

THE GLOBAL ALLIANCE FOR BIODISTRICTS WILL BE LAUNCHED AT THE 6th ALGOA SUMMIT IN SOUTH KOREA

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The [6th Asian Local Governments for Organic Agriculture ALGOA Summit](#) will officially launch the [Global Alliance for Organic Districts GAOD](#) in South Korea from 12 to 16 October, 2020.

The [Asian Local Governments for Organic Agriculture \(ALGOA\)](#) was promoted by [IFOAM-Organics International Asia](#) in 2013 aimed at fostering dialogue and cooperation among Asian local governments for the development of organic agriculture. The purpose of ALGOA, which today include 240 local governments in 14 countries, is to facilitate the 100% adoption of organic agriculture in Asia. Celebrating the 5th Anniversary of ALGOA and the Asia Organic Day, on 18 September 2020 ALGOA officially launched the [Young Organics Global Network \(YOGN\)](#), a strategic initiative to ensure the involvement of new generations of farmers in the ambitious challenges of the organization.

The [Global Alliance for Organic Districts](#) has been established in February 2020 through a [Memorandum of Understanding signed between ALGOA and the INNER International Network of Bio-Districts and Eco-Regions](#), following a very fruitful dialogue between these two organizations realized with the support of IFOAM. For more than 15 years the bio-districts, applying a territorial food system approach and facilitating interactions between all actors, have been showing the crucial role that organic territories can play at global level in enhancing sustainable food systems. The INNER Network today associates 40 bio-districts operating in Italy and similar initiatives ongoing in Austria, France, Portugal, Spain and Switzerland.

The [Global Alliance for Organic Districts GAOD](#) is supported by IFOAM-Organics International, [IFOAM Asia](#), IFOAM EU, the Baltic Foundation of Lithuania and the members of the [Organic Food System Programme](#) for future cooperation initiatives which can mainstream the innovative methodology of Bio-districts, and the principles and good practices of organic and agroecology within a territorial approach at international level. Organizations such as Regeneration International, League of Organic Municipalities, Cities and Provinces of the Philippines (LOAMCP-PH), recently joined and enriched the Global Alliance of Organic Districts (GAOD), too.

The partners of the Alliance have already held on line conferences about strategic thematic issues of the Bio-districts' approach to be integrated and organized into the new roadmap, such as: organic and regenerative agriculture, soil fertility, carbon reduction, bio economy, organic procurement by public administration, sustainable diets, sustainable local food systems.

In this context, the 2020 ALGOA Summit in South Korea answers the need to make critical mass among all the world's knowledge and



A bio-district is a territory where farmers, citizens, tourist operators, associations and public authorities enter into an agreement for the sustainable management of local resources, based on organic production and consumption (short food chain, purchasing groups, organic canteens in public offices and schools). In bio-districts, the promotion of organic produce is inextricably linked with the promotion of the territory and its special characteristics so that it can fully realise its economic, social and cultural potential.



experiences of territorial organic and to build a cooperation network on it with all others interested countries. Due to the covid-19 pandemic the ALGOA Summit will take place in Goesan (South Korea) entirely online, in English.

The 6th ALGOA Summit includes the following activities:

- Keynote speeches, Official Launch of GAOD and Official Launch of [Asian Organic Innovation and Technology Platform](#).
- Thematic sessions in the following seven Working Groups will be held every day to facilitate more interaction among the participants:
 1. Organic Districts' Integrated Management, Planning, Governance, Policies;
 2. Tourism, Gastronomy;
 3. Regenerative/Organic farming, Agroecology, Natural resources management and Energy production;
 4. Food: Processing, Distribution, Consumption, Food and nutrition security, Quality and Health;
 5. Social issues: Social agriculture, communities' enforcement, urban-rural relations;
 6. Communication;
 7. Youth and organic agriculture.

Participants are invited to [sign up the Registration Form](#) for the Summit and for the Thematic Group of interest. Participants are also invited to propose other issues that they consider of interest to the Working Groups.

The next planned meetings and occasions to move forward the partnerships on these issues will be in September 2021 in Rennes (France), at the Organic World Congress and in Goesan (South Korea) during the International Organic Expo.

To know more and participate

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