00	Roundtable/ Dialogue	
	Day 3: Venue: Hall ? 14 December, 2023	
8:30 - 10:30	Plenary 3: Mainstreaming organic agriculture into governmental polices	
	Moderator: Toyin Ologundudu (NOARA)/ Konrad Hauptfleisch (Starfish Organic)	
	Topic 1: Overview of policies for promoting organic agriculture and agroecology in Africa	Dr. David Amudavi, BvAT, Kenya
	Topic 2: Strengthening National Organic Policy Development in Africa: A case of Uganda	Mr. Chariton Namuwoza, CEO, NOGAMU
	Topic 3: Ecological Organic Farming, Quality Management and Community Participation	Prof. Raymond Auerbach
	Topic 4: Organic Agriculture Development in China: A case study for African Governments	Li Feng, IFOAM-Asia
	Discussions	
10:30 - 11:00	Health Break	

11:00 - 13:00	Track Presentations 4/ Side events	
13:00 - 14:00	Lunch	
14:00 - 15:30	Regional meetings	
15:30 - 16:00	Health Break	
16:00 - 17:00	Closing Session	
	Moderator:	
	Summarizing conference themes and general lessons	Rapporteurs and moderators
	Campaign and voting for 6th African Organic Conference	Ms. Esther J. Bett, Board member of AfrONet
	Presentation of the Communiqué by AfrONet and EOA Continental Secretariat	Prof. Olugbenga AdeOluwa and Mr. Alex Mutungi
	Votes of thanks by LOC Chair	Mr. Jean-Marie Irakabahor
	Votes of thanks by EAC	EAC
	Closing remarks by Ministry of Agriculture and Animal Resources	Ministry of Agriculture and Animal Resources
	Closing remarks and appreciation of Local and Continental Organising Committees	Ms. Josephine Atangana & Chair of EOA Continental Steering Committee
	<i>End of day conference</i>	
	Day 4: General Assembly of AfrONet 15 December, 2023	
6:30 - 12:30	Filed Trip	
12:30 - 13:30	Lunch	
13:30 - 17:00	General Assembly of AfrONet	
13:30 - 15:30	Minutes and Progress reports, Governance; motions and opinions	Mr. Mushimbwe Chitalu
15:30 - 16:00	Health break	
16:00 - 17:00	Elections and closing	GA decision