



Introduction to IFOAM Asia & ALGOA

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The Organic Movement



10 regional bodies

7 sector platforms

1 daughter organizations (IOAS)

5 office branches (HO, Rome office Latin America Office, Africa Office, North America Office)



**Establishment of
IFOAM Asia
(2012 ~ 2013)**

**Proposal from the IFOAM
Headoffice in Germany**

South Korea successfully hosted the 17th IFOAM Organic World Congress (OWC) in Sept 2011.

Just before the end of the OWC, the Korean organizers received a proposal from the Head office in Bonn on the establishment of IFOAM Asia.



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Discussions In Korea and Asia

**-discussion among the participants of
the 1st Organic Summit in Chengdu,
China (Nov 18th, 2011)**

**- about 40 participants from Asia & China /
IFOAM President / 12 member delegation
from Korea)**



1st Prep-Meeting

May 29th to 31st, 2012 / South Korea

- 18 representatives from 14 Asian countries attended the meeting
- Achieved consensus on the formation of a regional body and to be under the IFOAM umbrella
- Working Group formed (to write the formal working documents – vision/mission/objectives goals. etc





2nd Prep-Meeting (working Group Meeting)

Oct 2nd ~ 4th, 2012 /Manila, Philippines

- Sponsored by the Filipino organic groups & some support by the central government

Decisions

- IFOAM Asia Secretariat to be based in Seoul
- Membership Criteria
- Date for Inaugural Assembly -
- Interim Board to prepare for the GA formed (7 members)





Approval of IFOAM Asia & 1st General Assembly

IFOAM Asia formally approved by IFOAM Global on Nov 24, 2012.





The 1st IFOAM Asia Board (2013 ~ 2015)

(left to right) Manoj Menon, India / Rasdi Wangsa, Indonesia / Zhou Zejiang, China / Suh Chong Hyuk, Korea / Tanveer Hossian, Bangladesh / Patrick Belisario, Philippines / Ashish Gupta, India





The 2nd IFOAM Asia Board (2015 ~ 2017)

(left to right) Tanveer Hossian, Bangladesh/Rika Oishi, Japan /
Suh Chong Hyuk, Korea / Zhou Zejiang, China / Rasdi Wangsa,
Indonesia / Manoj Menon, India (Patrick Belisario, Philippines)



3rd Asia Board (2017 ~ 2019) from left: Indro Suroono (Indonesia), Patrick Belisario (Philippines), Zhou Zejiang (China), Shaihk Tanveer Hossain (Bangladesh), Sundeep Kamath (India), Miyoshi Satoko (Japan), Manchul Jung (South Korea)



Status of IFOAM Asia

- Membership: 280 members in 18 countries in Asia & Central Asia
(first started with 88 members in 2013)
- Headoffice is based in Seoul, South Korea
- Branch Office – Goesan County, South Korea
- No. of Staff: one full time (ED), 3 part-time project managers
(China, Korea, Philippines)

Vision of IFOAM Asia

- **VISION**

- IFOAM Asia envisions to nurture and represent “Life Agriculture” or the Organic Movement in Asia in its full diverse cultural, economic and ecological context;
- Upholds the principle of “**Organic**” or “**Life Agriculture**” to support both human life and ecology;
- Recognizes **family farms** as the core unit of farming communities and as stewards of nature.

Mission of IFOAM Asia

- **MISSION**
- Thereby, IFOAM Asia aims at improving the conditions of farmers, laborers, women, indigenous and other marginalized groups;
- Restoring nature's balance and capability;
- Contributing towards building sustainable societies.

Objectives of IFOAM Asia

- To build up unity, alliances and collaborations in Asia with the public, policy stakeholders and governments to ensure that Organic or Life Agriculture is given due importance.
- To advocate the interests and concerns of “Family Farmers” so as to protect and represent them in government and public policies.
- To promote Organic or Life Agriculture as tool to end poverty and for attaining basic food sovereignty, security and safety.

Objectives of IFOAM Asia

- To recognize the different approaches of guarantee systems and work towards its acceptance and promotion among all Asian countries.
- To research, collect, document and disseminate information and knowledge to all stakeholders of Organic or Life Agriculture in Asia.
- To ensure fairness and social justice for all social classes who labor in agriculture, in particular, disadvantaged and marginalized groups.

Major Projects of IFOAM Asia

- ALGOA
- IFOAM Asia Youth Forum
- Organic Asia Congress

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What is ALGOA?

