

# THE 3RD AFRICAN ORGANIC CONFERENCE NIGERIA OCTOBER 5-9 2015

## FARMERS' FORUM 5 - 7<sup>th</sup> October, 2015

### *Echoing Farmers Experiences and Voices!*



Sunflower farming in Mtwara, Tanzania

#### Objective

Through the Farmers' Forum, AfrONet and the Continental Steering Committee of EOA Initiative in collaboration with IFOAM Organic International and INOFO- International Organic Farmers Forum intend to link farmers and representatives of farmers' organizations to various organic agriculture (OA) experts and stakeholders as a process for enhancing advancement and mainstreaming of Ecological Organic Agriculture in the continent. Out of the forum, the farmers will have learned better ways of production, marketing and come up with common a voice necessary for joint advocacy.

#### Eligible Participants

The Conference will draw participants from across the continent and beyond. Policymakers, who influence decisions at different levels, Continental and Regional Economic Communities, government representatives, Representatives from farmers' organizations, Organic Agriculture experts, researchers and stakeholders and farmers, all are key participants of this forum.

#### Moderation

Ways of moderation will include to lead farmers to different thematic sessions where they can learn, interact to share and draw recommendations for priorities and way forward.

#### Forum Expected Results

The following are part of what the farmers will achieve:

1. Knowledge and experience exchanges with other farmers
2. Knowledge in EOA improved,
3. Learn better ways of production and marketing, and
4. Jointly advocate for consideration of ecological organic agriculture systems in policies and strategies,

#### Proposed Program

DATE	ACTIVITY	QUESTIONS TO GUIDE PRESENTATION
4 <sup>th</sup> October, 2015	Arrival/Farmers meet to make present.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. What form of agriculture are farmers advocating for?</li> <li>2. To what extent has Regional and National Farmer Federations have embraced or advocated for ecological organic agriculture? Highlight Successes and Challenges.</li> <li>3. What call do you put forward to Continental, Regional and National Institutions and actors?</li> </ol>
5 <sup>th</sup> October, 2015	Attend the 3 <sup>rd</sup> AOC Opening/Exhibition	
6 <sup>th</sup> October, 2015	Field visit	
7 <sup>th</sup> October, 2015	Farmers Forum/Regional cases presentations	



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