

3rd INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE
on the **organic sector** development
in **Central/Eastern European**
and **Central Asian countries**

September 17-18, 2010
with excursions on September 19-20
in **Astana, Kazakhstan**

Dear Madame or Sir,

It is our pleasure to announce some **programme highlights** of the upcoming **'3rd International conference on the organic sector development in Central/Eastern European and Central Asian countries'**

Among the speakers during the opening ceremony the **Minister of Agriculture of the Republic of Kazakhstan**, who is supporter of the conference, has been invited to give a keynote on organic perspectives.

More than **45 speakers from 15 countries** will share their knowledge and experiences about research findings, practical issues as well as visions, among them:

- Jiri Urban, **Deputy Minister for Environment, Research and Education** from Czech Republic will present the Czech project "Organic farmers for the Nature".
- Asad Naqvi, Programme officer of the UNEP-Economics and Trade Branch will report first findings of a **United Nations Environment Programm (UNEP)** study assessing the potential of organic agriculture in transitioning to a Green Economy in the EECCA region (Eastern Europe, Caucasus and Central Asia).
- Elisabeth Rüegg, Director of IMO will discuss **FairWild** as alternative management and trade model for sustainable use of the natural biodiversity of Central Asia and the Caucasus. Koert Jansen, Fund Manager of the **Triodos Bank** will provide useful information on trade finance for new businesses in organic.
- Janybek Borkoshev, Board chairman of the **Agricultural Commodity and Service Cooperative "Bio Farmer"**, will present his learning from establishing a successful organic cotton farmer's cooperative in Kyrgyzstan.
- Wouter Floot, Senior Trader at **Tradin Organic Agriculture BV** will share experiences of the world biggest trader of organic products and their activities in the region.
- Elene Shatberashvili, lawyer of last years local organiser **Elkana** will contribute her knowledge about coherent policies and legal frameworks for the development of the organic sector in post-Soviet countries on the example of Georgia.

Thematic sessions will focus on organic cotton, Eco-tourism, domestic market development and more. Please see **information on all sessions on the updated [conference website](#)**.

The conference will take place from September 17 to 18, 2010 at the Duman Hotel in Astana.

On the days following the conference, participants may join field trips of one or two days duration.

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We are looking forward to welcoming you in Kazakhstan!

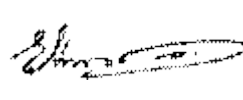
Yours sincerely,



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