

DRAFT DECLARATION
OF THE III CENTRAL ASIAN ORGANIC FORUM AND EXPO – 2026

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We, the participants of the III Central Asian Organic Forum and Expo – 2026, representing the countries of Central Asia and Mongolia, government, scientific, public and international organizations, producers and farmers, entrepreneurs and experts, reaffirm our shared interest in the further development of organic agriculture and sustainable production and consumption systems.

We recognize that organic agriculture, responsible natural resource management, soil and ecosystem restoration, the development of sustainable livestock breeding, the preservation of traditional knowledge, and climate change adaptation create new opportunities for enhancing the resilience of rural areas, developing small and medium-sized businesses, creating jobs, expanding regional trade, and entering international markets.

We note that the previous regional forums and the "Organic Expo Central Asia + Mongolia" format have established an important platform for exchanging experience, building professional networks, and forming a common vision for the development of the region's organic sector.

At the same time, we believe that the achieved level of dialogue should serve as the foundation for transitioning from the exchange of experiences and intentions to systematic practical work.

Despite differences in national legislations, institutional mechanisms, market development levels, and certification systems, the countries of the region possess significant potential for mutual learning, joint problem-solving, and the creation of new mechanisms for regional cooperation.

We confirm our readiness to develop such cooperation and define the following priority areas.

1. Standards, Certification, and Mutual Recognition

We support:

- The phased approximation of national requirements in the fields of organic production, processing, certification, accreditation, traceability, and labeling.
- Exploring opportunities for the mutual recognition of organic certification results.
- The development of regional approaches to PGS (Participatory Guarantee Systems) and group certification, especially for small producers.
- The exchange of experience in applying international organic standards.
- Examining the relationship between organic production and ESG and sustainable production principles.

2. Science, Technology, and Sustainable Production

We support the development of joint research and technology exchange in the fields of:

- Organic crop and livestock production.
- Soil health and fertility.
- Restoration of degraded lands.
- Biological methods for plant protection and nutrition.
- Organic seed production.
- Rational use and conservation of water resources.
- Pasture restoration.

- Adaptation of agriculture to climate change.
- Preservation of traditional and local knowledge.

We propose paying special attention to the creation of a network of demonstration organic farms located in various climatic and natural zones of Central Asia and Mongolia.

3. Agroecology, Traditional Systems, and Climate Resilience

We support joint work on:

- Conservation of biodiversity and natural ecosystems.
 - Sustainable use of forests, pastures, meadows, wetlands, rivers, and lakes.
 - Development of agroforestry.
 - Conservation and rational use of wild and non-timber forest resources.
 - Restoration of degraded lands and pastures.
 - Development of resource-saving and circular models.
 - Use of renewable energy sources.
 - Organic waste recycling and development of biogas solutions.
 - Enhancing the resilience of rural areas to the impacts of climate change.
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4. Knowledge, Training, and Capacity Building

We consider it essential to create opportunities for regular regional training for:

- Farmers and producers.
- Livestock breeders.
- Small and medium-sized enterprises.
- Organic production specialists.
- Standards and certification experts.
- Representatives of government and public organizations.
- Young professionals and women involved in rural development.

It is proposed to develop joint educational programs, exchange visits, practical trainings, demonstration projects, and the sharing of best practices among countries.

5. Regional Market, B2B, and Export

We support the development of the regional organic product market and consider it important to continue the B2B contacts initiated during the III Forum and Expo between producers, processors, buyers, exporters, and investors.

It is proposed to:

- Establish a permanent mechanism for regional B2B interaction.
- Build a database of producers, processors, buyers, and exporters.
- Study regional and international markets.

- Develop value chains.
 - Jointly promote organic products from Central Asian countries and Mongolia.
 - Enhance the export potential of the region.
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6. Digital Regional Cooperation

We propose exploring the possibility of creating a unified regional digital information space that could eventually consolidate information on:

- Producers and organic farms.
- Organic products.
- Standards and requirements.
- Certification and accreditation.
- Laboratories.
- Technologies and innovations.
- Educational programs.
- Markets and export opportunities.
- B2B contacts and investment offers.

At the initial stage, it is proposed to draft the concept and terms of reference for such an information space.

7. Regional Working Group

For the practical implementation of this Declaration, we propose forming a Regional Working Group of the Central Asia and Mongolia Alliance, which will serve as the coordination mechanism for further cooperation.

It is proposed to establish the following working areas:

- Standards, certification, and accreditation.
- Science, technology, and innovation.
- Training and capacity building.
- Regional market, export, and B2B.
- Agroecology, traditional knowledge, and climate resilience.
- Digitalization and information cooperation.

For each area, it is proposed to define:

- A coordinator.
- Participating organizations and experts.
- Specific tasks.
- Implementation deadlines.
- Expected outcomes.
- Potential funding sources and partners.

8. Next Steps After the III Forum and Expo – 2026

We consider it fundamentally important that this Declaration becomes not only the final document of the Forum, but also a starting point for subsequent practical work.

In this regard, we propose:

1. In September–October 2026 Hold a regional online meeting of participants and partners to:

- Confirm the composition of the Regional Working Group.
- Appoint coordinators for each area.
- Identify priority joint activities.
- Agree on timelines and responsible parties.

2. By the end of 2026 Prepare the Joint Action Plan of the Central Asia and Mongolia Alliance for 2026–2027, based on this Declaration. The plan should define:

- What? — Who? — With whom? — When? — What result? — What resources are needed?

3. In 2026–2027 Begin implementing the first joint initiatives, including:

- Comparative analysis of national organic regulation systems.
- Exploring opportunities for harmonizing requirements and mutual recognition.
- Developing PGS and group certification.
- Creating a regional database of producers, experts, and laboratories.
- Launching joint educational events.
- Developing demonstration farms and exchange visits.
- Continuing regional B2B cooperation.
- Developing the concept for a regional digital platform.
- Preparing joint project proposals for international donors and partners.

4. In 2027 Present the results of the implementation of the Joint Action Plan at the next Central Asian Organic Forum and Expo in Tajikistan within the framework of the Central Asia Alliance activities. At the 2027 Forum, special attention should be paid not only to exchanging experiences, but also to presenting:

- Completed joint activities.
- Achieved results.
- New regional projects.
- Results of B2B cooperation.
- Practices of mutual learning.
- Progress in standardization and certification.
- Proposals for the further development of the regional market.

5. Following the results of 2027 Based on accumulated experience and the results of joint work, prepare a five-year regional development plan for the organic sector and cooperation among the Alliance countries.

9. General Implementation Principle

We propose that every subsequent decision within the Alliance be evaluated through five core questions:

- What exactly are we doing?
- Who is responsible?
- Who are we doing this with?
- When must it be completed?
- What specific result will we achieve?

At the same time, it is necessary to additionally consider:

- What resources are needed and where can we attract them?

Conclusion

We note that the III Central Asian Organic Forum and Expo – 2026 in Ulaanbaatar has become an important milestone in strengthening professional and institutional dialogue between the countries of Central Asia and Mongolia.

We have managed to unite around a common vision. Now we must unite our actions.

Differences between countries should not be an obstacle to cooperation. On the contrary, the diversity of natural conditions, traditions, experiences, technologies, and national approaches can become the basis for mutual learning and the creation of new joint solutions.

We reaffirm our readiness to continue joint work within the framework of the Central Asia and Mongolia Alliance, involving state and non-state organizations, international partners, research institutions, businesses, farmers, and civil society.

From the exchange of experience — to joint actions.

From joint actions — to measurable results.

From regional cooperation — to a sustainable organic future for Central Asia and Mongolia.

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