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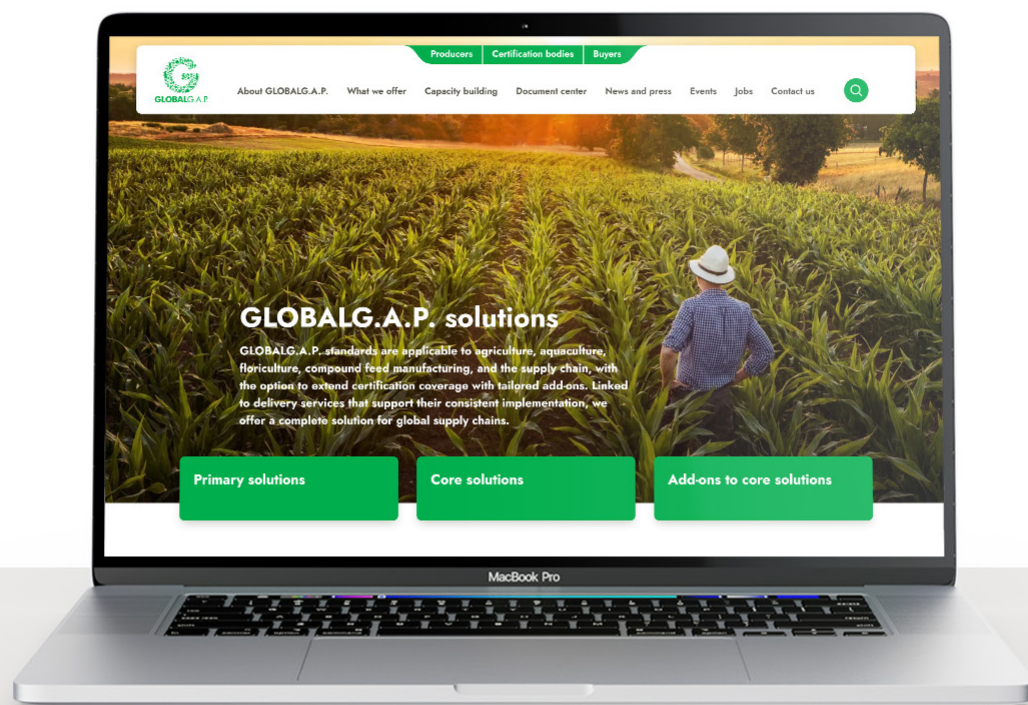
A Producer's Guide to the New Home of **GLOBALG.A.P. SMART FARM ASSURANCE SOLUTIONS**

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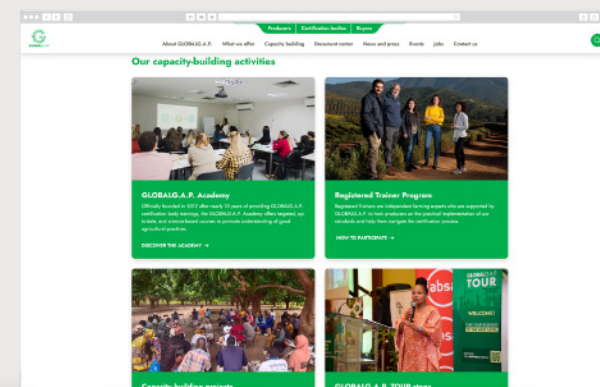
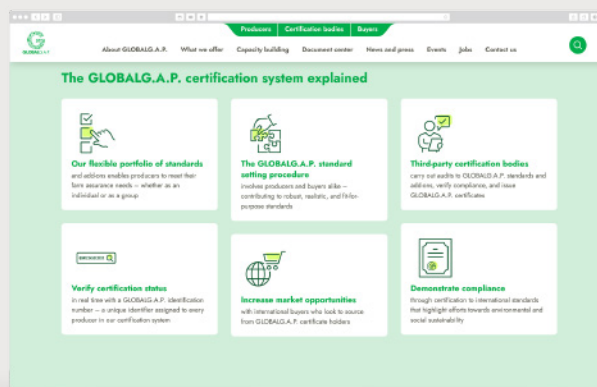
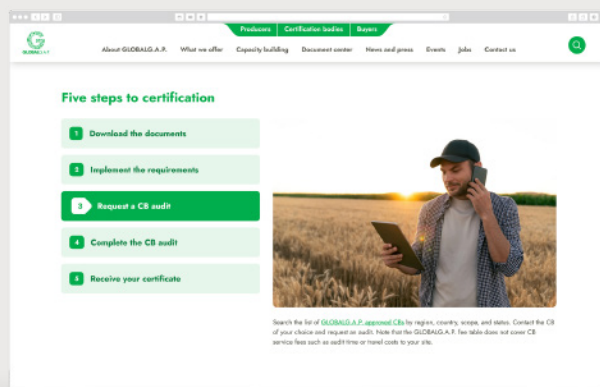
Introducing our new website

