

## **“Dialogue between the private sector and GBEP and WEC Italy”**

**Brussels, Brussels Expo**

**Room 11, Hall 10 – h. 15.00-17.00**

The Global Bioenergy Partnership (GBEP) and the World Energy Council in Italy (WEC Italy) are organising a dialogue with the private sector on 7 March 2007, engaging the key players of biofuel industry, in occasion of the "World Biofuels Markets Congress" that will take place in Brussels from 6 to 9 March 2007.

The Global Bioenergy Partnership allows Partners to share expertise, results and resources to promote bioenergy for sustainable development and to achieve a greater impact at national, regional and global level. The active engagement of the private sector is at the core of GBEP's mandate.

The dialogue is organised to brief leading industry representatives about the current and planned activity of the Partnership, and to learn from industry representatives how GBEP can best engage the private sector in its activities. Further, the dialogue is an invitation to the private sector to highlight issues that are of particular importance to private sector development in bioenergy and suggest how the Partnership can reflect these matters in its future activities.

### **GUIDING QUESTIONS**

#### **Private Sector – Fora/Institutions for interaction/Collaboration?**

Which international private sector associations are actively contributing to the debate on the development of the bioenergy market? How do these associations interact with public decision-makers and civil society?

#### **Sustainability - economic, environmental and social (including food security)**

How can we ensure environmental security of bioenergy avoiding a conflict between food security and energy security and taking into account social impacts of investments?

What role for voluntary or binding sustainability criteria/certification?

#### **Trade**

Are there specific trade restrictions/barriers to trade which currently hinder a profitable development of bioenergy? What should be the key barriers to dismantle in order to facilitate trade and bioenergy development? How can sustainability criteria/certification best be established/implemented without creating unnecessary obstacles to trade?

#### **Information gaps**

What are the key information needs for a sustainable development of the bioenergy sector? What role for an international partnership in making available specific information?