

The Global Bioenergy Partnership: working in synergy

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WHAT IS REEEP?

- A public-private partnership launched by the UK at WSSD August 2003
- Operates through 125 partners, of which two thirds public sector
- Funders include Austria, Canada, Ireland, Italy, Spain, Netherlands, US, UK, European Commission
- Aimed at reducing GHG emissions, improving access to energy, and collecting economic benefits from energy efficiency
- “To accelerate a global market for renewable energy and energy efficient systems”

SOME REEEP BIOMASS PROJECTS

Cogeneration in Negros, Philippines

- The first wholly renewable energy island in the world?
- Sugar cane residues – with short-rotation forestry crops in the off-season
- Meeting reforestation, employment, energy security and climate policies
- Promoting new markets to farmers/landowners

Policies to support biomass cogeneration in East Africa

- Sugar cane and forest residues again; policy wins as above
- Targeting policy-makers, investors and stakeholders – removing regulatory and licensing barriers
- This biomass use could take renewables above the 10% target in these sub-Saharan countries

G8 GLENEAGLES PLAN OF ACTION, BIOMASS AND REEEP

- “We will support the continued development and commercialisation of renewable energy by... capacity-building assistance, developing policy frameworks, undertaking research and development, assessing potential for ... bioenergy”
- Continuing the Evian Science and Technology Action Plan
- Working with the IEA and the World Bank

BIOMASS NEWS FROM THE UK

The Ben Gill report:

- In the main, demand should come first
- Need for full life-cycle analysis to confirm GHG benefits
- Supply-chain development by supporting producer groups and cooperatives
- Establishment of quality standards and certification
- Continuation of planting grants and producer group support
- Grant support to develop biomass heating