

2nd ALGOA SUMMIT DECLARATION

We, the participants of the 2nd ALGOA Summit from 14 countries having shared our knowledge and experiences and discussed topics¹ on the role of local governance in the era of Organic 3.0, solemnly declare the following:

1. That we continue to go forward with actions on designing supportive policies, programs, projects and activities towards sustainable organic agriculture and rural development and harnessing the support of civil society organizations, business sectors, academia and others;
2. That we promote ALGOA as a model of public and private partnership and model of bottoms up approach of policy planning from local to national policy development;
3. That we support the creation of ALGOA forums at the country level to encourage more participation and contribute meaningfully to the ALGOA Summit;
4. That we support the initiatives of the Asian Young Organic Leaders Forum;

¹ Specific topics discussed at the 2nd Summit include the status and prospects of organic agriculture in Asia and cases on rural development; local support policies; local governments and bio-villages; local governments and promotion of local food; promotion of organic through demonstration zones; development of organic agriculture in mountain eco-systems; and poverty alleviation through organic agriculture programs.

5. That we organize regular training courses including the ALGOA Organic Foundation Course, for farmers and young people;
6. That we establish networks and exchanges among local governments in Asia and initiate inter-municipality and/or city cooperation;
7. That we support and develop database on innovations within the organic value chain from farming, processing and marketing;
8. That we continue to recognize the lead role of IFOAM Asia on ALGOA inter-regional collaboration;
- 9. That we adopt every 19th day of September² as the Asian Organic Day and hold celebrations in the respective localities.**

² Date of the formal establishment of ALGOA – Sept 19th, 2015, in Goesan County, Republic of Korea