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Join us at the IFOAM Conference on Organic Animal and Plant Breeding, August 25-28, 2009 in Santa Fe, NM, USA!

The time is right to address the urgent questions on future organic production!

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for more detailed information see:

http://www.ifoam.org/events/ifoam_conferences/2009_Animal_and_Plant_Breeding/travel_information.html

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Highlights at the Breeding Diversity Conference

Launch of the IFOAM Guide to Biodiversity and Landscape Quality in Organic Agriculture

On Wednesday August 26th the "IFOAM Guide to Biodiversity and Landscape Quality in Organic Agriculture" will be launched in an own event where we invited the authors to come and join us for this special moment. The book is featuring case studies from around the world that illustrate the contribution organic agriculture makes to biodiversity. Find the first pages already here: [\[link\]](#)

Key Note Speaker Jacob Wanyama states:

At the moment, the world is facing numerous problems. While poverty, hunger and underdevelopment, have always been a constant global problem especially for developing countries, the effects of climate change and loss of biodiversity present even a more bleak future for humanity. For many years development agencies have prescribed approaches such as Green Revolution and market liberalization which failed to improve the livelihoods of majority of the developing world's populace and conserve biodiversity.

Organic agricultural and livestock breeding ensures that the land's flora and fauna is sympathetically managed for biodiversity and hence can effectively conserve biodiversity. It mitigates climate change through reducing greenhouse gases, especially nitrous oxide through the use of natural rather than synthetic chemical fertilizers, storing carbon in the soil, conserving plant biomass and minimizing energy consumption.

Do not miss this outstanding information opportunity- 2 panel discussions, 6 morning key notes, 14 scientific paper sessions and 15 work shops on three days!

Leading scientists and activists, farmers and breeders will be coming together to share their latest findings and positions on Organic Breeding and Agro-Biodiversity conservation in order to find new ways to address future challenges. Click here to see the detailed program: [\[link\]](#)

Public consultation on the IFOAM Position Paper on Organic Seed

According to the instructions given by the General Assembly 2008 in Modena, IFOAM developed a position paper on the use of organic seed and propagation materials in organic agriculture to be publicly consulted for the first time at the conference.

A seed position blog has been created at: <http://www.IFOAMblog.wordpress.com> to increase input ahead of the conference. To join the blog please contact Anna:

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The full paper is accessible on the IFOAM website: [\[link\]](#)

Additional Highlights of the conference:

- The cheerful Conference Dinner on Thursday August 27 with music and delicious fresh local organic food!
- The city of Santa Fe, famous for its arts, crafts and vivid historic city center or take a pre-conference tour to the nearby Pueblos (Native American traditional towns)!

Keep yourself up to date and register for the Breeding Diversity news-list:

http://www.ifoam.org/events/ifoam_conferences/2009_Animal_and_Plant_Breeding/Subscribe_to_Mailing_list.html

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