

International Federation of Organic Agriculture Movements - Asia



IFOAM ORGANICS ASIA

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Milestones

- Post 17th IFOAM Organic World Congress in 2011
 - Many organic stakeholders in Asia felt the need for an organic alliance in the Asian region
- May 2012
 - 18 leaders from 14 countries agreed to form IFOAM Asia
- October 2012
 - A second physical meeting in Manila laid the framework of
- November 2012
 - Received approval by the Global IFOAM World Board
- June 2015 – name changed to IFOAM Organics Asia



IFOAM Asia Vision

- IFOAM Asia envisions to nurture and represent “Life Agriculture” or the Organic Movement in Asia in its full diverse cultural, economic and ecological context;
- It upholds the principle of “Organic” or “Life Agriculture” to support both human life and ecology;
- It recognizes family farms as the core unit of farming communities and as stewards of nature.

Mission Statement

- IFOAM Asia aims at improving the conditions of farmers, laborers, women, indigenous and other marginalized groups;
- restoring nature's balance and capability;
- and contributing towards building sustainable societies.

General Assembly / Membership

- June 28, 2013 in Seoul, South Korea
 - IFOAM Asia launching
 - First General Assembly
 - Election of Board of Directors
- June 1, 2013 in Seoul, South Korea
 - 2nd General Assembly
 - Midterm Election of Board of Directors

2nd General Assembly



Board Directors and Staff

Name	Designation	Country
Dr. Zhou Zejiang	Board President	China
Mr. Manoj Menon	Board Vice President	India
Dr. Shaikh Tanveer Hossain	Board Vice President	Bangladesh
Dr. Suh Chong Hyuk	Board Member	South Korea
Ms. Rika Oishi	Board Member	Japan
Mr Rasdi Wangsa	Board Member	Indonesia
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Dr. Yadav	Honorary Board / Adviser	India
Hon. Jun Pacalioga	Honorary Board / Adviser	Philippines
William Yao	Honorary Board / Adviser	China
Shinji Hashimoto	Internal Auditor,	Japan
Jennifer Chang	Executive Director	South Korea

IFOAM Asia Board



Projects and Activities

- Bio Villages
- Asian Local Governments for Organic Agriculture
- Producer -Consumer Partnership
- Participatory Guarantee System

Bio Villages

- Bio Villages as means of local economic & agro-ecological development
- Community is organized or assisted to pursue organic inputs preparation, farming, processing and marketing including participatory guarantee system or organic certification.

Asian Local Governments for Organic Agriculture (ALGOA)

- Launched in October 2015
- Inspired by the League of Organic Agriculture Mayors in the Philippines (LOAM Philippines)
- With local government members from Japan, India, South Korea, Philippines and others

Organic Producer and Consumer Marketing Partnership

- IFOAM Asia promotes the organic marketing models in the following countries
 - Tekkei system in Japan
 - HANSALIM in South Korea
 - CSA in China (Chengdu, Taiwan, etc)
 - OPTA Weekend Markets in Makati, Philippines

Participatory Guarantee System

- IFOAM Asia will promote and develop participatory guarantee systems in Asia
- Trainings will be conducted in Indonesia, Bangladesh, India, Philippines and others
- A guide will be published based on the experiences in India

To apply for membership

- Membership types
 - IFOAM Organics International Affiliates in Asia
 - Non-Global IFOAM Affiliates
 - Supporters & Patrons
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