

GLOBALG.A.P Certification process for Nigeria Agricultural Produce

Best Produce International UK Ltd is GLOBALG.A.P Licensed Farm Assurer which enables us to offers technical / expert support to producers and exporters in achieving GLOBAL Good Agricultural Practice Certification process and gaining market access entry into International market arena.

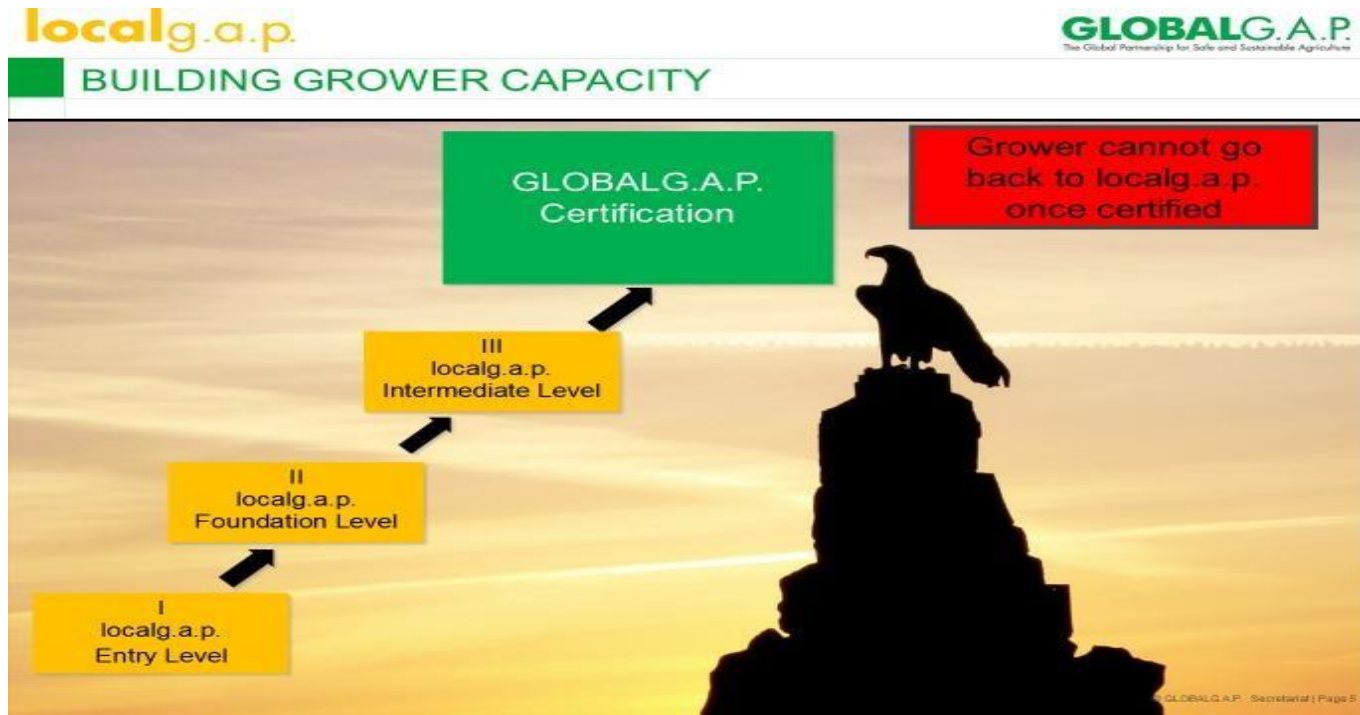
As a Nigerian from diaspora, it pains me to see other countries enjoying international market share of their agricultural produce through GLOBALG.A.P. Certification process whereas in Nigeria there is no single producer / exporter that is certified under this international leading scheme on good agricultural practice certification practices. See example of other African countries below compare to zero rated for our country Nigeria.

- Kenya 1846 Certified producers / exporters
- Ghana 124
- Cameroun 9
- Burkina Faso 146
- Cote d'voire 355
- Egypt 671
- South Africa 1797
- **Nigeria 0**

Our current profile also including:- (our full profile is available on request)

- Our participation as a member of Stakeholder's Forum for setting the GLOBALG.A.P. Chain of Custody standard that was launched in 2014;
- One of the signatories for Abu Dhabi global food safety declaration signed during GLOBALG.A.P. annual conference in 2014
- Currently, a member of GLOBALG.A.P. Crops for Processing (CfP) Focus Group Committee inaugurated in February 2016 to set the new CfP standards.

GLOBALG.A.P. CERTIFICATION PROCESS STAGES OF DEVELOPMENT FOR EMERGING MARKET SUCH AS NIGERIA



Notes:

- GLOBALG.A.P. Certification is based on **set rules; control points and compliance criteria** from Farm input to market (Farm to Fork)
- Time frame for certification process will depend on where the individual organisations or companies are at the starting of GLOBALG.A.P. process and at what pace they wish to move. Therefore, it could take individuals from 6months to 5years depending on their pace.
- Individual producers or group of smallholders could start at localg.a.p. level 1 or level 2 or level 3 depending on where their processes are at the point of starting.
- More advanced producers or group of smallholders could go straight to certification process after training, self-assessment; independent audit, etc.
- ** There is no short-cut to GLOBALG.A.P. Certification as it is a process with integrity and individual producers or group of smallholders must follow a set process in order to obtain their certification.

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What is GLOBALG.A.P Standard?

GLOBALG.A.P Standard (Global Good Agricultural Practices) that was formerly known as Eurepgap is an integrated farm assurance process used in EU countries, US and other parts of the international markets to serve as a private commercial standard certification process for export of agricultural produce to EU countries.

GLOBALG.A.P standard is designed as a practical tool to reassure consumers about how their food products are produced from farm to processing and to their tables. It also offers small farmers and exporters who go through the standards, the passport to export their produce to internationally markets. It is business to business tool /systems.

Core areas of GLOBALG.A.P Standard:

GLOBALG.A.P has core areas of standards as follows:

1. Local g.a.p
2. GLOBALG.A.P Integrated Farm Assurance (IFA)
3. GLOBALG.A.P Compound feed Manufacturer (CFM)
4. GLOBALG.A.P Plant Propagation Material (PPM)
5. GLOBALG.A.P Risk Assessment on Social Practice (GRASP)
6. Chain of Custody Certification (CoC)

Benefits of developing this project

- Foreign Exchange Revenue generation
- Employment creation and food security
- Using the model farm for training farmers, students and offering skills acquisition and knowledge transfer to local people.
- Business Enterprise Development
- Regional Market Access Development
- Quality Control Management

.....and many more.