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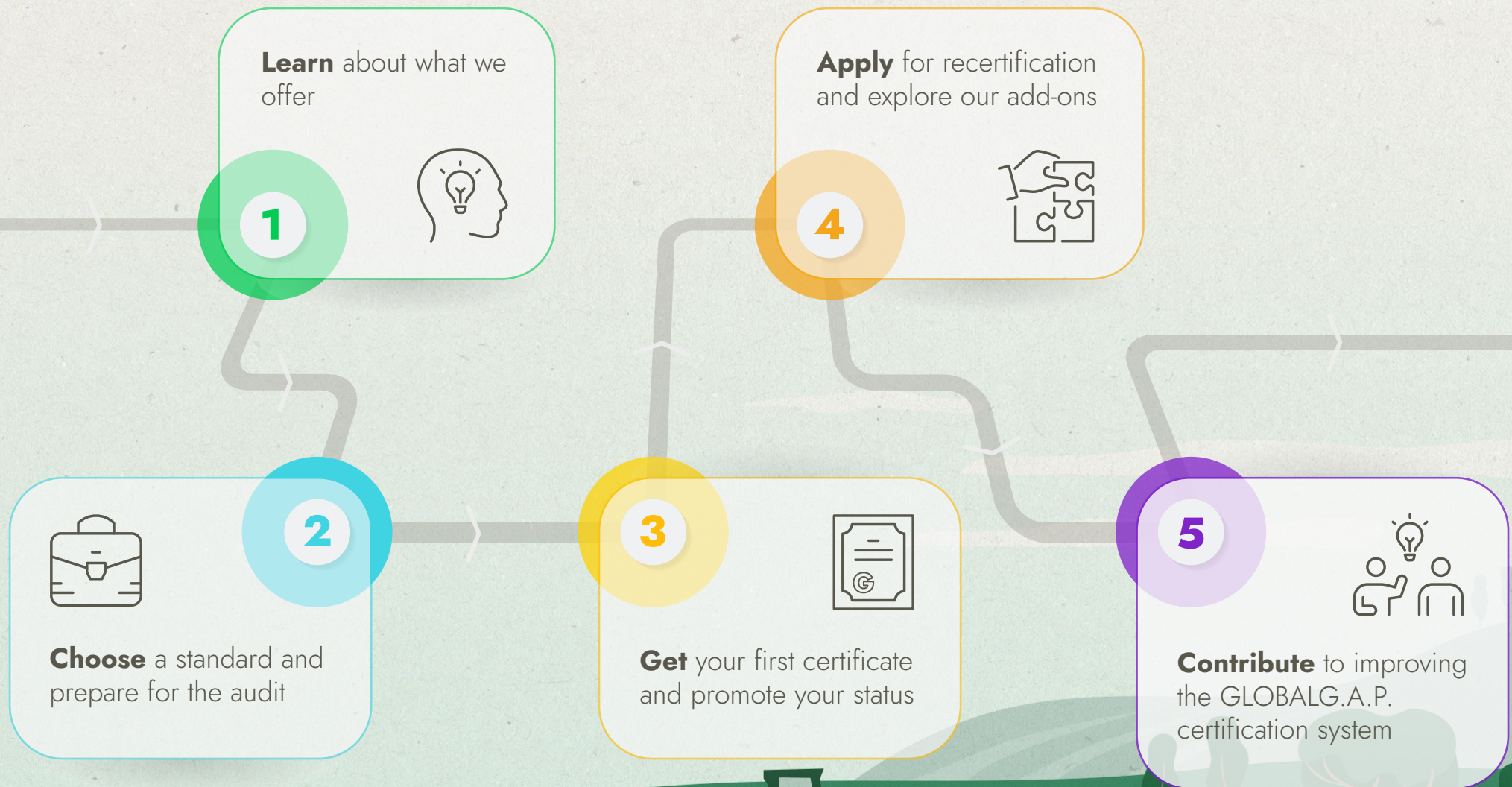
As part of our promise to provide **smarter, more streamlined, and digitalized solutions for your farm assurance needs**, we launched a new website (www.globalgap.org) in October 2023. This development marks another step into the smart era, laying the foundation for an ever-evolving digital platform that better caters to your specific needs.

In this guide, you can learn about where to find useful resources and how they can help you navigate your GLOBALG.A.P. journey. We invite you to explore the new website, try our new tools, and **stay tuned for more features planned for 2024 and beyond**.



Your GLOBALG.A.P. journey

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STEP 1

Learn about what we offer

Find producer-focused content on the new website

The new www.globalgap.org website has a whole section of resources **designed specifically with you in mind**.

Click on the **dedicated producer section** to learn more about the GLOBALG.A.P. certification system, our “five steps to certification”, upcoming events, training and capacity-building activities, and more.

Use iconography to identify different standards

We have developed **new iconography** to help you differentiate between our solutions and identify related content.



Primary solutions

Orange “primary solutions” are entry-level solutions that facilitate a basic level of farm assurance.



Core solutions

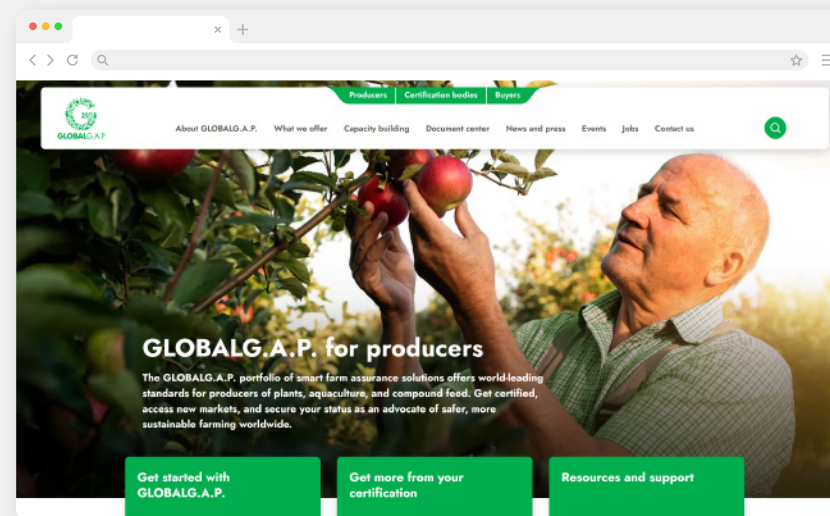
Green “core solutions” are mainstream standards that result in a GLOBALG.A.P. certificate for global trade.



Add-ons to core solutions

Brown “add-ons to core solutions” are combined with a core solution to extend your certification coverage.

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Standard scopes, e.g., **plants**, and product categories, e.g., **fruit and vegetables** or **flowers and ornamentals**, can also be recognized by the color and shape included in the icons.

Scopes:

Plants

Aquaculture

Product categories:

Fruit and vegetables

Flowers and ornamentals

Combinable crops

Plant propagation material

Hops

Use colors to recognize topic-related content

Looking for specific information that is relevant to your fruit and vegetable farm? Are you an aquaculture producer? Do you grow flowers?

Use the **color-coded tags** to easily identify topic-specific news and events.

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The iconography will be gradually introduced on all our touchpoints. This means that you can use the icons and color-coding to recognize related content on our website (including the GLOBALG.A.P. document center), in the GLOBALG.A.P. IT systems, or on our social media accounts.

12 October 2023

Mandatory implementation of IFA v6 Smart and add-ons in 2024

In another step toward implementing smart farm assurance solutions, IFA v6 Smart and several GLOBALG.A.P. add-on versions become mandatory in January 2024.

