

Dominica Organic Agriculture Movement, DOAM-  
facilitating, promoting and strengthening the growth of an organic sector in Dominica.

## **History of the Dominica Organic Sector Cluster and DOAM**

### **Case Study: Preparation for, Studies about and Timeline of Organic Sector-**

- **February, 2005**- UNEP/ROLAC/GCOD Consultancy Report: Transforming Dominica into an Organic Island, Government of the Commonwealth of Dominica, Ministry of Agriculture and Environment, and SIDS Unit (article on DOAM website)
- **March, 2006** -The Official Launch of DOAM (Dominica Organic Agriculture Movement) 50 members including farmers, agricultural businesses, and individuals.
- **September, 2006** - "Transforming Dominica into an Environmentally Sound Organic Island" Technical Meeting, Fort Young Hotel.
- **June, 2007** - Al-Mario Casimir and Keian Stephenson (Division of Agriculture, Team Leader Central Region) and other DOAM members attend Independent Organic Inspectors Association (IOIA) Inspector Training, Jamaica.
- **October, 2007** -"Bringing Down the Barriers- Charting a Dynamic Export Development Agenda" World Export Development Forum, \*  
<http://www.intracen.org/wedf/ef2007/Global-Debate/Country-Papers/Dominica.pdf>
- **October, 2007** - Creation of an Organic Desk in the Ministry Division of Agriculture
- **November, 2007** - Study: The National Organic Agriculture Enhancement Project Report: Dominica Organic Agriculture Movement (DOAM) and Development of Organic Production in Dominica, Prepared for USAID by Katherine DiMatteo\*  
[http://pdf.usaid.gov/pdf\\_docs/PNADL395.pdf](http://pdf.usaid.gov/pdf_docs/PNADL395.pdf) (document on DOAM website)
- **August, 2008** - DEXIA consultation with Frederick Schilling founder of Dagoba Chocolate, employed by Hershey Company regarding DEXIA cocoa processing and Government monies to DEXIA for a cocoa drying facilities
- **September, 2008** - GEF Award to DOAM for Bio-extraction Systems for the Manufacture of Liquid Organic Fertilizers and Natural Crop Protection Inputs
- **September, 2008** - Launching of DOAM website: <http://www.doamdominica.org>
- **September-December, 2008** - DOAM Organic Training in four separate locations, 30 hour course funded by USAID/COTS attended by over 65 DOAM members.
- **November, 2008** - DOAM Field Trip to Fair Trade's Organic Fertilizer Composting Facility in Castle Bruce: 67 participants in attendance.
- **December, 2008** - Certification of 60 DOAM members trained in principles of organic agriculture
- **December, 2008** - Transitional Organic Declaration by 25 DOAM growers under the DOAM Transitional Label
- **Decemeber, 2008** - Commencement of DOAM Transitional Organic Export to St. Thomas, US Virgin Islands by Jacco Farms.
- **December, 2008** - Organic Standards Public Consultancy in preparation for Organic Standards presentation to and approval/adoption by the Dominica Bureau of Standards
- **January, 2009** - Consultancy with Katherine DiMatteo to facilitate Organic Handling Facilities on Dominica by DEXIA and other single farm and site facilities .
- **April, 2009**- Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries Organic Agriculture Sensitization Symposium.
- **May, 2009** – Establishment of a DOAM Central Office in Roseau
- **July, 2009** - DOAM AGM – 80 people in attendance, MOAF speaker
- **July, 2009** - Singing for Change, Buffet Foundation Grant award to DOAM through FAVACA includes six month budget for staff and office.
- **August,- Sept. 2009** - Advertising and hiring of DOAM TEAM Support Contract Staff
- **September, October, 2009** – Development and trial test of the DOAM Label Organic Soil Enhancer (fertilizer) manufactured by Bellevue Chopin Organic Group
- **September, 2009** – Placement and training of the Giruadel Flower Group Organic Soil Enhancer (fertilizer) machine.
- **October, 2009** – Preparation for DOAM Market Study