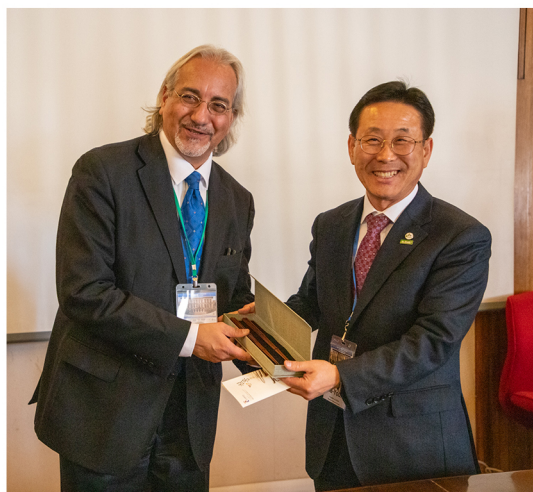


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Goesan Mayor, President of ALGOA is elected as President of GAOD



Mayor Lee (left) and Salvatore Basile (right) are elected as Co-Presidents of GAOD

Mayor Lee Cha Young, President of ALGOA has been elected as Co-President of the Global Alliance of Organic Districts (GAOD) on Aug 12, 2020, in a virtual session of the Steering Committee of GAOD.

Mr Salvatore Basile, President of the International Network of Eco-regions (INNER) is the other Co-President (left in the photo).

GAOD has been formed out of a union between ALGOA and INNER with the signing of a MoU in Rome, Italy, on February 6th, 2020.



GAOD MoU Signing Ceremony in Rome together with representatives from GAOD partners

Other partners are Regeneration International, Baltic Foundation of Lithuania and the League of Organic Municipalities, Cities and Provinces of the Philippines (LOAMCP-Ph). The MoU is supported by IFOAM Organics International, IFOAM Asia, IFOAM EU, Mouans-Sartoux/Un Plus Bio and Organic Food System Programme.

For more information, please visit: <https://gaod.online/> www.organicgovts.com

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ALGOA Celebrates 5 Years of Achievements & Asia Organic Day (Sept 18th, 2020)

On Sept 18th, 2020, ALGOA will celebrate its fifth anniversary in a virtual session due to the unusual situation of COVID-19. The founding day of ALGOA (September 19th) is also the Asia Organic Day and commemorative speeches from local and foreign VIPs will be made at the event.



Photo above: Founding Members of ALGOA, 2015



Group Photo of the Inaugural Summit of ALGOA, Sept 19th, 2015

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6th ALGOA Summit “Building Alliances Beyond Asia” (Oct 12th~16th, 2020, Virtual Sessions)

With the successful hosting of the “ALGOA+4 International Summit on Organic Agriculture Policy” in 2019, ALGOA has made great strides in forming global alliances across the world.

The theme of this year’s Summit is an output of the 2019 international conference and is based on the progress for GAOD already made in the first half of 2020.

Consensus has been reached among the relevant stakeholders to have the inauguration of the Global Alliance of Organic Districts (GAOD) at the upcoming Summit.

VIRTUAL SESSIONS

The opening ceremony in Goesan County will be streamed live under the physical presence of local VIPs and other dignitaries. There will be simultaneous translation available.

Keynotes and main sessions will be pre-recorded and streamed live for 3 hours daily (from 14:00 to 1700 hours Korean Standard Time / 0700 to 1000 hours Central Europe Standard Time) through the various social media.

Thematic sessions will also be conducted by GAOD members and will be streamed live at the following times:
18:00 ~19:30 (Korean Standard Time)
11:00 ~ 12:30 (Central Europe Standard Time)

Designation of the GAOD Asia Secretariat

ALGOA under the Presidency of Goesan County will be designated as the GAOD Asia Secretariat during the ALGOA Summit.

Please follow the developments of the ALGOA Summit on the IFOAM Asia website and other IFOAM Asia social networks. www.asia.ifoam.bio

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Young Organics Global Network Officially Launched

The success of the ALGOA Organic Foundation Courses (OFC) from 2016 has culminated into another historic organization being born. The 2016 graduates of the OFC had spontaneously grouped themselves into the Asian Organic Youth Forum which has attracted unsurpassed attention from many local governments and youth groups.



A similar group of young leaders has been established in Europe in the early 2000s and both groups in Asia and Europe decided that it was time for the youth to connect the boundaries in the name of Organic Agriculture. Discussions started for the formation of a global network – Young Organics Global Network (YOGN).

The members of YOGN are a group of young, innovative leaders from across the world who are passionate about living a life that embodies holistic Principles of Organic Agriculture of Health, Ecology, Fairness, and Care.

YOGN is currently hosted by IFOAM Asia and fully sponsored by Goesan County, South Korea. For more YOGN information, visit its website at: www.yoglobalnetwork.com



Photo: Asian Organic Youth Forum Members in Bislig, Philippines, 2018