News Core solutions Aquaculture Plants Add-ons to core solutions Fruit and vegetables Flowers and ornamentals Hops Food safety Workers' well-being

SEE ALL

20 September 2023

New SPRING add-on v2 for responsible water management available now

The updated SPRING add-on version 2 was launched on 5 September 2023 with recognition from both the WWF Spain and the SFAV

News Add-ons to core solutions Plants Environmental sustainability

15 August 2023

New Integrated Farm Assurance version 6 transition tools for seamless certification

Three new transition tools are now available to support producers in their transition to the newest version of the flagship GLOBALG.A.P. standard, IFA version 6

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Choose a standard and prepare for the audit

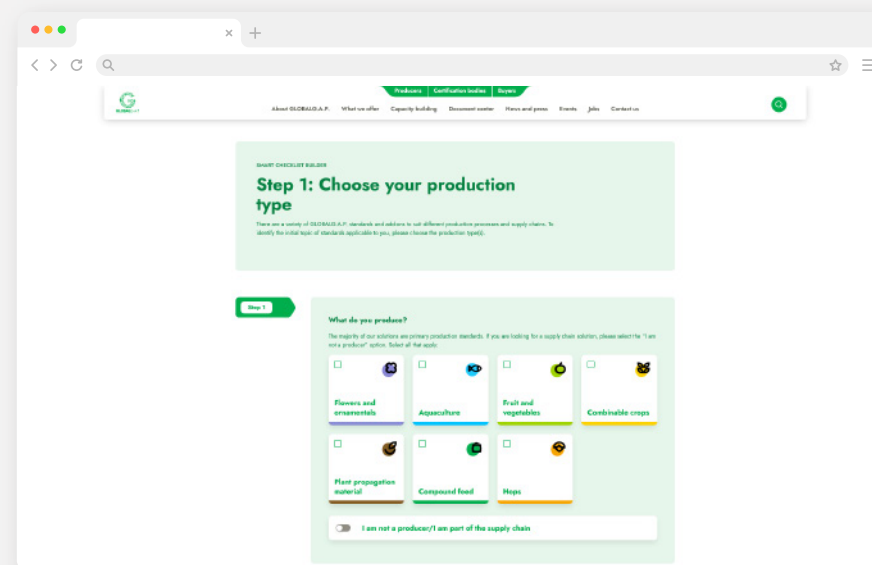
→ Identify a suitable standard

While the full portfolio of GLOBALG.A.P. standards and add-ons is accessible via the navigation menu (www.globalgap.org/what-we-offer/solutions), we understand that it is not always easy to identify which standard is applicable to your specific production type or supply chain operation.

Our new **Smart Checklist Builder** is a navigation wizard that offers **individual recommendations** based on your answers to the questionnaire.

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The Smart Checklist Builder is only for core solutions and add-ons to core solutions. If you are not yet ready to apply for full GLOBALG.A.P. certification, you can explore our **primary solutions** or **our capacity-building** activities to get started.



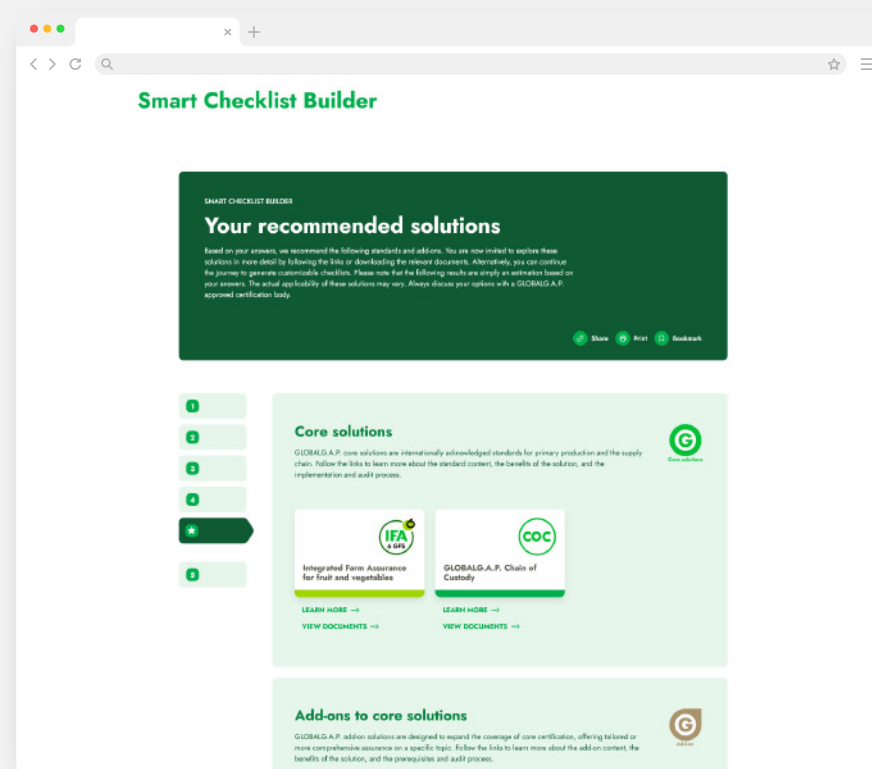
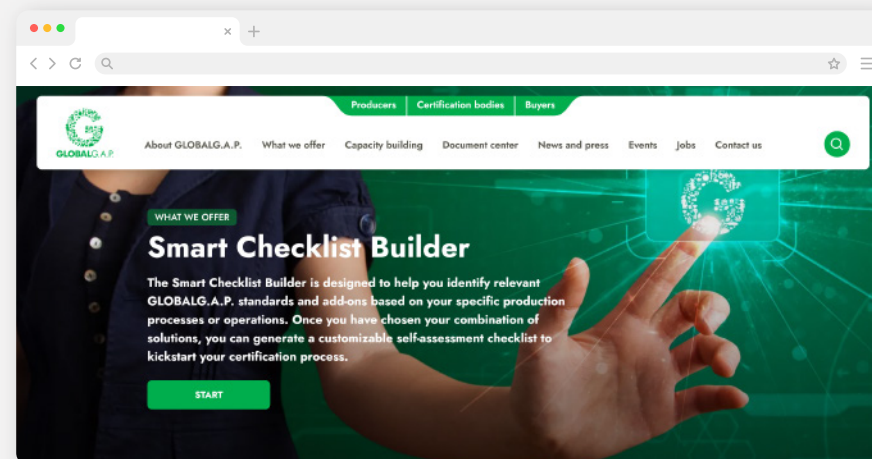
→ Build a checklist

Once you've decided which standard(s) and add-on(s) are relevant, you can also use the Smart Checklist Builder to generate **customizable checklists for smart solutions**.*

You can download all the documents you need straight from the Smart Checklist Builder. Alternatively, you can visit the GLOBALG.A.P. document center.

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*Not all standards and add-ons are available for checklist customization yet. The customization function is **only available for Integrated Farm Assurance (IFA) version 6 aligned add-ons and/or standards** once they are launched and the internal operations (including connections in the GLOBALG.A.P. IT systems) are completed. Timelines are dependent on the review process for each standard and add-on. In the meantime, the full list of requirements (principles and criteria) can be found in the GLOBALG.A.P. document center.