- ALGOA is the “Asian Local Governments for Organic Agriculture” and is an alliance of both local governments and IFOAM Asia members and partners in Asia.
- ALGOA is a sub-organization of IFOAM Asia and is legally registered in South Korea

www.organicgovts.com

Establishment of ALGOA

- The ALGOA project was first initiated by IFOAM Asia in 2013
- Under the concept of linking bio-villages / eco-villages in India, Korea and the Philippines
- Goesan County became interested in the project and signed MoUs with Dumingag, Philippines in Sept 2014 and two bio-villages in Kerala and Nagaland in India in Nov 2014.

Establishment of ALGOA

- ALGOA under the full sponsorship of Goesan County was officially launched on Sept 19th, 2015.
- Goesan County was unanimously nominated as the 1st holder of the Presidency of ALGOA.



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GOE SAN GUN



Asian Local
Governments for
Organic Agriculture

제1회 유기농업 육성을 위한 아시아지방정부협의회 정상회의
GOESAN COUNTY, REPUBLIC OF KOREA / SEPT 19, 2015

The 1st ALGOA Summit

The 1st Asian Local Governments for
Organic Agriculture Summit



Founding Members



Asian Local
Governments for
Organic Agriculture



Purpose of ALGOA

- The purpose of ALGOA to facilitate ***full adoption of organic agriculture*** practices in Asia.
- ALGOA works to foster dialogue and collaboration among Asian local governments for the development of organic agriculture and its related industries in Asia.

Current Status of ALGOA

- 212 Members in 16 countries in Asia (as of Sept 2018)
- Country based national ALGOA branches under discussion

Activities 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
- Hosting of the Annual ALGOA Summit
- Others

2nd ALGOA Summit

Sept 28th ~ 30th, 2016

Goesan County, South Korea



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- 유기농산업 국제교류를 위한 우호협정 체결식 -
The Signing Ceremony of the Agreements for the Development of Organic Agriculture & Industry



Goesan County, Republic of Korea 

Kisarazu City, Japan
Dumingag City, Philippines

San County, Republic of Korea ↔

Bislig City, Mindoro Island,
Negros Island, Zamboanga del Sur Philippines

2012. 28. / Chungcheong-do / San City





2017 ALGOA Summit

Aug 31st ~ Sept 2nd, 2017

Goesan County, South Korea



2018 ALGOA Summit

April 25th ~ 27th, 2018

Goesan County, South Korea



ALGOA Organic Foundation Course (OFC)

- **For organic farmers, government officials,**
 - **young farmers, IFOAM Asia members**

2016 ALGOA Organic Foundation Course



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Opening Session



Completion Ceremony



Four Mayors from the Philippines Completed the Training



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2016 ALGOA Organic Foundation Course



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2017 ALGOA OFC (April 2017)



1st ALGOA OFC Trainees Created the IFOAM Asia Organic Youth Forum (Nov 2016)



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ALGOA In-Country Events

- Kisarazu Organic Foundation Course (Nov 2016)**
- ALGOA Japan Forum (Nov 2016)**
- Kyrgyz Organic Foundation Course (July 2017)**

Kisarazu Organic Foundation Course (Nov 2016)



ALGOA Japan Forum (Nov 2016)



Kyrgyzstan OFC (July 2017)



Oldest trainee aged 65 / organic farmer

- **Member Exchanges (Bislig City Visiting Kisarazu, Nov 2016)**



Member Exchanges (Kisarazu Visiting Bhutan May 2017)

(1st ALGOA Summit / Sept 2015)



(Exchange Visit May 2017)



Events Completed in 2018

- ALGOA Indonesia Organic Foundation Course
(March)**
- Organic Youth Forum in Bislig City Philippines
(Sept) together with the 3rd Asia Organic
Congress**



The graduates of the 2018
ALGOA Organic Foundation
Course



The 3rd Organic Asia Congress

(Sept 16th to 21st, 2018)

Bislig City, Mindanao Island, Philippines

Components of the 3rd Organic Asia Congress (Sept 2018)

- **Organic Youth Forum**
- **6th Asian Organic Rice Conference**
- **Main Conference**
- **Summit of the Asian Local Governments for Organic Agriculture (ALGOA) - Philippines**
- **Field trips to the Organic Farming sites**
- **Fully funded by Bislig City and the Central Govt of the Philippines**

Event line-up for 2019

- March 2019: Organic Youth Forum, New Taipei City, Taiwan
- April 2019: ALGOA Organic Foundation Course, Goesan County, South Korea
- May 2019: 1st Xichong Organic Innovation Summit, Xichong County, Sichuan Province, China
- Aug 2019: 7th Asian Organic Rice Conference, Chengdu, Sichuan Province, China
- Sept 2019: ALGOA+4 Summit on International Policy on Organic Agriculture, Goesan County, South Korea
- **Decisions Pending**
 - 1st ALGOA China Forum (Shanghai China)
 - "Local Governments Organic Trade Fair" (Shanghai China)

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