6th Bioenergy Week and Study Tour for Capacity Building

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Concept note and agenda

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1. Background

The 6th Bioenergy Week of the Global Bioenergy Partnership (GBEP), will be held in Buenos Aires, Argentina, from 16 to 18 October 2018.

Since 2013, GBEP has been holding the GBEP Bioenergy Weeks, with the first one held in Brazil, followed by the second in Mozambique in 2014, the third edition in Indonesia in 2015, and the fourth Bioenergy Week in Budapest in June 2016. ECOWAS/ECREEE hosted the fifth Bioenergy Week in the ECOWAS region, in Ghana in 2017. The GBEP WGCB, under the co-leadership of ECOWAS and Argentina, have stressed the enormous added value of this cycle of regional events in terms of capacity building and information sharing, and expressed the willingness and need to continue this activity.

The 2018 Bioenergy Week will enhance learning from positive experiences on sustainable production and use of bioenergy integrated within food production value chains, to support the design and implementation of bioenergy policies in Latin America. Furthermore, it will provide the opportunity to continue a dialogue with the private sector and other stakeholders on ways to improve mutual cooperation towards a more sustainable production and use of bioenergy.

2. Objectives

The 2018 Bioenergy Week is organized to foster discussion and exchange of experiences and skills that have been proven to showcase the practicality of sustainable bioenergy services and to support its accelerated implementation in Latin America. It will serve as an avenue for strengthening cooperation between member states and established institutions for increasing the provision of sustainable energy services.

Specifically, the Forum aims to:

- Demonstrate the state of the global, continental and regional bioenergy situation;
- Present the state of the regional bioenergy situation and efforts to further strengthening the regional energy mix with bioenergy;
- Discuss successful, replicable bioenergy systems that provide sustainable energy services;
- Showcase available financial instruments of partners and investment firms; and
- Provide a platform to the private sector in order to facilitate a viable bioenergy market in the region.
**GBEP Working Group on Capacity Building (WGCB)**

**Study tour for capacity building and training (Activity Group 3)**

**Agenda for the 6th Bioenergy Week**

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09.00 – 09.30  Opening and Welcome Remarks
- Luis Miguel Etchevehere, Secretary of State, Secretariat of Agroindustry, Argentina
- Representative from Secretariat of Energy, Argentina
- João Genésio, Director of the Department of Energy, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Brazil and Co-Chair of the Global Bioenergy Partnership (GBEP)
- Representative of YPF, Argentina
- Francisco Yofre, Official in Charge, Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO)

09.30 – 10.30  Global, regional and national policies
Moderator and keynote speaker: Miguel Almada, Director of Bioenergy and National Coordinator of the Project PROBIOMASA, Secretariat of Agroindustry, Argentina
- The role of bioenergy in the national development plan
  Andrés Murchison, Secretary of Food and Bioeconomy, Argentina
- Promotion of bioenergy – Plan RenovAr,
  Maximiliano Morrone, Secretariat of Energy, Argentina
- The contribution of the Global Bioenergy Partnership (GBEP),
  Maria Michela Morese, Executive Secretary, GBEP

10.30 - 11.00  Coffee break/official event photo

11.00 - 11.45  Global, regional and national policies (cont.)
- Bioenergy and the Global Energy Transition
  Jeffrey Skeer, International Renewable Energy Agency (IRENA)
- The SCOPE Report – Bioenergy Sustainability in Latin America and Africa,
  Glaucia Souza, University of São Paulo and FAPESP Bioenergy Research Program, Brazil
- Green jobs in the bioenergy sector,
  Cristoph Ernst, International Labour Organization (ILO)

11.45 – 12.30  Promotion of Bioenergy in Argentina
Moderator: Juan Prioletta, Secretariat of Energy, Argentina

"Project for the promotion of energy derived from biomass - PROBIOMASA"
- Miguel Almada, Director of Bioenergy and National Coordinator of the Project, Secretariat of Agroindustry, Argentina
- Mariela Beljansky and Federico Moyano, Component of Bioenergy Strategies
12.30 – 14.00  Lunch

