

Day 3 November 12

Halls /time	GANGA	CAUVERY	NARMADA
<b>Ganga:</b> 09:30–11:00  <b>Cauvery and Narmada:</b> 10:00-11:30	<b>5. Organic Cotton –targeting new markets</b> 09:30–11:00 This session will focus on the chances of organic cotton production in India and worldwide, drawing on Organic Exchange's 2006 Organic cotton fibre report. It will look at strengths and weaknesses in the sector and how the needs of both, the market and the farmers can be met. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Simon Ferrigno, Organic Exchange, UK: <i>Organic Cotton - an opportunity for farmers</i></li> <li>Mr. Adhiyaman, Assisi Garments, India: <i>Organic and fair-trade clothing from India</i></li> <li>Rohit Doshe, Mahima Organic Technology, India: <i>Vertical integration from farm to manufacture</i></li> <li>G Xavier, Super Spinning Mills, India: <i>Converting to organic manufacturing and growing</i></li> </ul>	<b>B 2 B Meeting</b> 10:00- 11:30	<b>2.5 Vermiculture</b> 10:00- 11:30 Soil fertility is crucial for Organic Farming as easily soluble mineral 'conventional' fertilizers are not allowed. Vermiculture techniques and application of compost is a strategy for soil improvement specifically when the amount of organic material is restricted. This session looks into both techniques and marketing. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Dinesh Pareek, Yashowati Earthworm and Microbes research Institute, India: <i>Successful organic farming through Pareek earthworm Eco-technology</i></li> <li>N.N., Morarka Foundation, India: <i>The Morarka "vermiculture business package" for farmers</i></li> <li>N.N., Entrepreneur, India: <i>How I became a successful vermiculture entrepreneur</i></li> <li>S. Ghosal Chaudhuri, India: <i>Organic Farming in Andaman and Nicobar Islands</i></li> </ul>
<b>Break</b>	<b>11:00-11:30</b>		<b>11:30- 12:00</b>
<b>Ganga:</b> 11:30–13:00  <b>Cauvery and Narmada:</b> 12:00-13:30	<b>4.3 Internal control and participatory guarantee systems (ICS, PGS)</b> 11:30–13:00 Certification shall be carried out by an independent third party; this is common understanding in the world. But how shall small farmers have access to such system for certification? In many cases lack of capacity and finances prevent them from getting certified and in consequence they have no market access. Speakers will share their experiences about solutions on how to overcome these barriers. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Shelley John, Indocert, India: <i>The ICS concept and respective requirements in NPOP</i></li> <li>Ms. Binita Shah, Senior Programme Manager; Uttaranchal Organic Commodity Board, India: <i>How to adapt the ICS System to overcome the barriers for small scale producers in mountainous regions?</i></li> <li>Mukesh Gupta, Morarka Foundation, India: <i>Online Internal Quality Control System for Organic Certification</i></li> <li>Joy Daniel, Institute for Integrated Rural Development (IIRD), India: <i>Participatory Guarantee Systems, an alternative for developing domestic markets</i></li> </ul>	<b>9. Finance and investment</b> 12:00- 13:30 Financial strength is a prerequisite of any undertaking. This session will focus on financial instruments and support, the banking system in India can provide to assist farmers and companies. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>K.R.P. Rao, College of Agricultural Banking of the Reserve Bank of India: <i>The banking system in India and its special funding opportunities for farmers and companies</i></li> <li>N.N., Canara Bank India: <i>Instruments and practical examples of funding</i></li> </ul>	<b>7. Mitigating climate change</b> 12:00-13:30 The session looks into organic agriculture as a tool for mitigating climate change, at the same time benefiting farmers. Energy reduction strategies are looked at in practical examples. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Meenakshi Jain, Positive ClimateCare Pvt. Ltd., India: <i>Organic Agriculture - a strategy for sustainability of agriculture and mitigation of climate change</i></li> <li>Prof. Dr. George Peter Pittappillil, Renewable Energy Centre Mithradam, India: <i>Renewable Energy for Sustainable Development and Climate Protection</i></li> </ul>
<b>Break</b>	<b>Break 13:00-13:30</b>		<b>13:30- 14:00</b>
<b>Ganga:</b> 13:30-15:00  <b>Cauvery and Narmada:</b> 14:00-15:30	<b>3.1 Domestic market development</b> 13:30- 15:00 Development of domestic markets is crucial for an economical and reliable production for Indian farmers. This session presents results of a nationwide market survey and will present successful examples as well as strategies for India. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Judith Daniel, Institute for Integrated Rural Development, India: <i>Organic Bazaars - A concept for local marketing</i></li> <li>Manoj Menon and Kishore Rao, ICCOA, India: <i>Domestic markets for Organic Foods; Potential and perceptions in India, a nation wide survey</i></li> <li>Mahesh Ramakrishnan, ICCOA, India: <i>Organic Market Initiatives (OMI) –first experiences of ICCOA</i></li> </ul>	<b>B 2 B Meeting</b> 14:00- 15:30	<b>B 2 B Meeting</b> 14:00- 15:30
<b>Break</b> 16:00-17:30	<b>Closing ceremony</b> 15:00- 15:30  <b>16:00- 17:30</b>		