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# BfP Workstream on Biomass Quantification and Sustainability Governance – Engaging GBEP

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# About the Biofuture Platform

- A government-led, multi-stakeholder initiative designed to take action on climate change and support the SDGs by promoting international coordination on the sustainable low-carbon bioeconomy.
- Established in November 2016, at the COP 22 climate talks in Marrakesh. Since 2019, the IEA has been the Facilitator. Biofuture Platform Initiative and Biofuture Campaign launched under the Clean Energy Ministerial (CEM) in September 2020 and June 2021.

## MEMBER COUNTRIES

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India • Indonesia • Italy • Morocco • Mozambique • Netherlands • Paraguay • Philippines  
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# Introduction to the Biomass Quantification & Sustainability Governance Workstream

## CHALLENGE

Perceived risk stemming from uncertainty regarding the availability and/or sustainability of bio- and waste-based feedstocks is slowing growth of the bioeconomy.

## SOLUTION

De-risk bioeconomy projects by engaging partners to promote a clear, consistent, and evidence-based message on biomass feedstock availability and sustainability.

## PROPOSAL

Convene governments (national and local), industry, academia, financing institutions, and civil society (including skeptics) to develop an evidence-based, joint understanding of bio-feedstock availability and sustainability.

# Intended Outcomes

## **Biomass Quantification**

- Review of local, state, regional, and global assessments of sustainable biomass quantification
- Develop ways to harmonize approaches to quantifying sustainable feedstock availability, including improving clarity and consistency in definitions and sustainability constraints applied

## **Sustainability Governance**

- Review existing sustainability governance
- Compare regional and national policy and regulatory approaches to feedstock sustainability
- Identify areas of consensus and areas of uncertainty or debate
- Checklist (or similar guidance/tool) to support more consistent assessments of sustainable biomass feedstock supplies

# Working Group on Biomass Quantification & Sustainability Governance: ToR and membership

## *Roles & Responsibilities:*

- Lead and contribute to the workstream
- Initially meet 3 – 5 times to complete the Scope & Action Plan
- Oversee the Support Team that liaises with the Advisory Group and prepares Workstream reports/products
- Recruit stakeholders and experts to the Advisory Group

## *Membership:*



## GBEP's Engagement in BfP Working Group on Biomass Quantification and Sustainability Governance

- The BfP will **NOT duplicate the work of others**. Instead, it is keen to **exploit synergies with existing initiatives** on sustainable bioeconomy/bioenergy.
- **GBEP** has gained **invaluable experience** in the development and implementation of **sustainability indicators**.
- **Mainstreaming GBEP's work** into the BfP Workstream on Biomass Quantification and Sustainability Governance (by **participating in the related WG**) is thus **essential**.

Thanks!