



**not just CARBON**

**Organic Agriculture** can significantly cool the planet due to its **high sequestration and low emission** farming practices that are readily accessible and **affordable to billions** of small holder farmers and which prohibit the clearance of primary ecosystems such as carbon and species rich forests and savannahs. The priority however is to urgently raise awareness of the dangers of adopting climate policies, mechanisms and finance that **focus** on carbon and not **on the alleviation of hunger, poverty and biodiversity loss and ecosystem destruction**. Industrial agriculture is failing to feed the poor (1 billion hungry and starving) and is the major driver of global warming (up to 32% of all GHG emissions) – incentivizing ‘business as usual agriculture’ is madness.

The **UNFCCC can reverse rather than accelerate the impacts of industrial agriculture** on people and ecosystems by putting the needs of the world’s smallholder farmers ahead of those of carbon markets and commodities through **capacity building** in resilient **participatory** based **agro-ecological** farming systems. IFOAM is calling on the **UNFCCC** to use the findings of the **IAASTD report** approved by 58 governments and endorsed by multiple **UN** agencies including the **Committee on Food Security** as the key **reference point** for evaluating **ALL** its activities **related to agriculture**.

## SIDE EVENT

### Transition to climate-friendly agriculture

#### The current finance regime versus viable alternatives

Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> December 16:45 - 18:15

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#### SPEAKERS

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