



2nd Organic Districts World Congress

One Health, One Planet

from July 29 to August 2, 2024



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Call for Contributions

Registration deadline: 28.06.2024

Contribution's submission deadline: 12.07.2024

Hosting Organization:

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The Global Alliance of Organic Districts (GAOD) annually proposes the International Summit and every five years the International Congress.

The first Organic Districts World Congress was held in 2019 in Idanha-a-Nova - Portugal, with the participation of territories from different parts of the world, engaged in the development of organic local food systems and healthy diets. The Congress was promoted within the framework of “FISAS - International Forum on Territories Relevant to Sustainable Food Systems”, a platform of major events on sustainable development. In addition to the World Congress of Organic Districts, the World Forum on Rural Innovation, the International Seminar on World Agricultural Heritage (GIAHS) and the Workshop on Local Public Policies for Food Sustainability also took place simultaneously. It emerged the need to support policies at local, national and international, favoring local sustainable food systems, reinforcing the strategic role of local administrations.



The second Organic Districts World Congress will also take place in Idanha-a-Nova from July 29 to August 2, 2024. It has been designed to address the multifaceted challenges and opportunities within the global organic districts movement and promote its global diffusion.



The 2024 Congress's theme, “**One Health, One Planet**” necessitates a comprehensive exploration of various aspects of the organic districts. To achieve this, the Congress is structured around **eight core tracks**, according to the structure of the Work Groups activated globally by GAOD and locally by each organic district, as mentioned in the IN.N.E.R. and GAOD Organic District Guidelines.

Track 1: Organic Districts' Integrated Management, Planning, Governance and Policies

Objectives: support the Organic Districts in all the start-up, management and organization related activities involving the integration of the different dimensions of the Organic Districts (technical, environmental, social and economic). Focus areas are Organic Districts vision, organization structure, planning strategies, performance monitoring, private and public policies.

Track 2: Tourism – Gastronomy

Objectives: support the Organic Districts in the development of activities related to the start-up, management and organization of activities of promotion of the territory in terms of its natural, historical and cultural heritage, including gastronomy. An efficient integration of tourism and gastronomy within the Organic Districts provides a much-needed support to valorize the multifunctional dimension of the farming activity and its integration with different actors of the community (touristic agencies, cultural associations, restaurant owners). This can provide an important contribution to the overall Organic Districts sustainable development, provide a better understanding and value of the work, quality and lifestyle in rural areas and inspire the re-population of these areas.

Track 3: Regenerative/Organic farming - Agroecology - Natural resources management and Energy production

Objectives: support the Organic Districts in the development of activities related to the start-up, management and organization of different sustainable production models where the Regenerative/Organic farming – Agroecology go hand in hand with the strictly related Natural resources management and Energy production. This will provide a strong support for the Organic Districts in the sustainable supply of food, fiber and ecosystem services which represent the core of the activities.

Track 4: Food: Processing – Distribution- Consumption. Food and nutrition security quality and health

Objectives: Support the Organic Districts in the development of activities related to the start-up, management and organization of activities supporting the different stages following the farming activity. The differentiation of the Organic District economic system, by adding sustainable and locally based Food Processing – Distribution-Consumption activities will contribute to the territorial economic development; the support to a sustainable model of agriculture and food production, provided by this WG, will also involve social and environmental benefits in terms of food quality and health for the communities and other external actors, such as tourists, consumers outside the Organic District.

Track 5: Social issues. Social agriculture - communities' enforcement - urban-rural relations

Objectives: Support the Organic Districts in the development of activities related to the start-up, management and organization of activities related to the improvement of the social conditions of the Organic Districts Communities. This involves the strengthening of the community bonds, the creation of a virtuous cycle linking the urban and rural areas where the Organic District insist. By facilitating exchanges of ideas, experiences and simply increasing the level of mutual knowledge among people living in urban and rural areas, a mutual benefit for the communities will be provided. Integrating socially fragile and marginalized people within inclusive Eco-Region communities is also another area of intervention this WG will consider in its activities.

Generally, Organic Districts are in rural areas and their main activities are related to agriculture. They supply the local population but also to the population living in cities. Seen in the perspective of the need for an integrated food system approach for healthy and environmentally friendly dietary patterns, this opens up for developing new rural-urban linkages to provide more and better jobs for youth in agriculture and food systems and in general, a potential for the revitalization of rural areas.

Track 6: Communication

Objectives: Collect, organize and distribute all the relevant information related to the Organic Districts activity with the aim of promoting their development in relation to the relevant stakeholders (public, private and civil society organizations) including the general public. Another relevant aspect related to this WG is the communication among the members of Eco-Regions not only supporting the management but increasing the awareness and pride of being part of an Eco-Regions. This plays an important role in increasing trust, collaboration and commitment within and Between the Eco-Regions communities. The WG communication plays a strategic role for the GAOD success.

