



IVth Organic Meeting and IVth Organic Producers Fair of Latin America and the Caribbean

We are pleased to announce the **IVth Organic Meeting of Latin America and the Caribbean** and the **IVth Organic Producers Fair of Latin America and the Caribbean**. Both events will be held in the Hotel Decameron, Salinitas, El Salvador www.decameron.com, from October 12 to 16, 2009.

The **IVth Organic Meeting of Latin America and Caribbean** (from October 12 to 16, 2009) provides you with an opportunity to find out more about organic production, participatory research, institutional studies on organic agriculture, company activities, initiatives in organic marketing, and about running projects and developing programs in Latin America and the Caribbean with a focus on organic agriculture and fair trade. It is also your chance to share experiences with organic farmers themselves. The topics covered during the event are:

1. Organic agriculture and organic animal production
2. Organic aquaculture
3. Organic regulations and organic certification systems, such as third party certification and participatory guarantee systems
4. Expanding local and international markets, commercialization of organic and fair trade products
5. Processing and quality standards for organic and fair trade products
6. Contribution of organic agriculture to biodiversity, natural resource conservation and climate change mitigation
7. Women's experiences of production, processing and commercialization of organic and fair trade products
8. Community organization and association initiatives for the production of organic and fair trade products
9. Agro-ecotourism

In addition, there will be a day-long field trip to visit and exchange information and experiences with El Salvadoran organic producers.



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 de PRODUCTOS ORGÁNICOS
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The **IVth Organic Producers Fair of Latin America and the Caribbean** (from October 14 to 16) offers you an excellent platform to discover and meet new suppliers of organic and fair trade products from Latin America. An exhibition and business round table for organic and fair trade products will be organized for this purpose. The fair also offers a forum for exhibiting products, sharing information, and much more:

- › Find out more about raw and processed products, share experiences in commercialization
- › Forge direct business contacts with farmers' organizations
- › Take part in the business round table
- › Participate in a buyers' mission tour of the different countries in the region
- › Discover new producers' organizations and innovative products
- › Find out about consulting, environmental and education services
- › Learn about financial services and commercial activities in the region
- › Observe newly developed technologies in action, such as biological control, organic certified inputs, pest management etc.
- › View the outcomes from or obtain general information about private and public sector development projects involving organic agriculture and fair trade

Organizers of the IVth Meeting and Fair are:

International Committee

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If you are keen to participate in the organic movement of Latin America, these events should not be missed!

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