→ Locate normative documents in the GLOBALG.A.P. document center

Normative documents are the specific materials for each standard and add-on which detail the rules you need to follow and the principles you need to apply. All our normative documents can be found and downloaded free of charge from the [GLOBALG.A.P. document center](#).

The new GLOBALG.A.P. document center features:

- **Fast, efficient, and reliable search by text**
- **Smart filters**
- **Visual clues to recognize content** including tags, iconography, document type descriptions, and share and download options

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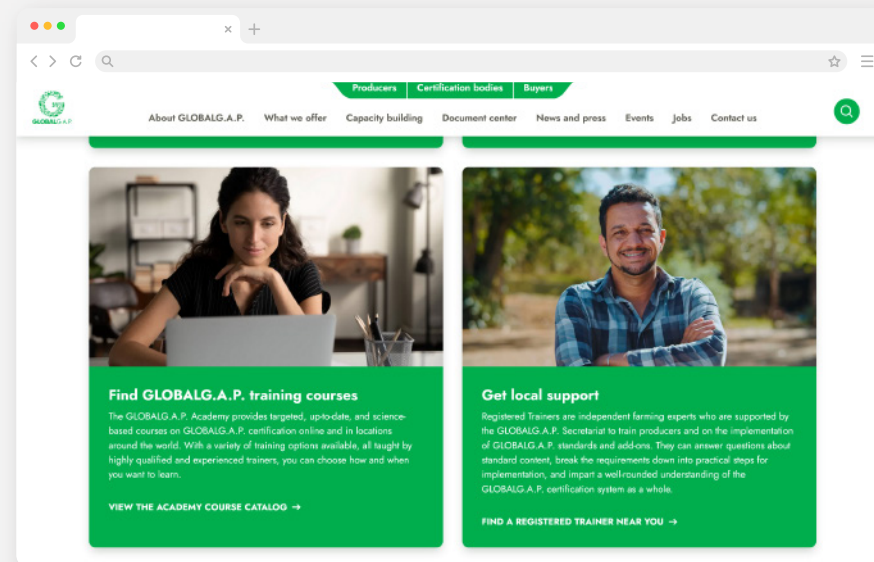
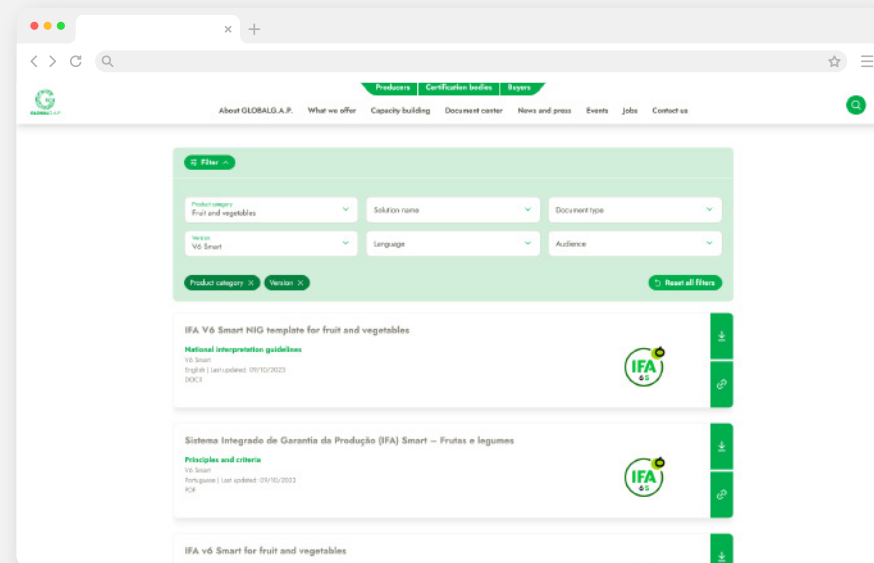
What's the difference between the GLOBALG.A.P. document center and the Smart Checklist Builder?

If you are not sure which standard or add-on is for you, or you want to generate a checklist for our latest versions (aligned with IFA v6), use the Smart Checklist Builder. If you know exactly which documents you need, go to the GLOBALG.A.P. document center and search via text or filters.

→ Find training and support

Before registering for an audit, you may find it useful to attend a training course offered by the [GLOBALG.A.P. Academy](#) or contact a [GLOBALG.A.P. Registered Trainer](#) near you.

Both options can help you learn about GLOBALG.A.P. standards and add-ons and the requirements you need to fulfil to achieve certification.



STEP 3

Get your first certificate and promote your status

➔ Register with a certification body

You are free to contact any GLOBALG.A.P. approved certification body (CB) in your area to register for an audit. To understand the CB status and performance ratings shown in our list of approved CBs, visit the [“Find a GLOBALG.A.P. approved certification body”](#) web page.

➔ Understand the audit fees

Each farm is unique, and the total costs of certification depend on a combination of factors such as farm size, number of sites, location, necessary preparation measures (such as establishing new procedures), and more. The cost of GLOBALG.A.P. certification is usually determined by three elements:

1) Implementation costs

Incurred by you while preparing for the CB audit

2) CB service fee

Determined and invoiced by the CB to cover audit time and travel costs

3) GLOBALG.A.P. fee

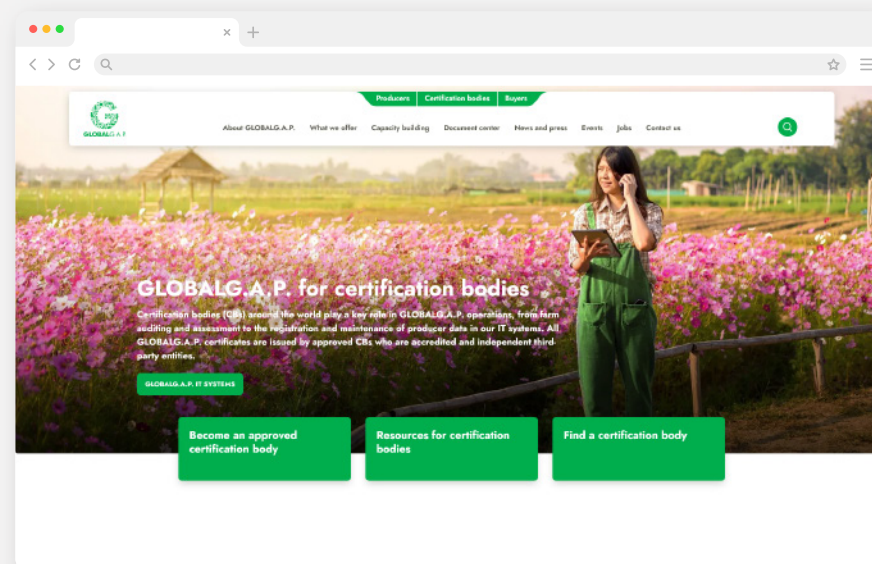
Calculated based on farm size and invoiced by the CB

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The GLOBALG.A.P. fee (usually called a system participation fee or a producer registration fee) is the only portion of your audit costs that is determined and received by GLOBALG.A.P. c/o FoodPLUS GmbH

You can find all the GLOBALG.A.P. fees in the GLOBALG.A.P. fee table.

