

Organic Agriculture and Food Security / Sovereignty

OWC module ½ day

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Organic production has the potential to produce sufficient food of a high quality. In addition, organic agriculture is particularly well suited for those rural communities that are currently most exposed to food shortages. In the last few years more prove has been gathered that organic can feed the world.

Food sovereignty is the right of peoples to healthy and culturally appropriate food produced through ecologically sound and sustainable methods and their right to define their own food and agriculture systems.

The organic farming model puts those who produce, distribute and consume food at the heart of food systems and policies, rather than the demands of markets and corporations. It defends the interests and inclusion of the next generation, gives a future to young in rural area. It offers a strategy to resist and dismantle the current corporate trade and food regime and support food and farming determined by local producers.

The OWC subcommittee on food security and sovereignty is calling for both practical examples and advocacy strategies on Organic Agriculture's role in achieving food security and sovereignty. We are aware that many (IFOAM member) organizations organized conferences and meetings on this subject; it would be interesting to share the outcomes.

Papers on following subjects could be submitted:

- Conclusion of FAO conference on OA and Food security and follow up
- Meetings of other member organizations
- OA and global food supply
- Practical examples
- Competition on land through agrofuel hype
- Relation indigenous peoples and food security and sovereignty
- The new African green revolution - what is the organic answer
- IFOAM's African activities - mobilizing the movement
- Activities of other NGO's
- Strategy discussion