

# The Contribution of Organic Agriculture to the SDGs: Scientific evidence from comparative research

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**Date:** 26 February 2019  
**Time:** 09:00 – 17:00  
**Location:** Albert Borschette Congress Centre (Room AB.OD), Rue Froissart 36, Brussels  
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This workshop aims to stimulate debate on the role of organic agriculture and other agro-ecological approaches in the European and international development policy frameworks in the context of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development.

## Programme

Time	Presentation	Speakers
09:00	Registration	
09:30	Towards the 2030 Agenda - DEVCO's agriculture strategy	Leonard Mizzi, DG DEVCO
	Research on organic agriculture and other agroecological approaches in view of the SDGs – relevance, state of the art, needs.	Urs Niggli, Director FiBL Switzerland
10:10	What is the contribution of organic agriculture to sustainable development?	Gurbir Bhullar Monika Schneider Noah Adamtey Christian Schader Irene Kadzere, FiBL
	<i>Organic Farming Evidence</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Results of 10-year farming systems comparisons in Kenya, India and Bolivia.</li> <li>Results of 5-year assessments on productivity, profitability and sustainability in Ghana, Kenya and Uganda.</li> </ul>	
11:00	Coffee break	

11:20	Participatory and interdisciplinary approaches to increase soil fertility and food security in Africa.	Gian Nicolay, FiBL
	Can Organic feed the world? How worldwide conversion to organic farming and responsible consumption contribute to a sustainable food system.	Adrian Müller, FiBL
12:00 <i>Scientific Reflection</i>	Reflection of the research results: scientific panel discussion.	(TBC)
13:00	Lunch Break	
14:00 <i>Policy Approaches</i>	Advancing organic farming through research, development, innovation and technology transfer.	Bram Moeskops, IFOAM EU
	Scaling-up Agroecology to achieve the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) – results from the 2nd Agroecology Symposium.	Carolina Starr, FAO
15:30	Coffee Break	
15:45 <i>Policy Reflection</i>	Panel Discussion: The role of organic agriculture and other agroecological approaches in development policy.	Maria Heubuch, MEP Carolina Starr, FAO DG DEVCO, IFOAM, FiBL
16:45	Take-home messages from the European Parliamentary Alliance on the Fight Against Hunger.	Maria Heubuch, MEP
17:00	Closing	