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➔ Promote your certification status

We invite you to promote your certification status in business-to-business contexts by using GLOBALG.A.P. claims, trademarks (logos), and your unique GLOBALG.A.P. identification number.

Remember that correct use of the GLOBALG.A.P. trademarks is checked by CBs during the audit, so make sure to read the relevant sections of the [trademarks policy](#) and check out our [trademarks FAQ](#) for answers on specific questions and use cases.

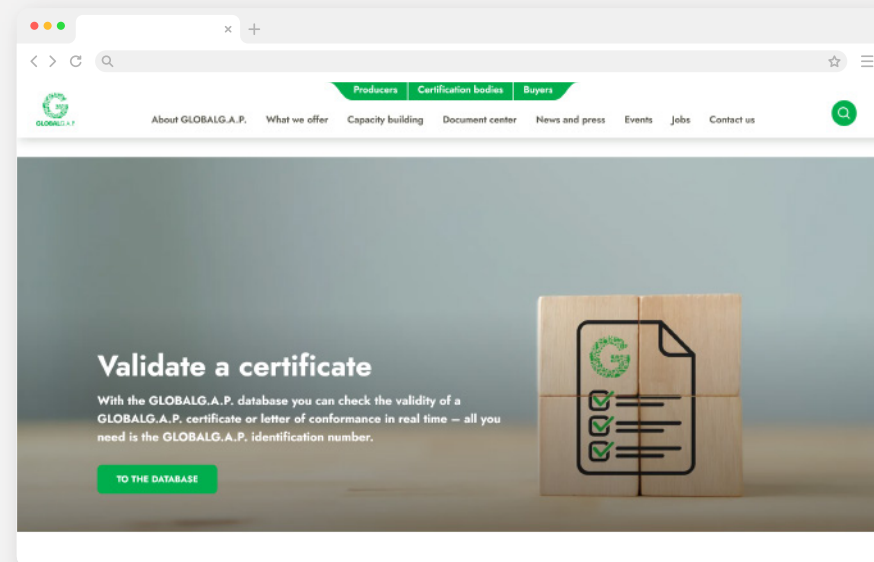
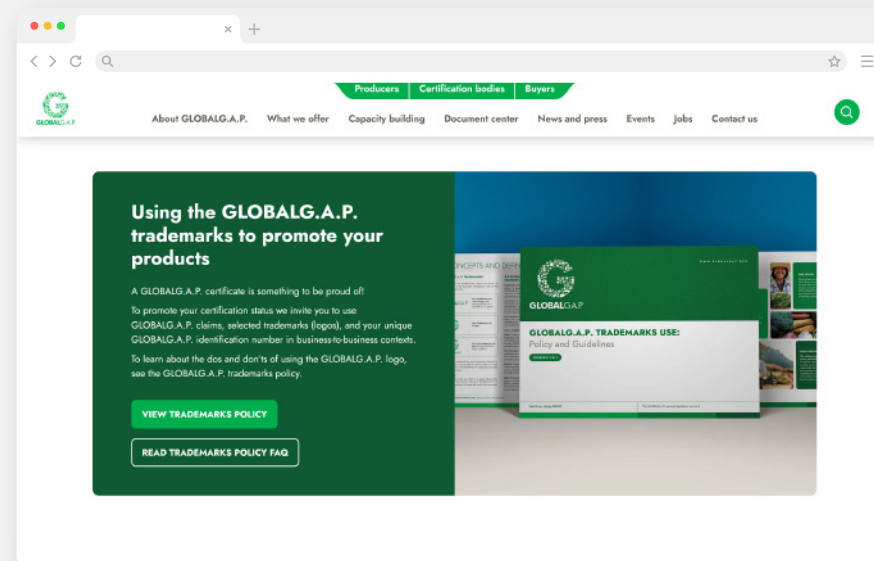
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To accompany the full trademarks policy and FAQ documents, your CB can provide you with a producer quick-start guide to using the GLOBALG.A.P. trademarks once you are certified.

➔ Check your certification status

Use your 13-digit GLOBALG.A.P. identification number (e.g., GGN 1234567891011) found on your certificate or letter of conformance to verify your certification status in real time.

This is done via the [GLOBALG.A.P. database](#), but will eventually move to the new [Validation Service](#).



STEP 4

Apply for recertification and explore our add-ons

→ Explore add-ons to core solutions

By the time your first certificate expires, you might be interested in extending your certification coverage to demonstrate compliance in key areas such as responsible water use, workers' well-being, biodiversity, and more.

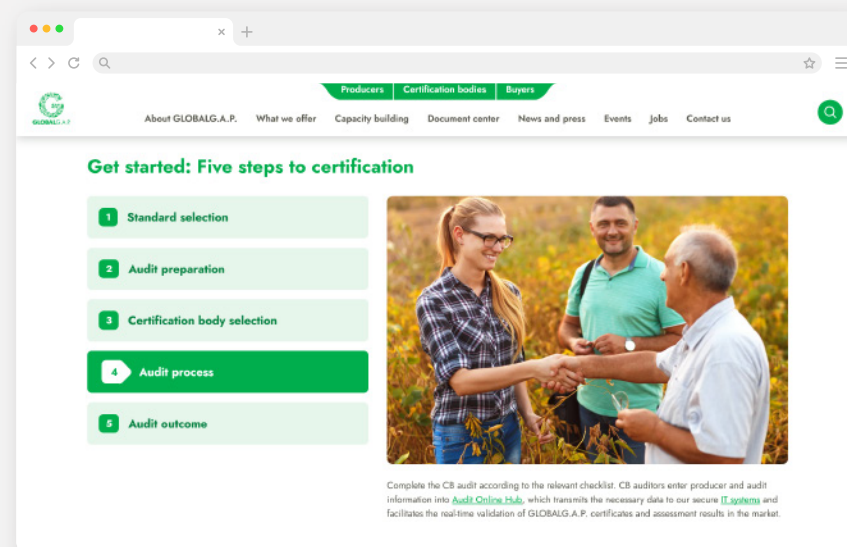
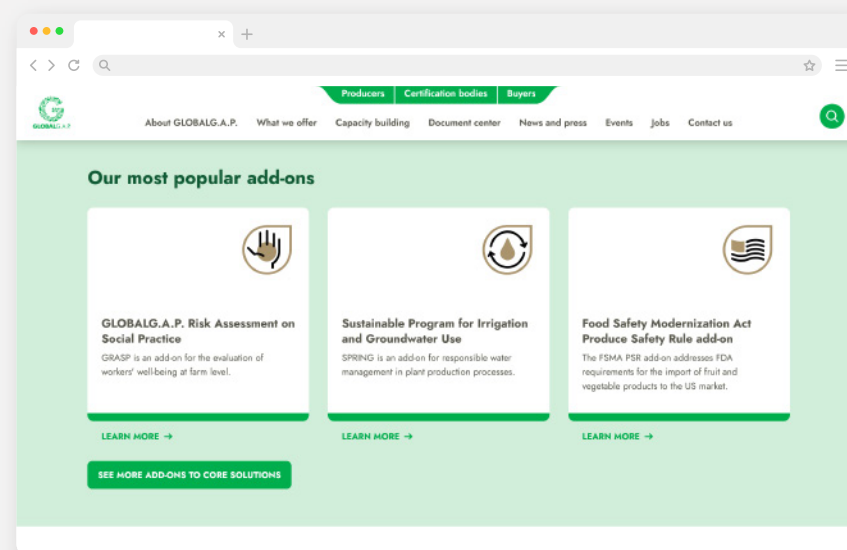
To explore add-ons that may be relevant to you, revisit the [Smart Checklist Builder](#) or see the “related solutions” section on each core solution web page.

