

Agro Eco Eastern Africa, National Organic Agriculture Movement of Uganda, and Danish Institute for International Studies has the pleasure of inviting you to a seminar

Economic Impact of Organic Contract Farming in Uganda

Research results and policy implications

Thursday, 9 December 2008, 09.00 - 13.00

Muyenga Club, Kampala

Background

As markets for certified organic agricultural products have grown over recent years, organic activists, NGOs and some donors have promoted certified organic export production in a number of African countries, and especially in Uganda. Recent years have also seen an increased interest in all types of contract farming arrangements for African smallholders, in a context of rising concern that these producers are being excluded from remunerative value chains. Interestingly, many organic export operations in Africa – including in Uganda – are based on such contract farming arrangements.

On this background, the extent to which certified organic contract farming have positive revenue and productivity effects for smallholders is a question pertinent to the evaluation of both organic agriculture and contract farming as possible routes out of Africa's well-advertised problem of agricultural stagnation and decline. In light of the global food crisis, an equally important question is how enrollment into an organic export contract farming schemes affects household food security.

The seminar will discuss these questions based on household surveys and focus group discussions in three organic contract farming operations in Uganda, exporting Arabica coffee, cocoa, vanilla and pineapple, and attempt to draw lessons for policy and programme design. The research also examined impacts on the adoption of organic farming methods as well as on product quality. The comparison in all cases was with farming systems that are 'organic by default'.

Program

- 09.00-09.30 **Welcome**
Moses Mwangi, National Organic Agriculture Movement of Uganda
Alastair Taylor, Agro Eco Eastern Africa
- 09.30-10.15 **Revenue and productivity effects of organic contract farming: the case of Arabica coffee and cocoa/vanilla**
Peter Gibbon and Simon Bolwig, Danish Institute for International Studies
- 10.15-10.45 **Food security effects of organic export production: case studies of pineapple and Arabica coffee**
Moses Odeke, BOKU (Austria) and CIAT (Uganda)
- 10.45-11.15 **Break**
- 11.15-11.45 **Issues for policy: comments on the two presentations**
Todd Benson, IFPRI (Revenue and productivity effects)
Tom Mugisha, PMA Secretariat (Food security effects)
- 11.45-12.45 **Open discussion**
- 12.45-13.00 **Closure of the workshop**
- 13.0 **Lunch buffet**

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