

Smallholder Task-Force starts Call for Proposals



The Smallholder Task Force starts its call for innovative proposals to improve certification for smallholders. The team is seeking input from stakeholders world-wide.



CALL FOR PROPOSALS

Proposal forms will be distributed amongst different stakeholder groups and individuals experienced in or with GLOBALGAP certification all over the world.

The Smallholder Task Force is part of the Smallholder GLOBALGAP support project in developing countries, a cooperation project between DFID, GTZ and GLOBALGAP with additional support from the Foreign Ministry of the Kingdom of the Netherlands, DFPT South Africa and SMH projects Ltd., UK.

Its objective is to incorporate all different stakeholder views and experience related to GLOBALGAP implementation in smallholder agriculture worldwide and to consider options for the next revision of the standard.

Topics for consideration are i.e.:

- a) GLOBALGAP Control Points and Compliance Criteria,
- b) GLOBALGAP General Regulations – especially certification options 1, 2 and possibly further options relevant to producer groups
- c) The Quality Management System requirements of option 2 certification.

STAKEHOLDER WORKSHOP IN APRIL

Main findings and most adequate proposals will be discussed on an international multi-stakeholder workshop at the end of April in Germany.

The goal of this workshop will be the open exchange between representatives from African and European Producer Marketing

Organisations, developing agencies, GLOBALGAP as well as governmental and non-governmental organisations.

Results of the survey and the workshop will assist GLOBALGAP members to develop and adjust appropriate technical standards and procedures to facilitate the compliance of smallholder farmers with GLOBALGAP standards. Therewith, anybody can contribute to the standard setting process.

At the GLOBALGAP Conference 15-17 October 2008 the Task Force will present their proposals to the public and discuss them at round tables.

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