→ Apply for recertification

For recertification, you may continue with the same CB that conducted your first audit or you can revisit the list of GLOBALG.A.P. approved CBs to find a new one.

To carry out a self-assessment prior to your recertification audit, generate a checklist via the [Smart Checklist Builder](#). Alternatively, download the full list of requirements from the [GLOBALG.A.P. document center](#).

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→ Check eligibility for the GGN label initiative

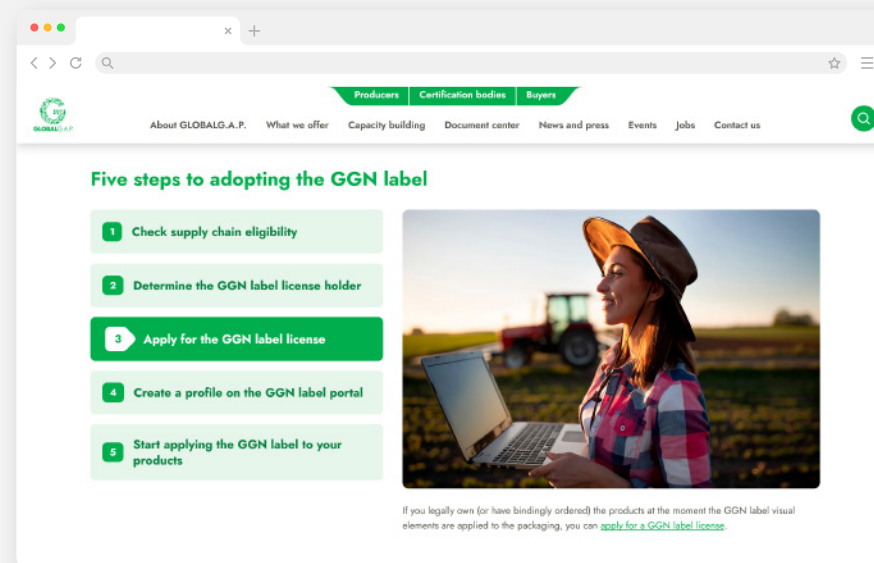
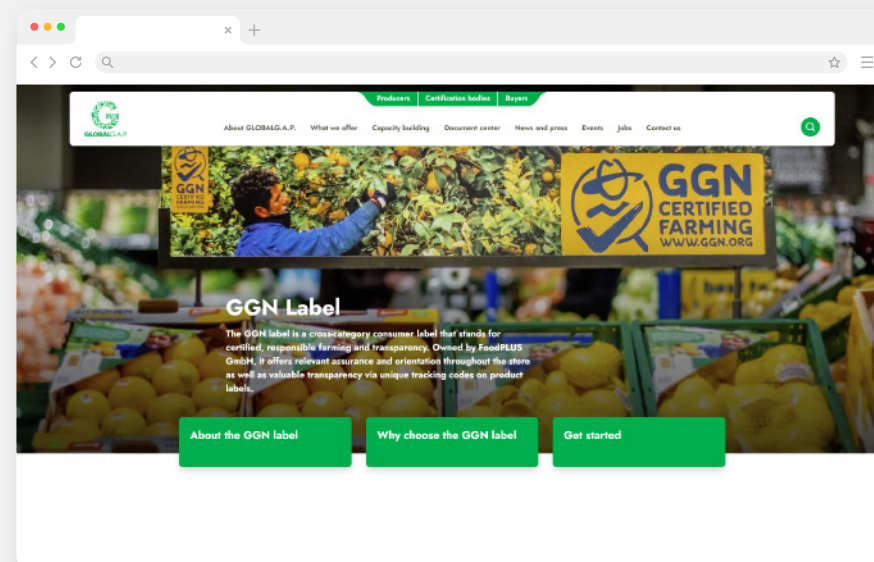
The GGN label is a consumer label for certified, responsible farming and transparency found on fruit and vegetables, farmed seafood, flowers, and plants.

It connects conscious consumers to the roots of their products via unique codes on product packaging that link to farm profiles on the GGN label portal (www.ggn.org).

The GGN label initiative can help you build trust in your brand, demonstrate your sustainability efforts, and raise your profile in competitive markets.

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If you already implement IFA and the GLOBALG.A.P. Risk Assessment on Social Practice (GRASP), you may be eligible to join the GGN label initiative today! You can explore the full requirements on the [GGN label web page](#).



STEP 5

Contribute to improving the GLOBALG.A.P. certification system

→ Become a GLOBALG.A.P. Community Member

If you want to receive **exclusive benefits** – including the opportunity to shape GLOBALG.A.P. solutions and promote your company – you can join us as a community member.

