

**2<sup>nd</sup> GBEP Task Force Meeting on GHG Methodologies**

Washington D.C., 6-7 March 2008

UN Foundation, 1800 Massachusetts Av NW

***DRAFT AGENDA***

At the first GBEP Task Force meeting on harmonizing greenhouse gas (GHG) methodologies, the taskforce developed a checklist for what different countries should be analyzing as they seek to develop a methodology for measuring the GHG benefits of biofuels. The taskforce also identified issues needing resolution, including methodologies, externalities, and future considerations. At its last meeting, the GBEP Steering Committee endorsed this checklist and urged the taskforce to continue its work in resolving these outstanding issues and also develop a methodology on solid biomass.

Capitalizing on the Washington International Renewable Energy Conference (WIREC) which will take place 4-6 March 2008, the United States will chair and the UN Foundation will host the second taskforce meeting on 6 and 7 March 2008.

The goals of this taskforce meeting are to:

1. Welcome new taskforce participants and receive any pertinent information from them;
2. Ascertain to what degree the solid biomass and the liquid biomass work can overlap;
3. Begin discussion of the issues still needing resolution with a focus on default values and models and indirect land-use; and
4. Assess work to-date and outline goals and schedule for future taskforce meetings including possible formation of sub-groups to continue work between meetings.

An issue paper on “*Greenhouse Gas Balances for Solid Biomass*” - developed by IFEU on behalf of the Federal Environment Agency Germany, in cooperation with UN Foundation - is in Annex I and a proposal of “*Action Plan for GBEP TF on GHG Methodologies*” – developed by the United States (GBEP leading Partner on GHG methodologies) - can be found in Annex II. These documents will facilitate discussion in the TF meeting.

**Thursday, 6 March 2008****13.00 – 13.30**      **Registration** at the UN Foundation**13.30 – 14.00**      **Opening/Welcomes/Introductions****14.00 – 17.30**      **Presentations on approaches to GHG methodologies and on recent developments:**

Mr Paul Hodson, EC

US Energy Bill

Mr Fehrenbach Horst, Germany

Mr Kieran Power, Dep. for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, UK

Mr José Domingos González Miguez, Brazil

Mr John Neft, Netherlands

Mr Jean François Gruson, France

Mr Li Junfeng, China  
Ms Charlotte Opal, EPFL - Roundtable on Sustainable Biofuels  
Mr John Kadyszewski, Winrock  
Mr Wallace Tyner, Purdue University

**Friday, 7 March 2008**

- 8.30 – 9.00**      **Registration** at the UN Foundation.
- 9.00 – 9.30**      **Recap of Thursday**
- 9.30 – 11.00**    **Overlaps between solid biomass and liquid biofuels methodologies**  
Do we need separate values for solid biomass and liquid biofuels?
- 11.00 – 11.15**    **Break**
- 11.15 – 13.00**    **Presentations on Modelling Approaches and Default Factors for Solid Biomass and Liquid Fuel**  
Ms Jessica Chalmers, Low Carbon Vehicle Partnership UK  
Mr Horst Fehrenbach, Germany  
Mr Li Junfeng, China  
Mr José Domingos González Miguez, Brazil  
Vince Camboreco, USEPA  
Alex Farrel, University of California Berkeley  
Michael Wang, Argonne National Laboratory (tbc)  
Jason Hill, University of Minnesota
- 13.00 – 14.15**    **Lunch**
- 14.15 – 15.45**    **General Discussion on indirect land use and modeling approaches**
- What overlap is there in the modeling approaches?
  - Can we develop a common set of default values/assumptions?
  - How can those be applied to the checklist?
  - Can indirect land-use be included?
  - If so, how? Guidance? Best Practices? How far down the chain?
  - What is currently being done?
  - What overlap is there on how to address indirect land-use?
  - What further information is needed?
- 15.45 – 16.00**    **Break**
- 16.00 – 17.30**    **Assessment/Next Steps**
- Review Checklist: What further work is needed on checklist?  
Is end result still a checklist with more in-depth information on certain areas? Do we need to prioritize – if so, how?

- Review Action Plan: Review tasks to be done, assignments, timeline, and needed resources. How much time/how many meetings will be needed? Can there be virtual meetings? Do we need to divide into subcommittees? If so, for what topics? How do we ensure strong developing country participation? Can we do field tests of the methodology?