

GBEP Working Group on Capacity Building for Sustainable Bioenergy (WGCB)

Activity Group 2

(co-chaired by Indonesia and Germany)

“Raising awareness and sharing of data and experiences from the implementation of the GBEP indicators”

IRENA Offices in Bonn, Germany, July 3-4, 2014

Concept Note

Background on the Activity Group 2

The main objective of Activity Group 2 (AG2) is to learn from experiences of applying the GBEP Sustainability Indicators for Bioenergy (SIB) “in the field”, i.e. mainly on the national level. AG2 aims to share this knowledge and respective information within the GBEP Working Group on Capacity Building (WBCB) in order to identify problems, find solutions and improve the methodological application of the indicators. Moreover, adequate information sharing during testing will also help secure a common interpretation of the indicators, and their data foundation.

Since starting AG2, a number of countries have tested (or are in the process to) the SIB in the field at national levels. Some countries have accomplished the work; others are right in the middle of doing so or are committed to start. AG2 comprises countries with very different circumstances in biodiversity, climate, social and economic conditions - just to name a few: Argentina, Brazil, China (Hebei province) Colombia, Egypt, Ethiopia, Germany, Ghana, Indonesia, Japan, the Netherlands, Paraguay, Sudan, USA.

In some of these countries, SIB pilot projects will emphasize the applicability to country-specific circumstances. In others, SIB pilot projects will lead to assessing and enhancing the capacity of these countries to use the SIB and to develop national bioenergy policies. In these countries, SIB evaluation pilot projects will also test the feasibility and usefulness of the indicators for practical policies.

Moreover, AG2 will also help to raise awareness of the SIB and disseminating their use to other countries and regions.

Workshop Objective

Meanwhile, the number of SIB test applications at national levels represents a wealth of experiences. It is the primary objective of this workshop to bring together and to exchange these experiences, and to consolidate support for and between countries.

The workshop features three sections:

- 1) The first introductory session will give an overview on completed and ongoing SIB projects at national level.
- 2) The second section will open the floor to present “lessons learned” by some of these countries who performed or are performing such projects.
- 3) The third session will work in roundtables subdivided according to the pillars (environment/social/economic) and reconvene in a final plenary at the end.
The section aims to work out the key issues as experienced by national experts, with a special focus on major challenges of implementing the SIB, on identifying easy and more complicated ones, highlighting the concrete need and relevance of capacity building and discussing the fundamental issue of data availability. The objective of the third section is to condense collected experiences in order to identify key items where further aid is needed to facilitate application and in case where indicators need some kind of refinement.

Expected Results

- Share common insights into the treasure of practical experiences from applying GBEP Sustainability Indicators
- Learn about country-specific features of sustainability issues of bioenergy
- Identify generic issues relevant for all applications
- Identify the need for action if recognized as such, e.g.:
 - o develop a guiding note to support practical application the GBEP Sustainability Indicators.
 - o define rules for data handling where general methodological conventions are necessary
 - o identify needs for review the methodology sheets in case of specific indicators.

Participants

The meeting will involve GBEP members of AG2 and AG5.

Meeting of the AG 2 - Agenda

Time	Thursday, 3 rd July 2014
13:30 – 14:00	<p>Welcome and Opening Remarks</p> <p><i>Horst Fehrenbach, Co-Leader AG2 (Germany)</i></p> <p><i>M. Michela Morese, GBEP Executive Secretary</i></p>
14:00 – 15:00	<p>Session 1</p> <p>Overview on implementation of GBEP indicators by member or observer countries</p> <p>First impressions about lessons learned, <i>Horst Fehrenbach, (Germany)</i></p>
15:00 – 15:15	Refreshment break
15:15 – 16:45	<p>Session 2</p> <p>Updates on experiences from implementing GBEP indicators:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Indonesia, <i>Maslan Lamria, Indonesia and Marco Colangeli, FAO</i> - Argentina, <i>Agustina Branzini, Argentina</i> - USA, <i>Kristen Johnson, USDoE, USA</i> - Germany, <i>Susanne Köppen, IFEU, Germany</i>
16:45 – 17:00	Refreshment break
17:00 – 18:00	<p>Session 3</p> <p>Roundtables on environmental, social and economic indicator experiences</p> <p><i>Moderators: Horst Fehrenbach / Marco Colangeli / Martina Otto</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - which are the major challenges when implementing GBEP indicators - which indicators are easy to handle - the relevance of capacity building - data availability – addressing the fundamental issue

Time	Friday, 4 th July 2014
9:00 – 10:30	<p>Session 3 (con't)</p> <p>Roundtables on environmental, social and economic indicator experiences</p> <p><i>Moderators: Horst Fehrenbach / Marco Colangeli / Suani Coelho</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - which are the major challenges when implementing GBEP indicators - which indicators are easy to handle - the relevance of capacity building - data availability – addressing the fundamental issue
10:30 – 11:00	<p>Coffee break</p>
11:00 – 12:45	<p>Reporting results from the Roundtables to the plenary</p> <p><i>Moderator: Uwe Fritsche, IINAS, Germany</i></p>
12:45 – 13:30	<p>Lunch</p>
13:30 – 15:00	<p>Session 4</p> <p>Wrap-up results of the workshop, discussion of the way forward (preparation of guidance document) and reporting to WGCB</p> <p><i>Horst Fehrenbach, Co-Leader AG2 (Germany)</i></p>
15:00 – 15:30	<p>Refreshment break</p>
15:30 – 16:30	<p>Session 4 (con't)</p> <p>Wrap-up results of the workshop, discussion of the way forward (preparation of guidance document) and reporting to WGCB</p>