

WEBINAR

Alternatives to woodfuel for restoring forest landscapes

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 10:00-11:15 CEST (UTC+2)

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Overview

Woodfuel is a crucial energy source in developing countries, with 2.3 billion people globally relying on woodfuel as their primary source of energy for cooking and heating. However, unsustainable woodfuel use can drive deforestation, leaving forest landscapes degraded. It is urgent to seek alternative energy sources and gradually transition away from this traditional biomass use.

This webinar will look at two case studies in Ghana and Indonesia, where woodfuel use is prevalent. The case studies will highlight how alternatives to woodfuel can reduce the unsustainable harvesting of wood, thereby helping to restore forest landscapes and support sustainable livelihoods.

The webinar is hosted by the Global Bioenergy Partnership (GBEP) as part of the Scope of Work of Activity Group 4 "Towards sustainable modern wood energy development". More information on this activity group and GBEP Working Group on Capacity Building for Sustainable Bioenergy can be found on the [GBEP website](#).

Agenda

10:00 – 10:05	Brief introduction to webinar and speakers	<i>Constance Miller, GBEP Secretariat</i>
10:05 – 10:25	Bioenergy for landscape restoration and livelihoods: Case studies from Indonesia	<i>Dr. Himlal Baral, CIFOR</i>
10:25 – 10:45	Grass charcoal as an alternative to woodfuel: case study from Ghana	<i>Prof. David Millar, Millar Institute for Transdisciplinary and Development Studies</i>
10:45 – 11:10	Discussion session	<i>Moderator: Tiziana Pirelli, GBEP Secretariat</i>
11:10 – 11:15	Concluding remarks	<i>Constance Miller, GBEP Secretariat</i>