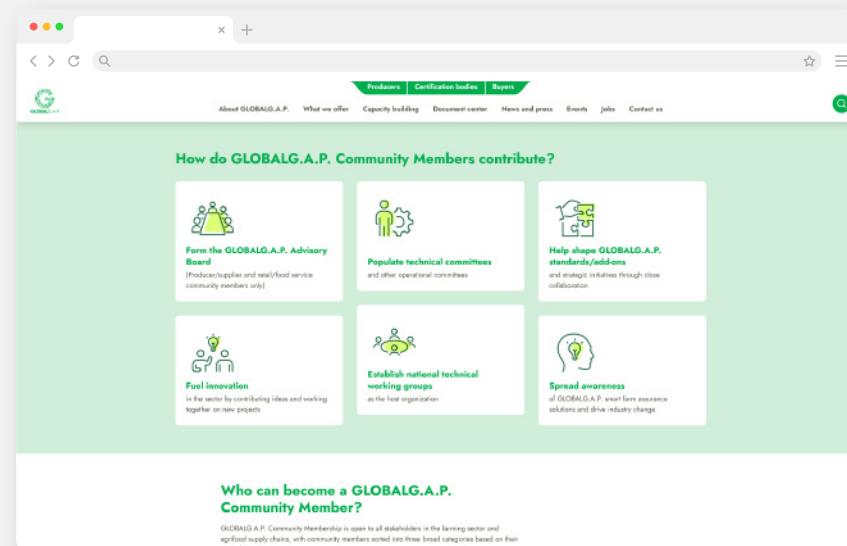
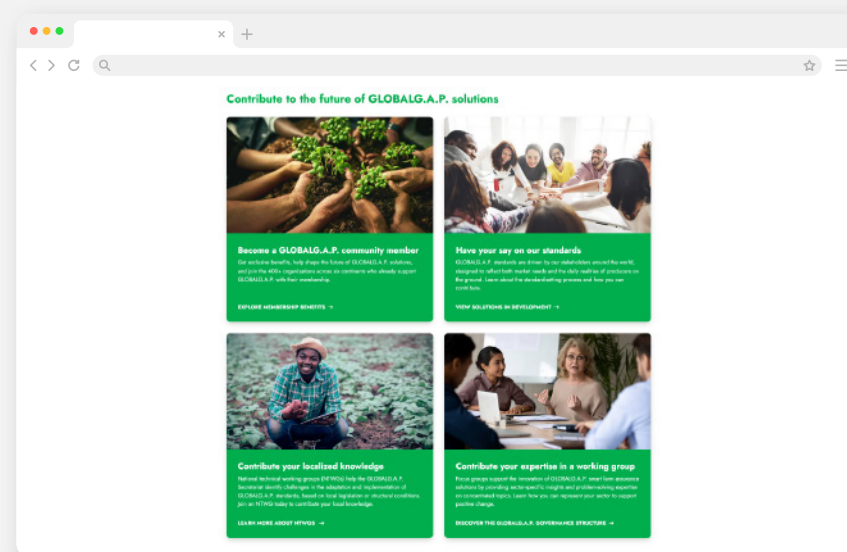
Representatives from GLOBALG.A.P. Community Member organizations may also join the **technical committees**, stand for election to the **GLOBALG.A.P. Advisory Board**, as well as vote in elections. Through these roles, you can directly impact the direction of our leading smart farm assurance solutions.

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There are three categories of GLOBALG.A.P. Community Membership:

- Producer/Supplier
- Retail/Food service
- Associate

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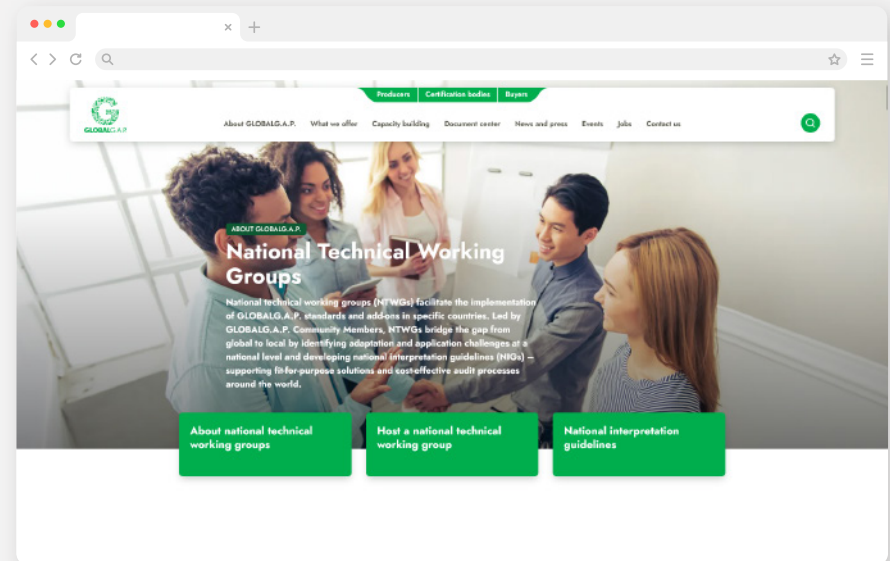
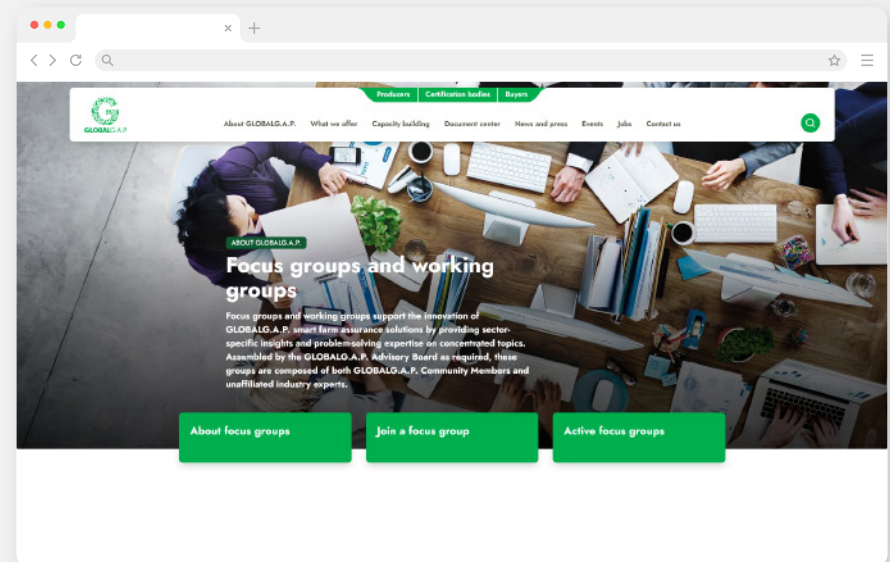


Contribute your expertise

The GLOBALG.A.P. certification system would not have achieved the widespread impact it has today without the support and contribution of stakeholders like you.

