

Global Bioenergy Partnership

Working together to promote bioenergy for sustainable development

Dialogue between the Private Sector, GBEP and WEC Italy
World Biofuels Markets
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G8 Commitment in the Gleneagles Plan of Action (July 2005)

“We (the G8) will promote the continued development and commercialisation of renewable energy by: [...] d) launching a Global Bioenergy Partnership to support wider, cost effective, biomass and biofuels deployment, particularly in developing countries where biomass use is prevalent, following the Rome International Workshop on Bioenergy”.

GBEP – The background

- ➔ **Launched in New York, 11 May 2006**, during the Ministerial Segment of the CSD
- ➔ **White Paper and Terms of Reference**
- ➔ **Current Partners:** G8 countries, China, Mexico, FAO, IEA, UNEP, UNDP, UNDESA, UNCTAD, UNIDO, UN Foundation, WCRE and EUBIA.
- ➔ **Italy - Chair**
Mexico – Co-Chair } For the first biennium
- ➔ **Secretariat hosted at FAO** in Rome with the support of the Italian Government.

GBEP Pillars

Food Security

Energy Security

**Sustainable
Bioenergy**

Environmental Sustainability

GBEP Objectives

- Favour **efficient and sustainable** uses of biomass
- Facilitate bioenergy **integration into energy markets**
- Create a **global high-level policy dialogue** and **facilitate international collaboration**
- Foster the **exchange of information**
- Act as a **cross-cutting initiative**, working in synergy with other relevant activities and avoiding duplications

GBEP Added Value

- Focus on **bioenergy** as a key renewable energy source
- Strong **political commitment** - promote bioenergy in line with climate change, energy security & food security considerations
- A **voluntary forum** to facilitate international dialogue
- Priority given to **developing countries**
- **Exchange of experience and technologies** – North-South, South-South, South-North
- Engagement of the **private sector**
- **Visibility** of bioenergy opportunities and challenges at international level & **Integration** into development initiatives.
- Improved **coordination** across sectors and stakeholders

Programme of Work

Key priorities - programme of work:

- **Raising awareness** and facilitating information exchange on bioenergy
- **Thematic focus – Sustainability and Trade**
- Methodologies for measuring **GHG emission reductions** from the use of bioenergy

First step – Information Collection

Objective

- assemble/compile existing documentation/data
- learn from country efforts in guiding sustainability and trade of bioenergy

Information to collect

- policies, strategies, legislation from various sectors guiding and influencing bioenergy development
- data – fuels and feedstocks
- best practices identified by Partners

For further information

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GBEP dialogue with the private sector

- EUBIA is a partner
- WBCSD is kept in the loop
- contacts with individual companies

Today's objectives are to identify:

- key issues for private sector development in bioenergy
- appropriate mode of engagement between GBEP and the private sector

Proposed Guiding Questions

- **Private Sector Fora/Institutions** – “Who to engage at international level?”
- **Sustainability** – How to ensure it?
- **Trade** – What are the main obstacles and how could they be addressed?
- **Information Gaps** – What role for GBEP?