Collecting data about organic farming in Africa: Experiences of the 2008 survey

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Type of data collected

- Certified organic land
- Number of organic farms
- Production and market volumes
- Land use details
Data and information providers

- IFOAM member organizations
- National and international certification bodies
- Agricultural ministries
- Organic projects
Data availability
Critical issue: Data quality

Information not available for all countries:

- Detailed information on land use
- Number of organic farms
- Market data

In some cases, data of only one certification body were available.
The way forward

Preparation of the survey

- Improve the questionnaire and test it
- Discuss the data collection concept with the data and information sources/contacts
- Discuss with certification bodies and convince them to cooperate
- Select one contact organization for each country which will supply data
Carry out the data collection

IFOAM Africa Office:
- Coordinate and compile the data at the continental level
- Make them available to the stakeholders

Start: July at latest

Communication: Define clear deadlines associated with a planning of the all process
Thanks for your attention!

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