

FINAL DECLARATION OF THE 19th ORGANIC WORLD CONGRESS 2017 IN INDIA

The 19th *Organic World Congress: an Organic World through an Organic India* took place in November 2017 in New Delhi, India. The [Congress closed the works with a Declaration](#) shared by the participants, to be used as a reference for futures actions.

The Congress successfully achieved its goal as a reference point for the development of the organic sector worldwide. Over 1,000 farmers attended, generating a massive exchange of organic agriculture innovations and advanced organic techniques. 2,479 delegates from 121 countries and organic trade missions from 40 countries joined the Organic World Congress, plus over 7,000 day visitors. The majority of visitors came from Asia, Africa and Latin America.

The Congress has received strong support from the Government of India, which has sponsored its implementation in collaboration with IFOAM and the [Organic Farming Association of India OFAI](#). The event saw the participation of the Prime Minister of Indian Government and was inaugurated by the Minister for Agriculture and Farmers' Welfare, that has ensured commitment in orienting India's agriculture policy in the direction of organic.

The government of India is the first country to recognise the [Participatory Guarantee System \(PGS\)](#) as a legitimate system of organic certification and to organise schemes on a large scale to promote organic farming in the field.

A National Organic Seed Festival was held as a parallel event during the Organic World Congress. About 60 groups from 15 states of India practicing on-farm conservation and promotion of seed diversity and related knowledge, participated in the festival. Over 4,000 different varieties of seeds were on display, along with relevant posters and information.

To know more

[Organic World Congress Declaration](#)

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