14.00 – 15.00  Exchange of experiences and opportunities on wood energy
Moderator: Justo Vargas, Director of Technical Cooperation and International Relations, Ministry of Agriculture

- The experience in Argentina, Manuel Ron and Marcelo Otero, Bioeléctrica, Argentina
- The experience of Chile, Daniel Barrera, Ministry of Agriculture, Chile
- The experience of Paraguay, Justo Vargas, Director of Technical Cooperation and International Relations, Ministry of Agriculture, Paraguay
- The experience of African countries, Bah Saho, ECOWAS/ECREEE

15.00 – 15.30  Coffee break

15.30 – 17.30  Exchange of experiences and opportunities on liquid biofuels
Moderator: Suani Coelho, University of São Paulo, Brazil

- Policies to facilitate the development of biofuels in Argentina, Augustín Torroba, Secretariat of Energy, Argentina
- The experience in Argentina, Victor Castro, CARBIO and Patrick Adam, Biomaíz, Argentina
- The experience of Mexico, José Fernando de la Torre Sánchez, INIFAP, Mexico
- The experience of Brazil, Rodrigo Rodrigues, Coordinator of the Interministerial Executive Committee of Biodiesel (CEIB) - National Program of Production and Use of Biodiesel (PNPB) and Flavio Castelar, APLA, Brazil

Wednesday, 17 October 2018

09.00 – 09.30  Registration of participants

09.30 – 10.45  Exchange of experiences and opportunities on biogas and biomethane
Moderator: Betsy Bandy, Jamaica

- Global perspectives, Olivier Dubois, FAO (pre-recorded presentation)
- Regional perspectives in LEDS LAC, Betsy Bandy, Jamaica
• The experience of Argentina, 
   Lisandro Ferrer, Adecoagro, Argentina
• The experience of Brazil, 
   Marcelo Alves de Sousa, PTI and IEA Bioenergy Task 37, and Suani Coelho, USP, Brazil
• The experience of Egypt, 
   Ahmed Abdelati, Ministry of Agriculture and Land, Egypt

10.45 – 11.15  **Coffee break**

11.15 – 12.30  **Exchange of experiences and opportunities on advanced biofuels**
*Moderator: Jeffrey Skeer, IRENA*

• The contribution of IRENA, 
  Jeffrey Skeer, IRENA
• The experience of USA, 
  Fahran Robb, USDA, USA
• The experience of Italy – Horizon 2020 Project – FORBIO 
  Guido Bonati, CREA, Italy
• The experience on aviation biofuels, 
  Jane Hupe, ICAO (pre-recorded presentation) and Onofre Andrade, 
  Boeing Research & Technology, Brazil

12.30 – 14.00  **Lunch**

14.00 – 16.00  **Roundtable: Challenges and opportunities for the development of bioenergy**
*Moderator: Gerard Ostheimer, Below50/SE4ALL*

• Opportunities for bioenergy in the context of bioeconomy 
  Eduardo Trigo, Inter-American Institute for Cooperation on Agriculture
• The contribution of the Biofuture Platform, 
  Renato Godinho, Ministry of External Relations, Brazil
• The bioenergy value chain 
  Martín Fraguío, GPS, Argentina
• The contribution of Below50/SE4ALL, 
  Gerard Ostheimer, Below50/SE4ALL
• The experience of the U.S. Grains Council, 
  Candice Wilson, U.S. Grains Council, USA

16.00 – 16.30  **Coffee break**

16.30 – 17.00  **Conclusions and closing remarks**
• Representative from the Government of Argentina
• Maria Michela Morese, GBEP Executive Secretary

19.30 – 22.30  **Reception** at the *Four Seasons Hotel* kindly hosted by the U.S. Grains Council
Thursday, 18 October 2018

08.00 – 18.00  Visit to plant in Rosario