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## **GBEP Modus Operandi**

*Working together to increase the contribution of bioenergy  
to sustainable development worldwide*

### **Considerations for Discussion in the Technical Working Group**

#### **What is a Partnership**

A partnership is constituted by the joint pursuit of common objectives through co-operation and/or collaboration.

Suggested principles for the GBEP Partnership

- Sharing information and lessons learned
- Coordination of relevant Partner activities with those of other partner organisations
- Joint implementation of projects/activities selected by the Steering Committee
- Joint pursuit of awareness raising activities for bioenergy where Partnership activities create greater impact than individual approaches
- Retaining Partners' individual identities within partnership activities where appropriate.

Partnerships can grow and deepen over time as trust is created and a common understanding and modus operandi is established that the partners feel comfortable with and that meets their individual needs as well as reach the goals of the partnership.

Specific partnership arrangements and rules can be developed and adjusted as implementation experience of the Partnership evolves.

Proposal for GBEP: Start experimenting with different types of cooperation to assess what works best.

## **Partnership Mechanisms to consider under GBEP**

Partnerships can use a wide array of different mechanisms with diverse implications for the commitment of financial, human and technical resources:

- *Joint funding agreement/cost share*: partners agree on a joint project/programme and schedule for implementation and jointly fund the agreed activities. Partners take on joint responsibility for the output of the activity and share the risks;
- *Work Share*: partners agree on a joint project/programme and schedule for implementation and on separating tasks between partners to reach the common objective. No funds are transferred between the partner agencies, but staff may be seconded by some of the partners to the GBEP Secretariat, to other Partners or project specific executive committee.
- *Data Exchange*: each partner produces standardized products (e.g. statistics, maps) or services which are compatible for comparison/aggregation. These products are then exchanged between the partners (no funds transferred).
- *Cooperative R&D agreements*: to allow/make technology transfer (and adaptation) the responsibility of all involved national government research institution scientists and give the national agencies the authority to enter into agreements with the commercial sector.
- *Full repay*: an agreement whereby one or more of the partners provide products and services (e.g. advisory services, maps, laboratory/monitoring services) to its partners and is fully reimbursed for its expenses.
- *Compatible and/or joint evaluation of results*: partners agree to a common approach for measuring outcomes and results from activities relevant to the partnership. Agreeing common indicators and measurement approaches.

## **Activities of the GBEP Secretariat**

The role and activities of the Secretariat in the implementation of specific activities under the five short mid-term actions will be defined in the annual workplans.

Beyond these specific tasks, the Secretariat will also undertake the following activities on behalf of the Partnership:

- Establish and maintain the GBEP website and implement other knowledge management strategies/tools as decided by the Partners;
- Promote policy dialogue among Partners and between GBEP and non-partner countries and institutions by establishing contacts by email, phone and visits;
- Suggestions for joint evaluation and progress review of partnership activities;
- Raise awareness about GBEP and its activities through participation in international events;
- Gathering information about on-going relevant activities to bring to the attention of Partners through information gathering from Partner institutions, web-searches, participation in technical meetings;
- Providing updates to Partners on progress of GBEP activities through regular communications by email – including a newsletter.