

## **1<sup>st</sup> GBEP Task Force on Sustainability**

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Rio de Janeiro, 19 June 2008

### **Background and Goals**

At the 4<sup>th</sup> meeting of the GBEP Steering Committee on 12 November 2007 the UK agreed to put forward suggestions on where GBEP might focus future efforts to support the sustainable development of bio-energy. The last Technical Working Group (TWG), kindly hosted by the UK on 9-10 April 2008 in London, considered a UK discussion paper and concluded that sustainable bioenergy provides an important opportunity to meet energy security and economic development goals as well as address climate change and other environmental issues. Furthermore, the TWG agreed that GBEP can play an important role in furthering international discussions and understanding on sustainable bioenergy and its work needs to be undertaken in a way that provides useful outputs and does not duplicate other efforts. To facilitate this work, the TWG agreed that GBEP should establish a task force on sustainable bioenergy.

The scope and programme of work for the Task Force set out in the UK paper to the 5<sup>th</sup> GBEP Steering Committee reflects the outcome of the TWG meeting in London.

The 1<sup>st</sup> meeting of the GBEP Task Force on Sustainability, to be held in Rio de Janeiro on 19 June 2008 kindly hosted by the Government of Brazil, will focus on:

- Adopting the Scope of Work as endorsed by the Steering Committee and agreeing a provisional work programme;
- Identifying potential stakeholders and agreeing outline engagement and communication strategies designed to maximise their contribution to the work of the Task Force;
- Holding an orientation discussion on the Partner's policies on sustainable bio-energy. Discussing the inventory of sustainability initiatives and considering what provisional conclusions can be drawn about commonalities, differences and issues requiring further consideration;
- Discussing preliminary ideas for a practical stakeholder workshop on approaches to sustainability to be held in the autumn of 2008 (possibly October).

## *AGENDA*

### Thursday, 19 June 2008

- 09.00 - 09.30**      **Registration and welcome coffee**
- 09:30 – 09:45**      **Opening**  
Welcome, introductions and adoption of the agenda
- 09:45 – 10:45**      **Scope and programme of work of the Task Force**
- Report back from the SC meeting
  - Discussion
- 10.45 – 12.30**      **Presentations on what countries/organizations are doing on sustainability**
- 12:30 - 14:00**      **Lunch**
- 14:00 – 16:00**      **Introduction to the draft inventory of sustainability initiatives and discussion on what provisional conclusions can be drawn about commonalities, differences and issues requiring further consideration**
- 16.00 – 17.00**      **Way forward and next steps**
- Recap on programme of work
  - Next TF meetings
  - Scope and timing of stakeholder workshop
- 17.00**                **Conclusions**