

Call for translations of the Definition of Organic Agriculture

After almost three long years of intensive work, the Task Force on the Definition of Organic Agriculture came up with a definition. The result would not have been possible without your engagement and participation throughout the several rounds of input that enriched the final Definition of Organic Agriculture. The definition was recently ratified by the General Assembly at its last session in Vignola, Italy in June 2008:

Organic agriculture is a production system that sustains the health of soils, ecosystems and people. It relies on ecological processes, biodiversity and cycles adapted to local conditions, rather than the use of inputs with adverse effects. Organic agriculture combines tradition, innovation and science to benefit the shared environment and promote fair relationships and a good quality of life for all involved.

Now we are calling for translations of this definition!!!

Voluntary translation work is highly appreciated and can be arranged anytime through the IFOAM Head Office. To fulfill this task, you don't need to be an expert, but respect the spirit of the Definition of Organic Agriculture. Ideally translations are done in a group of persons, e.g. a national organic movement. Also, a translation needs to get a check with persons speaking the same language, but residing in another continent (like French spoken both in Africa and Europe). The IFOAM HO can assist in linking up.

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