

Development Options for Countries with an Emerging Organic Sector

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Abstract

Within the framework of the I-GO II program, IFOAM is supporting the development of emerging organic sectors in Developing Countries. Besides the establishment of IFOAM Information Points in selected regions, the objective is to facilitate the development of emerging organic sectors through a comprehensive information package. This information package includes recommendations on possible options for governments, the private sector, development agencies, and consultancies on how to achieve a sustainable development of the sector. The recommendations are the result of analytical cases studies, reflecting experiences from various countries. The focus is on the following topics:

- *Best practices for organic policy development*
- *Market Development: Standards, Regulations and Certification*
- *Consumer Awareness*
- *Role of and relationship between different partners, like governments*
- *Extension and Training*

As an additional element of the information package, guidelines for the whole process of developing the emerging organic sector have been developed. A lot of tools, like training manuals, the IFOAM Training Platform, ICS, PGS, Building Trust, and other resources already exist, and gaps will have to be filled.

This “comprehensive information package” needs to be promoted and made available for all target groups and important organic stakeholders.

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