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Government of India
Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare
Department of Agriculture, Cooperation and Farmers' Welfare

Dated 22nd March, 2017
Krishi Bhawan, New Delhi

OFFICE MEMORANDUM

Subject: 19th IFOAM Organic World Congress (OWC) to be held during 9-11 November, 2017 at India Expo Centre and Mart, Greater Noida, India-reg.

Earlier ref:- Letter of INM Division, DAC&FW of Even No. Dated 26th July, 2016

Sir,

IFOAM-Organics International organises the Organic World Congress (OWC) once every three years to strengthen the global organic movement by providing a platform to stakeholders for sharing knowledge and expertise, and also to help establish valuable partnerships.

The last (18th) edition of the OWC was organised in Istanbul, Turkey in October 2014. Organic Farming Association of India won the bid to host the OWC (Jaivik Krishi Vishwa Kumbh) in India.

The 19th OWC is scheduled to be held from 9th-13th November, 2017. Jaivik Krishi Vishwa Kumbh is expected to see a large congregation of more than 3000 delegates consisting of farmers, scientists, research organization and practitioners from Europe, USA, Africa, Latin America, Asia and SAARC countries. The global organic trade fraternity has been invited to participate in the BIOFACH 2017 Trade Fair to be held during the Congress.

The Congress is being organized by the Organic Farming Association of India (OFAI). The Union Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers Cooperation has agreed to support the event as a Partner. Other ministries, including the Ministry for Women and Child Development, APEDA and the National Centre of Organic Farming (NCOF), Ghaziabad will provide support to OFAI.

The Congress will feature the following:-

- Presentations by organic farmer
- Workshops on technologies and best practices
- India Organic Trade Fair
- Practical demonstrations by organic farmers
- Fashion show on organic and handspun textiles by Wendell Rodrick
- Open organic market run by farmers

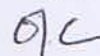
The OWC will present an opportunity to our farmers, scientists and researchers to be exposed to best practices and cutting edge technology in the organic farming arena. The event will also enable our farmers and traders to showcase our innovations and technologies, as also to create virtuous networks to facilitate trade and information sharing.

In view of considerable significance of OWC being held in India, States are requested to participate in the State Pavilions and nominate the member farmers under PKVY and MOVCD-NER clusters for an exposure visit to the event. The funds required for logistics arrangement and registration of farmers may be met from sub-component of Seminar/Organic Fairs under the MOVCDNER/PKVY schemes.

Yours Faithfully,



(I. Rani Kumudini)
Joint Secretary (INM)



Distribution;

1. The Principal Secretary (Agriculture), All the State Governments
2. Director Secretary (Agriculture), All the States under PKVY scheme
3. Mission Director, all North Eastern States
4. The MJH Javed, Director, Agriculture & Rural Development (SAARC), SAARC Secretariat, Tridevi Marg, PO Box 4222, Kathmandu, Nepal, Email:dirban@saarc-sec.org:- with request to nominate at least 100 farmers from SAARC country to participate in the event which will be a boon for farmers community to get acquaint with the latest know-how about organic farming in different part of the world. A line in confirmation will be highly appreciated.

Copy for information and necessary action also to:-

5. Director, NCOF, Hapur Road, Ghaziabad-201002, UP
6. Dr. Claude Alvares, OFAI Coordinator for OWC, 2017, OFAI Central Secretariat, G8, St.Britto's Apartment, Feira Alta, Mapusa-403407, Goa, India for information and necessary action.

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