

Join a Workshop at the Organic World Congress (OWC) 2024!

The Organic World Congress (OWC) 2024, organized by Nanhua University and IFOAM – Organics International, is the leading global event for the organic sector. It brings together participants from around the world to exchange knowledge, share innovations, and advance organic farming practices.

Explore a diverse range of workshops designed to enhance your understanding of organic solutions and sustainable practices. Don't miss the chance to engage with experts and help shape the future of organic agriculture.

Workshop Title:

Future-Proofing Organic Farming: Improving Group Certification and ICS Compliance

Subtitle: Navigating New EU Requirements, Insights from Growers and Certifiers

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Join us for an in-depth exploration of the EU Regulation 2018/848, focusing on the crucial topic of group certification with Internal Control Systems (ICS). This workshop aims to equip participants with the knowledge and strategies needed to navigate new regulatory landscapes impacting organic farming.

Why Attend?

- **Gain** a comprehensive understanding of the EU Regulation 2018/848 and its implications for the organic sector.
- **Explore** financial and administrative solutions for small-scale farmers in low and middle-income countries.
- **Engage** in discussions that foster collaboration and innovative approaches to organic certification.

What to Expect?

This workshop is split into two engaging sessions:

- **Session 1:** Understanding the requirements of EU Regulation 2018/848 for group certification with ICS.
- **Session 2:** Collaborative discussions addressing challenges and opportunities in implementing these regulations.

Main Topics:

- Impact of group composition on certification processes.
- Effects of land holding and turnover limits on producers.
- ICS documentation challenges and best practices.
- Financial implications and cost management strategies.
- Strengthening collaboration with control bodies.
- Risk assessment and precautionary measures for compliance.

Who Should Attend?

Farmers, grower groups, certification bodies, consultants, and NGOs, particularly those involved in organic farming in the Global South.

Speakers and Moderators:

Learn from a diverse group of distinguished speakers and moderators to be announced soon!

Interactive Format:

- Engaging discussions and word cafes to encourage stakeholder participation.
- Participatory exercises to identify opportunities, challenges, and collaborative solutions.

Duration

- **Session One, 1.5 hours (90 minutes)**
- **Session Two, 1.5 hours (90 minutes)**

Language: English