

AFRONET PROFILE

1.0. BACKGROUND OF THE ORGANIZATION

The African Organic Network (AfrONet) is a membership-based International Non-Governmental Organization (I-NGO) operating across the African continent through National Organic Agriculture Movements (NOAMs), networks, and associations. AfrONet is registered in the United Republic of Tanzania under the NGO Act No. 24 of 2002, with registration number I-NGO/00007393, and is currently headquartered in Dar es Salaam, Tanzania.

Established in 2012 and officially registered in 2014, AfrONet serves as a continental umbrella body that unites and coordinates organic agriculture and agroecology stakeholders across Africa within a common platform aimed at advancing the development of the organic sector on the continent.

AfrONet's mandate is to convene and strengthen collaboration among actors operating across the organic agriculture and agroecology value chain, including policymakers, researchers, development partners, private sector entities, certification bodies, value addition enterprises, operators, organic farmers' organizations and associations, academic institutions, and civil society organizations. Through this coordinated approach, the organization works towards promoting sustainable agricultural systems and accelerating the growth and development of the organic sector in Africa.

As a not-for-profit organization, AfrONet is committed to promoting organic agriculture and agroecology through community-based programmes, policy advocacy, capacity strengthening, knowledge sharing, and strategic partnerships aimed at fostering sustainable livelihoods and environmental sustainability across the continent. AfrONet is the official convener of the African Organic Conference (AOC), a continental event held every three years. Since its inaugural edition in 2009, the conference has been successfully convened five times, serving as a key platform for advancing organic agriculture and agroecology dialogue, partnerships, knowledge exchange, and policy engagement across Africa.

2.0. ORGANIZATION'S VISION, MISSION AND OBJECTIVES

2.1. Vision:

To have a united and vibrant African Organic Agriculture (OA) that transforms and empowers communities for sustainable livelihoods.

2.2. Mission Statement:

To spur a uniquely Organic Agriculture (OA) sector that transforms smallholder agriculture into a socio-cultural, affordable, productive, efficient and competitive farming system that guarantees food security and sovereignty, income growth and equity.

2.3. Objectives:

2.3.1. Main Objective:

To develop a unique organic agriculture sector based on the principles of health, ecology, care and fairness to guarantee food security, sovereignty and sustainable development.

2.3.2. Specific Objectives:

- (1) To steer and develop programmes and networks of common interest at continental, regional, and national levels.
- (2) To build strategic partnerships with relevant and like-minded institutions at international, continental, regional and national levels, to support the development of Organic Agriculture in Africa.
- (3) To lobby and advocate AUC, RECs and African Governments to include organic agriculture in their policies, strategies and programmes.
- (4) To develop and promote organic agriculture research, extension and training in Africa.
- (5) To organize African Organic Conferences, fairs, and participate in international, continental and regional organic events.

3.0. STRATEGIC INTERVENTION PILLARS OF AFRONET'S OPERATIONS

1. Strong Networks
2. Lobbying & Advocacy
3. Knowledge Hub
4. Vibrant Institution

4.0. STRATEGIC FUNCTIONS TO ARTICULATE THE ORGANIZATION'S OBJECTIVES

AfrONet undertakes functions appropriate to meeting its objectives cited above including:

- i. Unite and network organic agriculture and agroecology actors and stakeholders across the continent.
- ii. Undertake lobbying and advocacy at high levels.
- iii. Support capacity building for key players in organic agriculture across the continent.

- iv. Mobilize resources for its endeavours in promoting organic agriculture and agroecology on the continent.
- v. Spearhead organic agriculture research, extension, training and value chains and market development.
- vi. Provide management and administrative consultancy to like-minded programmes and partners.

5.0. CORE VALUES

The organization upholds the following core values:

- **Accountability:** Taking responsibility to stakeholders, partners and the general local and international community.
- **Transparency:** Conducting all affairs with openness and honesty.
- **Integrity:** Upholding strong ethical and moral principles.
- **Sustainability:** Promoting long-term beneficiary ownership of initiatives.
- **Collaboration:** Working jointly with partners to maximize impact.
- **Good governance:** Setting up governance and administrative systems that foster good practices.
- **Service to members:** Making the provision of high-quality services to members our top priority.