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Organic Agriculture Research: shared vision from Latin-Americans farmers

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+ 15 million family farmers
300,000 organic farmers (mostly small farmers) – third party
12,000 organic farmers - PGS initiatives

High biodiversity

Many years of agricultural culture from traditional communities



Natural Resources

400 million hectares of agricultural land
6'8 million organic hectares

Organic agriculture is “good” for farmers and consumers... but what do the national governments think?



There are so much speakers, workshops, projects and more on the organic agriculture than organic products on the table

Organic products = high prices = “high class” population

Organic production for international markets needs: coffee, cocoa, banana, sugar, avocado, ... But the offer is over the demand

Universities had worked alone,
organic farmers had worked
alone.
Gradually approach each
other to work.



There are more organic rules than nationals
agenda/plan for organic agriculture
research and promotion

Compromised long term by governments

National policies and rules basis on local context
and researches



Traditional knowledge's recognized, validated and improved

Participatory Investigation System for
the organic agriculture: farmers and
professionals sharing information,
methodologies, results... Dialogue of
knowledge

Attractive Organic Agriculture

Validation, investigation and developments about
economical, environmental, social and production issues
and their impacts



Organic food for everything
Quality food studies in local context including traditional foods.

Domestic markets analysis to improve their development and dissemination

Materials accessible and compressive (local languages, figures,...)

Diffusion network by and for farmers and researches about successful organic experiences/participatory investigation



Survival of the Organic Agriculture
Climate Change and Adaption's studies

- ✓ Javier Rivera, coffee small farmer, Andean coordinator MAELA
- ✓ Sandra Montenegro,, ICS's coordinator small farmer association
- ✓ Merlyn Hurtado, market coordinator, Indigenous Association
- ✓ Erminsu (Mincho) David, ONG's director
- ✓ Ing. Guerrero, new organic farmer (less than 1 year)
- ✓ Adrian Cardona, President of small farmer association
- ✓ Miguel Abadia, adviser in traditional food in afro communities
- ✓ Jesus Gomez, vegetable small farmer
- ✓ FUNDESYRAM
- ✓ Felipe Barney, project official in international cooperation agency
- ✓ Diego Angel, university teacher/researcher

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