



NATIONAL ORGANIC AGRICULTURE BOARD

Resolution No. 08
Series of 2024

**RESOLUTION TO SUPPORT THE BID OF THE PROVINCE OF NEGROS OCCIDENTAL
TO HOST THE 22nd IFOAM - ORGANIC WORLD CONGRESS IN 2027**

WHEREAS, Section 2 of Republic Act No. 10068 or the Organic Agriculture Act of 2010, as amended by Republic Act No. 11511, declares the policy of the State to promote, propagate, develop further, and implement the practice of organic agriculture in the Philippines;

WHEREAS, Section 6 of R.A. 10068, as amended, created the National Organic Agriculture Board (NOAB) as the policy-making body that shall provide direction and general guidelines for the implementation of the National Organic Agriculture Program (NOAP);

WHEREAS, the International Federation of Organic Agriculture Movements (IFOAM) – Organics International was founded in 1972 as a membership-based organization to represent the global organic movement promoting and lobbying for wider adoption of organic production;

WHEREAS, IFOAM Organics International owns the brand of the IFOAM Organic World Congress (IFOAM OWC) and has been enjoying stakeholders' trust since 1977. The objective of the IFOAM OWC is to lead, unite, and assist the organic movement in its full diversity to foster the adoption of ecologically, socially and economically sound systems, based on the principles of organic agriculture;

WHEREAS, the IFOAM OWC is held every three years, bringing together thousands of organic farmers, producers, researchers, advocates, and policy experts from around the world. The event is an opportunity for organic and like-minded stakeholders working toward sustainable agriculture, value chains, and consumption to trade knowledge, innovations, and experiences. The congress offers inspiration and momentum to all who take part and is seen as a leading event for the global organic sector;

WHEREAS, IFOAM Organics International invites member organizations to host the OWC through bidding; the hosting of the OWC is an opportunity to showcase a region's commitment to organic principles and contribute significantly to the advancement of sustainable agriculture on a global scale;

WHEREAS, the province of Negros Occidental has announced its bid to host the 22nd Organic World Congress in 2027; Negros Occidental Governor Eugenio Jose Lacson and Bacolod City Mayor Albee Benitez held an organizational meeting with IFOAM in April 2024 for the OWC hosting bid at the Provincial Capitol Social Hall in Bacolod City;

WHEREAS, Negros Occidental is known as the "organic agriculture capital of the Philippines" for being the country's leader in organic production. It has at least 16,000 hectares of agricultural land devoted to organic farming, with an estimated 17,000 organic adaptors (Source: www.investnegrosoccidental.com). The province is an active member of the Asian Local Governments for Organic Agriculture (ALGOA) and IFOAM – Organics Asia. And together with the province of Negros Oriental, it conducted the Annual Negros Island



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WHEREAS, the NOAB discussed the proposal of the province of Negros Occidental and agreed to support its bid to host the 22nd Organic World Congress in 2027 in the country;

NOW, THEREFORE, this Board, by virtue of the power vested in it by R.A. 10068, as amended, has **RESOLVED**, as it is hereby **RESOLVED**, to support the bid of the Province of Negros Occidental to host the 22nd Organic World Congress in 2027 in the Philippines;

RESOLVED FURTHER, that the NOAB shall encourage all its member-agencies and other relevant government agencies to allocate funding in their FY 2027 budget to support the Philippine hosting of the Congress through the Province of Negros Occidental;

APPROVED AND ADOPTED this 8th day of May 2024 in Leyte, Philippines by the following NOAB members present:

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Chairperson
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Date signed: 05-21-2024

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