



World Biofuel Markets Regulation and Government Policy

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The G8 commitment in the Gleneagles Plan of Action

*“We (the G8) will promote the continued development and commercialisation of renewable energy by: [...] d) **launching a Global Bioenergy Partnership** to support wider, cost effective, biomass and biofuels deployment, particularly in developing countries where biomass use is prevalent, following the Rome International Workshop on Bioenergy”.*

Launch of the GBEP

As a concrete fulfilment of the Gleneagles G8 commitment on bioenergy, Italy hosted the formal launch of the Global Bioenergy Partnership during the Ministerial Segment of the Commission for Sustainable Development (CSD14 - New York, 11 May 2006).

G8 countries plus China, Mexico, FAO, EUBIA, UN Foundation, UNCTAD, UNEP, UNDP, UNIDO, WB, WEC, IEA joined the Partnership.

Italy, together with Mexico, has the Presidency of GBEP for the first two years of activity.

The Secretariat is housed at FAO Headquarters in Rome.

Functions of the GBEP

1. Create a global high level policy dialogue on bioenergy,
2. Favour more efficient and sustainable uses of biomass and develop project activities in the bioenergy field;
3. Foster the exchange of information;
4. Facilitate bioenergy integration into energy markets by tackling specific barriers in the supply chain;
5. Act as a cross cutting initiative, working in synergy with other relevant activities, avoiding duplications.

Work Program

Key priorities:

- **Raising awareness** and facilitating information exchange on bioenergy;
- **Thematic focus – Sustainability and Trade;**
- **Methodologies for measuring GHG emission reductions** from the use of bioenergy.

Current activities

Objective

- assemble/compile existing documentation/data
- learn from country efforts in guiding sustainability and trade of bioenergy

Information to collect

- policies, strategies, legislation from various sectors influencing bioenergy development
- data – fuels and feedstocks
- best practices collection

For further information

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