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## GOMA CONFERENCE PROGRAM

Nuremberg Messe, CCN Ost, Room Shanghai



### Monday 13 February

- 08:00 – 09:00 Registration check-in  
**Conference Opening** (moderator: Ms. Selma Doyran)
- 09:00 – 9:30 *Welcome Addresses*
- Mr. Supachai Panitchpakdi, Secretary General UNCTAD
  - Mr. Alexander Mueller, Assistant Director-General, FAO
  - Mr. Andre Leu, President, IFOAM
- 09:30– 09:50 Keynote Speech Mr. Harsha V. Singh, Deputy Director-General WTO
- 09:50- 10:10 Keynote Speech Mr. Franz Fischler, President, Eco Social Forum Europe
- 10:10– 10:40 Coffee/Tea Break
- 10 Years Back and 10 Years Forward** (moderator: Mr. Ulrich Hoffmann)
- 10:40 - 12:00 - *Past (2002) The starting point and the issues* Mr. David Crucefix, IOAS  
- *Present (2012): What ITF/GOMA have achieved/ and current situation of market access.* Ms. Nadia Scialabba, FAO.  
- *Future (2022): What will happen? What should happen?* Mr. Gunnar Rundgren, publisher of *The Organic Standard*  
*Discussion*
- 12:00 – 13.00 LUNCH
- Developing Countries and the World Organic Market** (moderator: Ms. Nadia Scialabba)
- 13:00 – 15:00 - *“Organic Agriculture: a good option for least developed countries”* (video)  
Regional Cooperation  
- *Development of the East African Organic Product Standards*, Mr. David Eboku, Uganda Bureau of Standards  
- *Development of an Organic Guarantee System for the Pacific*, Ms. Karen Mapusua, Pacific Organic and Ethical Trade Community, Samoa

- *Government Cooperation in Central America*, Ms. Elizabeth Ramirez, Ministry of Agriculture, Costa Rica
- *Development of Asian Regional Organic Standard*, Ms. Lara Vivas, Bureau of Agriculture and Fisheries Product Standards, Philippines
- Panel: *Where are developing countries and smallholders in the organic trade picture? Can regional cooperation improve their market access? How can national and regional markets in developing countries be developed?*
- Panelists: Javier Hurtado, Irupana, Andean Organic Food S.A; Mr. Vitoon Panyakul, GreenNet, Mr. Moses Muwanga, NOGAMU;
- *Discussion*

15:00 –15:30

Coffee/Tea Break

**Enhancing Cooperation** (moderator: Mr. Andre Leu)

15:30 - 17:10

- *Public-Private cooperation to facilitate multilateral equivalence*: Mr. Markus Arbenz, IFOAM

- *Systems of regional cooperation*, Mr. Ong Kung Wai, GOMA Steering Committee

- *How global organic market access can be accomplished*, Ms. Sophia Twarog, UNCTAD

*Discussion*

17:10 - 17:30

- Presentation of draft conference conclusions

## **18:00 - 19:30 Conference Reception**

### **Tuesday 14 February**

09:00 – 09:10

Opening of Conference second day: Mr. Ulrich Hoffmann, UNCTAD

09:10 - 09:30

Keynote Speech H.E. Ms. Tumusiime Rhoda Peace, African Union

**Enhancing Market Access** (moderator: Mr. Ong Kung Wai)

09:30 - 10:30

*How Dominant Markets work towards mutual recognition*

Panelists: Mr. Jean-Francois Hulot, European Commission; Mr. Miles McEvoy, USDA NOP; Mr. Michel Saumur, Canadian Food Inspection Agency

*Progress with and experiences from mutual recognition agreements? Other tools to enhance market access, in particular for developing countries? How to ensure that third countries are not disadvantaged?*

10:30 – 11:00

Coffee/tea Break

11:00 – 11:50

- *How Emerging Organic Powers are Shaping Their Global Roles:*

Panelists: Mr. Xingji Xiao OFDC; Ms. P.V.S.M. Gouri, APEDA; Mr.

Rogério Dias, Ministry of Agriculture Brazil

*What do you do to promote the development of your domestic market?*

*How do you facilitate import access and avoid creating new barriers?*

*How would you like to see a global system for organic market access?*

*Discussion*

**Emerging Issues** (moderator: Ms. Mildred Steidle, Organic Services)

11:50 – 12:50 - *Expanding the scope of "organic" (e.g. to fair, carbon neutral, health), is that a good idea and how should it play out?* Mr. Bavo van den Idsert (Dutch Association of Organic Producers and Traders)

- *Ways (other than standards and certification) of Fulfilling the Goals of Organic Agriculture*, Ms. Susanne Padel (Organic Research Centre Elm Farm UK)

- *Keeping Up with Ever Increasing Requirements: Can we? Should we?*, Mr. Thilak Kariyawasam, Lanka Organic Agriculture Movement, Sri Lanka

*Discussion*

12:50 – 13:00 **Introduction of Discussion Groups** Mr. Gunnar Rundgren

13:00 – 14:00 Lunch

**Discussion Groups**

14:00 – 15:00 Four groups will make recommendations on one topic each

1. What key needs and concerns are yet to be solved by existing harmonization and equivalence initiatives?

2. How shall the organic sector, and organic regulations respond to increased attention to emerging society, market or consumer expectations and its own principles of broader sustainability?

3. What can private sector actors do to facilitate increased equivalence?

4. How to ensure that less developed countries and poor producers are not excluded from growing trade in organic products?

15:00 – 15:30 Reports from discussion groups

15:30 – 16:00 Coffee/tea break

**Conference Conclusion** (moderator: Ms. Sophia Twarog)

16:00 – 16:20 Keynote Speech Ms. Kathleen Merrigan, Deputy Secretary USDA

16:20 – 16:50 - *Reflections on Conference Outcomes*

rapporteurs' reflections: Mr. Matthew Holmes Canada Organic Trade Association and Ms. Laura Montenegro, Argencert.

participants' reflections

16:50 – 17:00 Conference Conclusions and Closing