

Seed and Plant Breeding in Organic Agriculture
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Join farmers, farmer-breeders, seed savers, NGOs and breeders at the OWC pre-conference
"Seed and Plant Breeding in Organic Agriculture".

The event will offer the opportunity for participants from different global regions to come to the table and share ideas, opinions and strategies to ensure regionally adapted seeds for organic agriculture.




SEED WORKSHOP

10 am till 5 pm


THEMES:

Common vision



International actors involved in organic plant breeding (farmers, farmer-breeders, seed savers, NGO's and breeders) will discuss a common definition of organic seeds and exchange ideas about innovative breeding approaches. The group will work on how to ensure regionally-adapted seeds for organic agriculture and develop strategies and next steps for the future.


Expert talks



New Breeding techniques: how IFOAM is facing the challenges of new breeding techniques for organic plant breeding and farming;

Intellectual Property Rights: seed experts from across the globe will assess the threats posed by intellectual property rights and how to ensure fair access, protection and promotion of organic seeds.

Focus groups



Sub-groups will discuss crop specific issues allowing the participants to the pre-conference to identify technical, regulatory and organizations bottlenecks. Possible topics: **cotton, vegetables & other crops, agroforestry.**

The IFOAM Seeds Platform will also organize other events during the Organic World Congress such as
WORKSHOPS - FARMERS' PRESENTATIONS - SCIENTIFIC PRESENTATIONS

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SEED FESTIVAL

Beej Mela

12 noon till 6 pm

Bharat Beej Swaraj Manch (India Seed Sovereignty Alliance) and other partners will organize an exhibition to display unique native varieties of seeds and show the value of local knowledge systems.

Why the IFOAM Seeds Platform

The objective of the SEEDS Platform will be to integrate seed-specific knowledge, concerns, positions and issues into the work that IFOAM–Organics International conducts at the global level.

An extended participation in IFOAM SEEDS Platform will ensure a wide coverage of the regional expertise that has been committed to supporting the organic movement with plants bred in a fairer and more participatory way.



Team

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How to get there:

Constitution Club of India

Rafi Marg, New Delhi, 110016
Behind Reserve Bank of India, Sansad Marg

The venue is close to **Patel Chowk metro**.

It can be easily reached from the metro network

A shuttle can be reserved to bring participants from the OWC venue in Greater Noida to the CCI in the morning and will bring them back in the afternoon.

OFAI advises to find accommodation in New Delhi for the pre-conference and then move to Greater Noida for the OWC.

