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## Vacancy Notice

IFOAM calls for an

### ***Organic Guarantee System Expert***

IFOAM is the global organic umbrella organization with 800 affiliates in over 115 countries representing the organic farming and food sector covering over 37 million ha of organically managed land and 55 billion US\$ consumer purchases. IFOAM is recognized by ISO as a standard setting body and has official status with the FAO, UNCTAD, UNEP, IFAD and several other United Nations and international organizations.

The Organic Guarantee System (OGS) is a core function enabling IFOAM to fulfill its mission and purpose. A new OGS was launched in 2010 providing new elements and services to the organic sector and governments.

We are looking for an expert who develops and implements the Organic Guarantee System and is in close contact with potential clients and users of our services. In managing these complex responsibilities the expert closely collaborates with the IFOAM Program Manager and the Executive Director.

The OGS Expert is well integrated in the IFOAM Head Office team and operates from Bonn, Germany.

**JOB RESPONSIBILITIES** of the Expert in OGS marketing, OGS implementation and OGS advocacy include, but are not limited to:

- Manage the pool of clients of the IFOAM OGS services.
- Promote IFOAM OGS services towards potential clients.
- Conduct technical assessments of organic standards and government regulations.
- Establish and coordinate the IFOAM Best Practice Standards Program.
- Chair relevant IFOAM Organic Guarantee System (OGS) committees and organize their meetings.
- Advocate for the recognition of the OGS services (IFOAM Family of Standards and IFOAM accreditation programs) by governments and other stakeholders.

#### **QUALIFICATIONS AND EXPERIENCE**

To complete our team we are looking for a creative and dynamic senior expert with intercultural communication competences, excellent marketing skills and vast technical experience (at least 5 years) in organic standards development and/or verification. The following key competencies are important to us:

- Excellent negotiation and promotional skills.
- Extensive experience in organic standards' development or assessment, including experience as member or chair of an organic standard committee.
- Excellent understanding of organic regulatory aspects.
- Good overview of the various players in the organic standard world.

- Excellent command of English, written and spoken.
- Good computer skills, including good command of Excel.
- Ability and willingness to travel abroad.
- Motivation to uphold IFOAM's vision and positions.

The following competencies are desirable:

- Second Language, e.g. knowledge in Arabic, Russian, Chinese, Spanish and/or French.
- Familiarity with IFOAM.

**We offer**

a full time position located in Bonn, Germany.

Salary and other conditions are compatible to similar social and environmental international non-governmental organizations.

**Are you interested?**

Applications are welcome electronically (one pdf document) until November 15, 2011. Please submit your full application including motivation letter, CV, job certificates, salary expectation and contact details of two reference persons in English to Thomas Cierpka at [T.Cierpka@ifoam.org](mailto:T.Cierpka@ifoam.org)  
Only complete applications will be processed.

We recommend reading the IFOAM OGS brochure and the OGS couriers of 2011, which you find at [www.ifoam.org/ogs](http://www.ifoam.org/ogs).

For job content related questions you may contact, Joelle Katto-Andrighetto, IFOAM Program Manager - phone: +49-228-9265024