



Introduction to the Activities of ALGOA

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About IFOAM-Organics Asia



- Established in 2012
- Membership: 230 members in 18 countries and areas in Asia (including Central Asia & Middle East) - first started with 88 members
- Legally-registered in South Korea (Head Office), China, Philippines & Bangladesh
- Regional Body of IFOAM-Organics International in Asia



About IFOAM-Organics International



- Established in 1972
- Membership: 850 organizational members in 132 countries
- Based in: Bonn, Germany
- Only international umbrella organization for organic agriculture in the world
- 7 regional bodies (representing all the continents /territories)
- 6 sector thematic platforms (seeds, aquaculture, apiculture, animal husbandry, Technology Innovation Platform of IFOAM, Intercontinental Network of Organic Farmers' Organizations (INOFO)





Main Purpose of IFOAM-Organics Asia

Representing multi-stakeholders in the organic sector

1. Local Governments

- Local governments in Asia (ALGOA, Asian Local Governments in Organic Asia)
- Local Governments outside Asia (GAOD, Global Alliance of Organic Districts)

2. Youth

- Asian Organic Youth Forum
- Young Organics-Global Network









3. Women



- Women in Organic Agriculture in Asia (WOAA)
- 4. Education and Research
- ALGOA Organic Foundation Course
- Asia Organic Innovation & Technology Platform (OIT)
- Education & Research for Organic Agriculture Development (E-ROAD)
- 5. International Organic Expo (every 5 years)
- the largest gathering of the organic sector
- 6. Organic Festa Asia (annual)
- B2B + B2C organic trade show + Consumer meet







Current Status of ALGOA



- officially launched on Sept 19th, 2015 (Sept 19 is also "Asia Organic Day")
- sister organization of IFOAM-Organics Asia and is legally registered in South Korea since 2016
- an alliance of both local governments, private sector, and IFOAM Asia members and our partners in Asia to promote the development of the organic sector.
- 280 Members in 18 countries and areas in Asia (as of 2025)





Objectives of ALGOA



- Policy Support for countries developing Organic Agriculture
- Information Exchanges on the best practices and innovations on Organic Agriculture
- Mutual exchanges of local government personnel / experts & organic stakeholders
- Education for local government officials on organic agriculture
- Others





Operations of ALGOA



- ALGOA is headed by local government who is an ALGOA member ("holder of the Presidency") and supported by the President of IFOAM-Organics Asia, if there is an absence
- The Presidency goes round the members and is decided every two years at the annual ALGOA Summit
- Operations funds such as the running of the Secretariat and project funds are provided by the holder of the Presidency of ALGOA







Activities of ALGOA



- Annual ALGOA Summit
- Annual ALGOA Organic Foundation Course (Masterclass)
- 7-day residential training on the basics of organic agriculture
- Offered to ALGOA & IFOAM-Organics Asia members especially government officials and young people







제1회 유기농업 육성을 위한 아시아지방정부협의회 정상회의 The 1st ALGOA Summit The 1st Asian Local Governments for Organic Agriculture Summit