Track 7: Youth and organic agriculture (ref “Young Organics Global Network)

Objectives: valorize the role of Young members as carriers of innovative ideas ensuring a sustainable and food-secure future. Provides GAOD updated info on new trends and available innovations.

Track 8: Gender equity

Objectives: promote gender equity within organic districts, ensuring equal opportunities and representation for all genders in all aspects of Organic District activities and governance.

Registration by 28 June 2024
www.ecoregion.info/ODWC2024

Send your contribution by 12 July 2024 to:
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Summary of the Program of the Celebration of the Centenary Biodynamic Agriculture (CCBA) of the 2nd Organic Districts World Congress (ODWC) and of the 2nd Drylands Organic Agriculture Network (DOAN) Summit + Tourist visits

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Date	Detail	Notes
July 26, Friday	Arrival in Idanha-a-Nova of the CCBA Participants	Transfer of the CCBA participants from Lisbon or Madrid to Idanha-a-Nova (offered by the City Hall) Check in at the hotels
	Agrifood Summit Powered by SFT-EDIH - Hub Presentation - 4 pm The Agrifood Summit Powered by SFT-EDIH (Smart Sustainable Farms, Food and Trade, European Digital Innovation Hub) invites you to the presentation of the Hub, taking place at a dedicated stand, at 4 pm.	The Agrifood Summit will have a specific agenda, to be published on the hub's website and social media. https://www.linkedin.com/company/sft-edih/ https://www.sft-edih.eu/ From 26 July, until 4 August.
July 27, Saturday	Celebration of Centenary Biodynamic Agriculture Day 1	Breakfast at the hotel Transfer to the CCBA venue in Idanha-a-Nova Transfer to the hotels
July 28, Sunday	Celebration of Centenary Biodynamic Agriculture Day 2	Breakfast at the hotel Transfer to the CCBA venue Transfer to the hotels
	Arrival in Idanha-a-Nova of the ODWC participants	Transfer of the ODWC participants from Lisbon or Madrid to Idanha-a-Nova (offered by the City Hall) Check in at the hotels
July 29, Monday	Official Opening ceremony Plenary Day 1 <i>Lunch</i> Parallel Session 1: ODWC - Organic Districts for a healthy Planet Parallel Session 2: DOAN - Drylands Organic Agriculture Network/part 1 <i>Dinner</i>	Breakfast at the hotel Transfer to the Congress venue in Idanha-a-Nova Transfer to the hotels
July 30, Tuesday	Plenary Day 2 <i>Lunch</i> Parallel Session 1: ODWC - ecological infrastructure Parallel session 2: DOAN - Drylands Organic Agriculture Network/part 2 Closing DOAN <i>Dinner</i>	Breakfast at the hotel Transfer to the Congress venue in Idanha-a-Nova Transfer to the hotels
July 31, Wednesday	Plenary Day 3 Experiences from Organic Districts in the World/Part 1 <i>Lunch</i> <i>Experiences from Organic Districts in the World/Part 2</i> Conclusions Final Declaration ODWC Official Closing <i>Dinner</i>	Breakfast at the hotel Transfer to the Congress venue in Idanha-a-Nova Transfer to the hotels
August 1, Thursday	Field trips to organic farms/part 1: - Herdade do Couto da Várzea - Living Seeds <i>Lunch at the hotel</i> Field trips to organic farms/part 2: - Monte da Silveira - Egitânia's olive grove and Idanha-a-Velha <i>Dinner</i>	Breakfast at the hotel Morning transfer to the organic farms Transfer to the hotels Afternoon transfer to the organic farms Transfer to the hotels
August 2, Friday	Departure of foreign delegations	Breakfast at the hotel Transfer to Lisbon or Madrid Airport
	<i>Additional tourist program</i> Visit to the International Tejo Natural Park - Birdwatching <i>Lunch</i> Thermal experience in the thermal spa of Termas de Monfortinho <i>Dinner</i>	Breakfast at the hotel Tourist visits Transfer to the hotel
August 3, Saturday	Fossils Trail in the heart of Naturtejo Geopark <i>Lunch</i> Visit to the Historic Village of Monsanto <i>Dinner</i>	
August 4, Sunday	Departure	Breakfast at the hotel Transfer to Lisbon or Madrid Airport offered by the City Hall

Throughout each day, participants will be able to enjoy the cultural entertainment of the XXIV Feira Raiana