



ALGOA Organic Foundation Course 2020

(June 2nd to 11th, 2020 / Goesan County, South Korea)

The ALGOA Organic Foundation Course is a training program on organic agriculture offered to local government officials and IFOAM Asia affiliates as part of the ALGOA project.

ALGOA or the “Asian Local Governments for Organic Agriculture” was established in September 2015 to promote the full adoption of organic farming practices in Asia and to increase networking among local governments in Asia and the private sector involved in organic farming.

Application to the ALGOA Organic Foundation Course 2020 is offered to ALGOA members, IFOAM Asia affiliates and partners in Asia. Priority will be given to participants from developing countries. Full and partial sponsorships are offered to all eligible participants.

All participants will receive a “Certificate of Completion” on the successful completion of the course and will be eligible for future in-depth training offered by ALGOA.

What is the Organic Foundation Course?

- An intensive, practice-centred further education course on organic agriculture;
- Tuition by prominent organic experts;
- Short, intense residential course, complemented by online learning and collaboration;
- Global outlook, regionalized approach.

What are the Benefits for Participants?

- The full picture of Organic Agriculture: from field to plate;
- Effective, sustainable strategies tailored to individual needs;
- Deepened understanding of the organic principles;
- Inspiration for organic development;
- An action network of likeminded peers.

What are the Learning Objectives?

The training will broaden the knowledge of the participants and develop their skills. After the course, participants will be able to:

- Analyze situations holistically and draw conclusions in line with the principles of Organic Agriculture;
- Design strategies in an effective and ethical way;
- Apply productivity increase strategies and find appropriate information for technology innovations;
- Build relationships, networks and cross-sector alliances;
- Make their value chains more sustainable and competitive;
- Use services from the organic sector to develop operations;
- Access research, advice and training.

What are the Requirements for Participation?

1. Deadlines: All participants must submit the required documents by the due date (see below for deadlines)
2. Language: All participants must be able to understand and converse in English.
3. Country report: All participants must submit a country report on the status of organic agriculture and the challenges faced in each country by the due date. The report should also highlight best practices in organic farming and suggestions for collaboration among ALGOA members.

What are the Costs involved?

Free Tuition / Accommodation / Food: There is no cost for tuition, accommodation and food.

Accommodation will be on a twin-room sharing basis.

Flight costs: Depending on the country of the participant, full or partial sponsorship for flight is offered.

Other costs: Other costs related to the training such as local transport (airport transfers), field-trips and health insurance are covered. However, please note that expenses incurred **outside** Korea (while traveling to Korea) and other private spending costs are not covered by the organizers.

Important Deadlines

| Dates | Contents |
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| March 1st | Deadline for Application |
| March 15th | Notification of Acceptance or Waitlisted (First Selection) Issuance of Invitations for Visa |
| April 30th | Notification of Acceptance (Second Selection) |
| May 15th | Submission of Country Reports |
| June 2nd | Arrival in Korea |
| June 11th | Departure from Korea |

Selection of Applicants

Selection of applicants will be confirmed if the applicants have **received their entry visa to South Korea by April 30th, 2020.**

No further considerations will be made after April 30th and the slot will be given to waitlisted applicants who do not need a visa to enter Korea.

Venue of the Training /West of Canaan Hotel, Goesan County



The residential training will take place at the **West of Canaan Hotel** in Goesan County, South Korea. It is a small, eco-friendly hotel nestled in the mountains and is half an hour from Goesan county downtown. The entire hotel has been rented for the ALGOA training.

About Goesan County, Chungbuk Province

Goesan County is known for its clean air and beautiful natural environment and is unique as it is one of the birthplaces of organic farming in South Korea.