

## CBTF-IFOAM cooperation in East Africa

Building capacity for trade



## CBTF & OSEA

- UNEP-UNCTAD: Capacity Building Task Force (CBTF)
- CBTF in EA: Promoting Production and Trading Opportunities for Organic Agricultural Products in East Africa (supported by the EU and Norway)
- OSEA: IFOAM project to develop an East African Organic Standard (supported by Sida)
- The projects have been merged to a large extent



## Areas of work

- Background studies
- Integrated assessments
- Regional Cooperation



## Background studies

- Data about the countries
  - Best Practices for organic policy
  - Organic and food security in EA
  - Market for EA products
- Made by local and international consultants



## Integrated assessment

- Comprehensive integrated assessment of the sector
  - Policy recommendations
- Made by local organisations



## Regional cooperation

- Policy development
- East African Organic Standard
  - Regional markets
  - Consumer awareness
  - Access to international markets
- Trade issues?



Regional Standards Technical Working Group



## The EAOS

- A unified East African standard for organic
  - Possibly an EAC standard
- Developed by the stakeholders
- Adapted to the conditions in East Africa
- Been consulted and field tested during 2006
- To be adopted in 2007
- Form the basis for regional market development and consumer awareness campaigns
- Basis for equivalence and int. negotiation



## Big bang in Nairobi, December 2006

- Policy workshop
- Organic Standard Forum
- Regional Standards Technical Working Group
- Field trips
- IFOAM Standards Committee