Contribute to the GLOBALG.A.P. certification system by:

- Establishing or joining a **[national technical working group](#)** to aid interpretation and develop guidelines for the implementation of GLOBALG.A.P. standards and add-ons in your country.
- Joining a **[focus group](#)** to offer insights on topics such as environmental sustainability, floriculture, or compound feed manufacturing.
- Participating in a **[benchmarking committee](#)** to oversee benchmarking applications, minimizing duplication in farm audits.



→ Have your say on standards in development

We aim to involve as many stakeholders as possible in the development of new solutions, which is why all our major standards and add-ons undergo transparent and comprehensive public consultation.

Be sure to check our [standard setting](#) web page to learn about standards and add-ons currently in development and how you can provide feedback that contributes to making them practical and fit for purpose.

→ Get the latest news

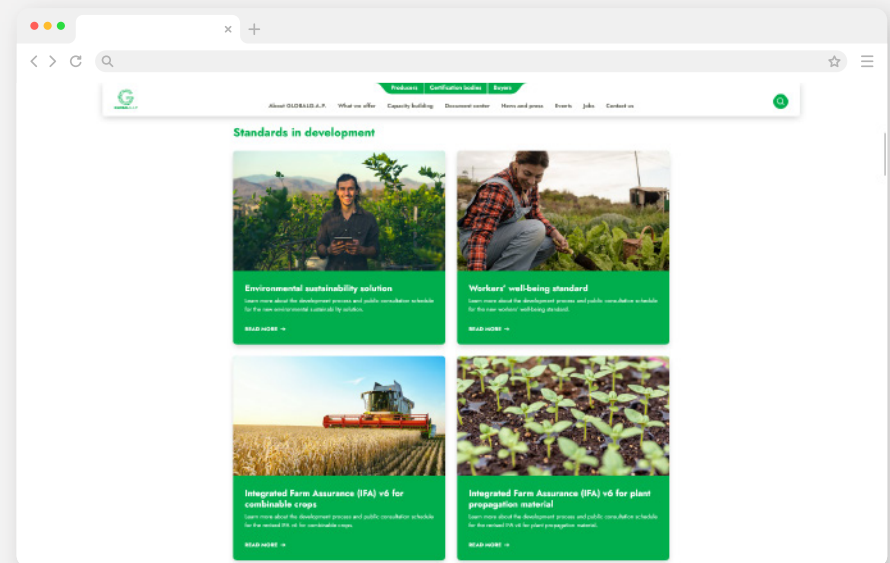
To ensure you never miss an announcement, [sign up to our monthly Spotlights newsletter](#) and get the latest updates direct to your inbox!

We'll let you know about new standard drafts open for comment, upcoming events such as free webinars, Advisory Board elections, and much more.

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Interested in US markets?

Stay informed with the quarterly newsletter from GLOBALG.A.P. North America.



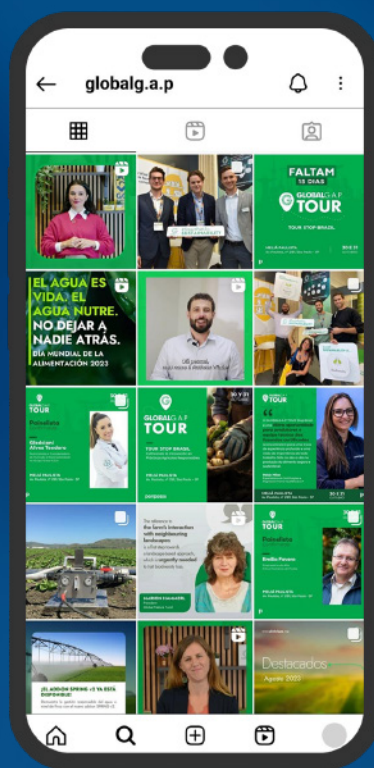
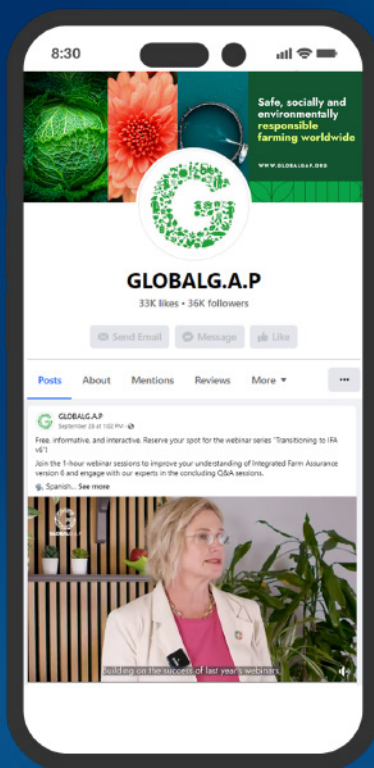
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Subscribe to our monthly Spotlights newsletter to get the latest solution updates, industry collaborations, and event highlights direct to your inbox!

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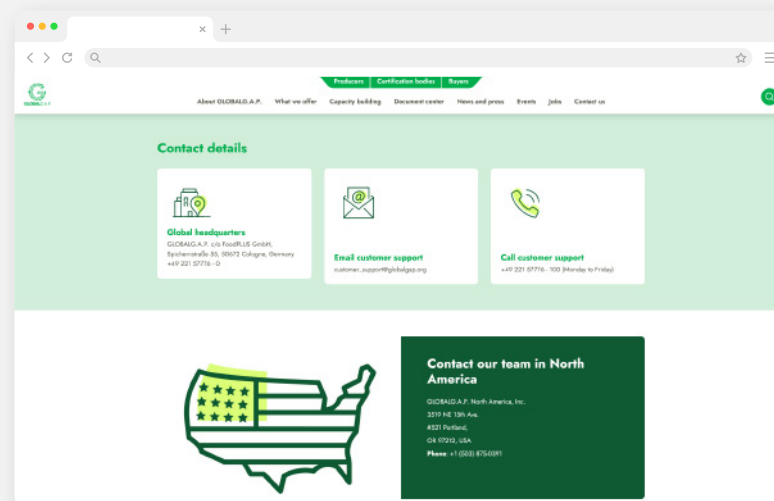
→ Connect with our smart-minded community on social media

Follow us to access bitesize content, join in the conversation, and help advance safer and more sustainable farming worldwide:



→ Support

- For questions about your specific audit or farm situation, please contact your certification body.
- For general questions about GLOBALG.A.P., please contact **customer_support@globalgap.org**.
- If you are located in the United States or Canada and require more tailored regional information, please contact GLOBALG.A.P. North America at **northamerica@globalgap.org**.





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