

### **3<sup>rd</sup> request for input at the Consultative Group Principles of Organic Agriculture**

Reference is made to the first rough draft for consultation 040709

This first rough draft is meant as a proposal, in this stage in the process nothing is final and everything is open for comments; that is exactly why this request for input is sent!

The first rough draft is composed by different person (the Task Force members). You might miss a unity in style. The words chosen might not be precise enough. As well the English might not be good enough as most of the Task Force members are not native speakers.

The first rough draft does not reflect the set up and lay out of the final document.

The document:

- starts with the draft preamble that is given to the Task Force by the World Board
- as a reminder purpose, function and form are given, as concluded from the first input of the Consultative Group
- an order is proposed for the principles; not all of them are considered equally important
- the proposed principles are listed
- an explanation is given for every proposed principle, linkages to other principles, possible points for discussion and background are given
- two principles, that were mentioned as possible principles in the former draft, seem to fall of the list. To bring this to your attention and reconsideration they are put at the end of the document.

Questions:

1. Do the proposed principles presented reflect the values of organic agriculture? If not, are they too inclusive or too exclusive? What principles should be added or removed?
2. What do you think about the order / hierarchy of the proposed principles? Do you want to propose another order or hierarchy?
3. Are there principles you would like to merge into one? If so, please draft a proposed alternative principle and briefly explain how the principle includes the principles being merged.
4. Should the principles have names? Do the current names cover what is expressed in the principle? Do you want to propose another name?
5. Other comments

Please give your feedback ultimately at August 15<sup>th</sup>

- by simply pushing the reply button (your input is shared with all other members of the Consultative Group)
- or by sending it to [l.luttikholt@ifoam.org](mailto:l.luttikholt@ifoam.org)