Bioenergy @IRENA: Accomplishments and Work Scope Proposed

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- Bioenergy is essential to sustainable development:
 - Largest form of renewable energy today
 - Only realistic renewable option for heavy transport
 - Best option for CO2 removal from atmosphere
- Bioenergy faces serious challenges:
 - Economic competitiveness
 - Biofuel vs petrofuel or power for light transport
 - Biogas vs liquefied petroleum gas for cooking
 - Wood vs fossil fuel, other renewables for power
 - Sustainable sourcing
 - Surplus to food requirements
 - Carbon-storing, land-efficient



- Programmatic approach with *three action areas:*
 - Sustainable Supply of bioenergy feedstock
 - Cost-effective Technology for bioenergy conversion
 - Successful Strategies for bioenergy scale-up
- Partnerships for expertise and outreach:
 - IEA and IEA Bioenergy Agreement
 - FAO and GBEP Global Bioenergy Partnership
 - SE4All Bioenergy Hub
 - ICRAF World Agroforestry Centre
 - WBA World Bioenergy Association
 - ICA International Cookstove Alliance
 - **EU** Biofuels Conference and Exhibition



IRENA Analysis

1.1 Assessing Global Sustainable Bioenergy Potential

- Global Bioenergy Supply and Demand Projections for **REmap**
- **Boosting Biofuels**: Sustainable Paths to Greater Energy Security
- Resource Potential for Advanced Biofuels in Southeast Asia
- **1.2 Bioenergy Simulator and Data Tools to Identify Opportunities**

Cooperation with Partners

- 1.1 Assessing Global Sustainable Bioenergy Potential
 - Rome Workshop on Sustainable Bioenergy Supply Chains
 - Berlin Roundtable on Sustainable Bioenergy Supply Potential
 - Brief on *Bioenergy for Sustainable Development*

Voluntary Contributions from Germany and Japan



IRENA Analysis

- 1.1 Assessing Global Sustainable Bioenergy Potential
 - *Resource Potential for Advanced Biofuels in Sub-Saharan Africa*
- 1.5 **Bioenergy Potential from Restoring Degraded Land**
 - Bioenergy Potential from Land Restoration Initiatives

Cooperation with Partners

1.3 Success Stories in Boosting Food and Food Yields

- Food and Fuel Agroforestry Success Stories (with ICRAF)
- 1.4 **Bioenergy Potential from Recovering Waste and Residues**
- 1.5 **Bioenergy Potential from Restoring Degraded Land**
 - *RE Options for Land Degradation Neutrality* (with UNCCD)
- 1.6 Best Practices for Sustainable Forestry
 - Swedish Forestry Practices for Sustainable Wood Energy



IRENA Analysis Completed or Underway

- 2.1 Technology Innovation Outlook for Advanced Liquid Biofuels
- 2.2 Technology Pathways: Ethanol from **Agro-Processing Residues**
- 2.3 **Biogas** Technology Assessment for Different End-Use Sectors
 - Technology Brief on Biomass for Heat and Power
 - Technology Brief on Biofuels for Aviation
 - Technology Brief on Biogas for Road Transport
 - Technology Brief on Biogas Cookstoves
- Technology Brief on Biomass Logistics

Additional Work Proposed

2.5 Technology Innovation Outlook for **BECCS** (BioEnergy with CCS)

2.6 Energy Cane for Biodiesel: Technical and Economic Potential



IRENA Analysis Completed or Underway

- 1.2 **Bioenergy Simulator** to Help Choose High-Yield Crops
- 3.1 Project Navigator for Biomass to Combined Heat and Power
- 3.2 Forestry Biorefineries with High Value Co-Products (Finland)

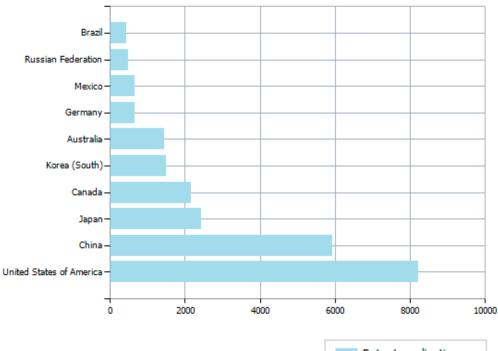
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- 3.3 Renewable Energy Approaches to **Reducing Food Losses**
- 3.4 Turning Biomass to Bioenergy on Islands
- 3.5 Expanding Global Bioenergy Markets and Trade

3.6 Country Advisory Services for Expanding Bioenergy

Value Chains for Agroprocessing Residues in Africa Bioethanol in Africa: The Case for Technology Transfer

Find Patent Trends and International Standards for Bioenergy in INSPIRE



Patent applications

Most active countries filing patents for biofuels over the last 10 years

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INSPIRE facilitates in a simple way a catalog of the applicable standards for Bioenergy

Bioenergy
Biofuels
Biomass Gasification
Solid Biofuels
Solid Recovered Fuels

58.3%

International Renewable Energy Agency

1.0%

Source: INSPIRE. IRENA. (2016)



Bio-energy Sustainable Scale-up Trust (BESST)

- Propose to Fund with Voluntary Contributions
- Notional budget of USD 1.0-1.5 million per year for 5 years
 - Three full-time staff (P-5, P4, P3)
 - Planning on a multi-year basis to ensure continuity
 - Advisory board to respond to member needs and priorities
- Detailed outline of current and proposed activities available



We welcome feedback from IRENA members and partners:

- Which projects are most worthwhile?
- What additional projects might be considered?
- What work is underway with which we should coordinate?
 - Planned by FAO, SE4All, IEA Bioenergy
 - Programmed by member countries and partners

Opportunities for feedback:

- Comments at Bioenergy Side Event (January 13)
- Meetings during Seventh Assembly (January 14-15)
- Written comments and follow-up (through February 15)