

About GOAN

Name and acronym: Ghana Organic Agriculture Network (GOAN)

Country or region of activity: Ghana

Date of Creation: 1995

Mission and objectives:

Mission: Ensure the promotion and advocacy for environmental sustainability, quality and quantity of food production for increased income levels and improved food security.

GOAN's goals are the following:

- Provide coordination for farmer groups, NGOs and institutions working in organic and ecological agriculture.
- Facilitate the establishment of organic agri-business structures.
- Develop mechanism for financial sustainability of the network
- Develop and/or strengthen strategic partnership and collaboration with stakeholders

Members of staff: 3-core staff, including a National Coordinator, Deputy Coordinator/Administrator, FFS-Trainer and Field Officer.

Achievements in the country or region:

- GOAN has been involved in capacity building programs for mainly small scale holder organic production, very few have had export linkages.
- Provide general information in organic agriculture production to members and the general public
- Provide information and attestation for farms undergoing certification
- Participate in annual planning meetings of regional Research-Extension Linkages Committees.
- With the completion of the strategic plan, GOAN is planning to scale up national marketing and consumption of organic produce. Scale up organic agriculture information dissemination.
- Initiate the review of national organic standards and certification of products for the local markets.

Sources of funding: Membership dues, donor funds and consultancy services

Web: http://www.gardenorganic.org.uk/international_programme/ip_goan.php