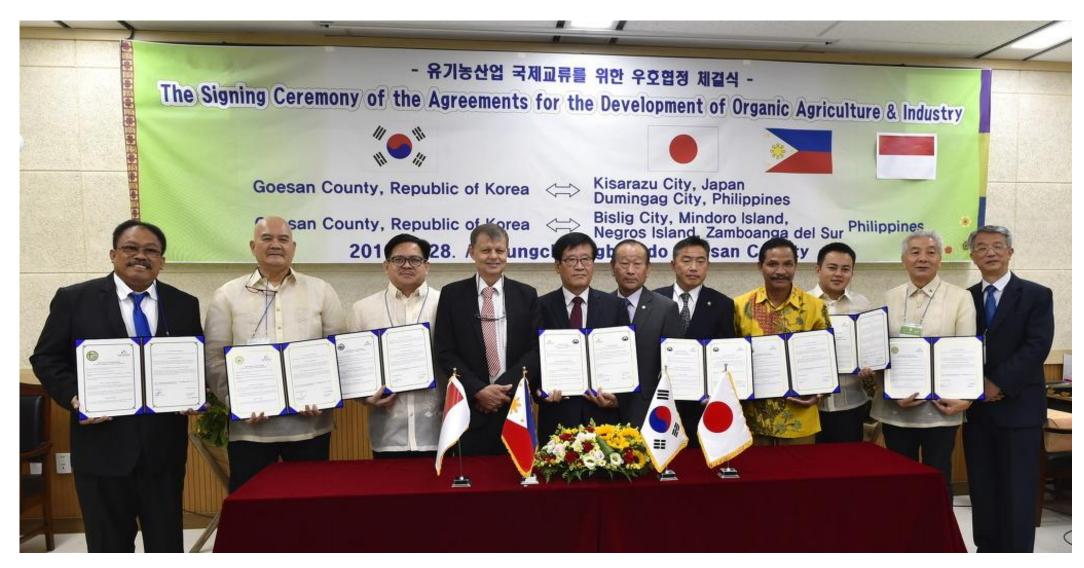
Founding Members

























Member Exchanges (Kisarazu Visiting Bhutan May 2017)

(1st ALGOA Summit / Sept 2015)

(Exchange Visit May 2017)



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The ALGOA Organic Foundation Course

The ALGOA Organic Foundation Course is a training program on organic agriculture offered to local government officials and IFOAM Asia affiliates as part of the ALGOA project.

Application to the 2021 ALGOA Organic Foundation Course is offered to ALGOA members, IFOAM Asia affiliates and partners in Asia. Priority will be given to representatives of ALGOA members and IFOAM Asia affiliates.

Since the inception of ALGOA OFC in 2016, more than 200 trainees have already completed the course.







ALGOA Organic Foundation Course (OFC) / Masterclass

- A 7-day residential training on organic leadership for government officials, young farmers, ALGOA & IFOAM Asia Members
- More than 250 people have been trained under the OFC
- The first graduates of the OFC 2016 established the Asia Organic Youth Forum now developed into the Young Organics-Global Network and hosts the annual World Organic Youth Summit

Four Mayors from the Philippines Completed the 2016 OFC



Kisarazu Organic Foundation Course (Nov 2016)











Kyrgyzstan OFC (July 2017)



Oldest trainee aged 65 / organic farmer

Graduates of the OFC Masterclass 2022



Development at the 5th ALGOA Summit (2019)

- Combined with the 1st International Conference on Organic Agriculture Policy
- First contacts with Partners outside Asia
- Very significant has the meeting led to the formation of the "Global Alliance of Organic Districts" in 2020
- From 2020, the annual ALGOA Summit was renamed "ALGOA & GAOD Summit"







ALGOA Going Global - Birth of Global Alliance of Organic Districts



ALGOA and the International Network of Eco-regions (INNER) based in Rome Italy, signing a MoU that led to the formation of GAOD

Why GAOD?

Common Actors and Goals

Both ALGOA and INNER work local governments and other stakeholders to promote organic agriculture

The concept of "organic districts (eco-regions, biodistricts or bio-territories)" as promoted by INNER was holistic concept of organic development that involves community-building, income-creation, local organic food systems, urban-rural exchanges, etc – similar to what is happening in Asia but not yet conceptualized.

Founding Members of GAOD

GLOBAL ALLIANCE FOR ORGANIC DISTRICTS























Aims of GAOD

- 1.To facilitate the sharing of the experiences from processes, examples and knowledge arising from the development of organic agriculture especially in the creation of organic districts
- 2.To invite other local governments of the World (Africa, Americas, and countries in Oceania and the PICT Pacific Islander Countries and Territories) into the cooperation network and to form an example of a dynamic global organic food system.





Status of GAOD

1. All ALGOA and INNER members are automatically members of GAOD

- ALGOA: 280 members (mostly in Asia)

- INNER: 60 organic districts (mostly in Europe)







Operations of GAOD

- ALGOA President and INNER President are co-Chairs of GAOD
- Operations are decided by a Committee of experts and the heads of Working Groups
- 7 Working Groups have been identified:
 - Work Group 1: Organic Districts Integrated Management
 - Work Group 2: Tourism and Gastronomy
 - Work Group 3: Natural Resources Management and Energy Production







Operations of GAOD

- Work Group 4: Food processing, distribution, consumption. Food and nutrition security, quality and health.
- Work Group 5: Social issues: social agriculture, communities' enforcement, Urban-Rural relations
- Work Group 6: Communication
- Work Group 7: Youth and Organic Agriculture







GAOD Events – Organic Districts World Congress











2nd Organic Districts World Congress

One Health, One Planet

Idanha-a-Nova - Portugal from July 29 to August 2, 2024









3rd Organic Districts World Congress (Aug 2025, Datong China)





Special Organic Events







The 2nd International Conference on School Meals and Public Procurement - "Leave No Child Behind!"

New Taipei City, Taiwan; October 16-17, 2024





Thank You!

