

WORKPLAN

DISCUSSION PAPERS

1. OVERVIEW OF CURRENT STATUS OF STANDARDS AND CONFORMITY ASSESSMENT SYSTEMS
Ken Commins - IOAS
2. IMPACT OF ORGANIC GUARANTEE SYSTEMS ON PRODUCTION AND TRADE OF ORGANIC PRODUCTS
Els Wynen - UNCTAD
3. CONSUMER SENSITIVITY TO DIFFERENCES IN STANDARDS AND COMPLIANCE SYSTEMS.
Bjarne Pedersen - CI
4. EXTENT OF INTERNATIONAL HARMONISATION AND TRANSPARENCY MECHANISMS
Diane Bowen - IFOAM
5. WTO/TBT AND ORGANIC TRADE FACILITATION.
Katherine Di Matteo - OTA
6. EXISTING AND POTENTIAL MODELS AND MECHANISMS FOR EQUIVALENCY AND MUTUAL RECOGNITION
David Crucefix - IOAS

INFORMATION BRIEFS

1. UPDATE ON ORGANIC REGULATIONS
Ken Commins - IOAS

FUTURE ISSUES

1. IMPLICATIONS OF OTHER FOOD CODES OF RELEVANCE TO ORGANIC AGRICULTURE.

FUNDING

TO BE PURSUED
RESPONSIBLE PERSONS TO CONSIDER COST & FEEDBACK TO DIANE BOWEN, IFOAM - USA.
PRIORITY PROJECTS?

PROCESS

- OUTLINE BY MARCH
- TASK FORCE COMMENTS IN APRIL PLUS VOLUNTEERS FOR HELP
- REPORT PREPARATION BY AUGUST
- TASK FORCE REVIEW IN SEPTEMBER
- FINALISE BEFORE NEXT MEETING –NOVEMBER

NEXT MEETING

NOVEMBER 24- 25 - GENEVA

WORKING METHODS

E-FORUM ON THE WEB BY UNCTAD
ACCESS BY PASSWORD
DISCUSSION FORUM
POSTING RELEVANT DOCUMENTS
OWNERSHIP OF PAPERS, PROCEDURES

WHATS NEXT?

UPDATED TERMS OF REFERENCE
PROPOSED DOCUMENTS