

AfricaBIOFUELS

in association with the Africa Energy Forum



Palais des Congrès, Bordeaux, Thursday 2nd of July

AfricaBIOFUELS is an executive dialogue focusing on unlocking Africa's biofuel potential. By promoting an open dialogue between the EU, African governments, development agencies and the private sector AfricaBIOFUELS hopes to overcome the challenges facing the African biofuels sector and further the responsible development of Africa's biofuels industry.

The debate on the sustainability of biofuels - the rising food prices, deforestation, displacing existing arable land and doubts over climate change benefits - is well documented. The aim of PABO is not to reiterate these issues but to discuss policies that will ensure that the biofuels industry in Africa moves forward in a sustainable and responsible manner.

Agenda

An Executive Dialogue

The AfricaBIOFUELS agenda outlines possible topics for discussion at the meeting.

AfricaBIOFUELS is a collaborative meeting, where participants are encouraged to suggest topics and participate in the ensuing discussions.

This format makes for an interactive meeting that encourages in-depth discussions beyond those that are usually achieved at an ordinary conference.

Are biofuels part of Africa's future energy mix or a cash crop?

- Are government strategies encouraging investment in the biofuels sector?
- Are investors guaranteeing environmentally and socially responsible development of bioenergy feedstock production?
- Are development banks investing in the African biofuels industry?
- Are global and regional institutions giving adequate support to the biofuels sector?

Consensus Building

Overview: what important issues were raised at the Powering Africa: the Biofuels Options (PABO) meeting in Maputo (March 2009).

Chairman

Salvador Namburete
Minister of Energy
Mozambique

African government officials and the EU exchange views on their requirements and objectives and seek ways of reaching a common understanding.

National government strategies: what are the challenges?

- Land policy
- Land acquisition
- Regulation and land mapping
- Biofuel incentives
- Participation and ownership
- Environment & social sustainability
- Management of infrastructure

Are governments meeting global standards?

The diversified character of biofuels projects need diverse government strategies. Are the appropriate policies, legislations, regulations, standards and institutional frameworks in place?

Private sector own 85% of Brazilian biofuels projects. How can African governments encourage the private sector to invest in projects?

EU targets and strategies: what are the challenges?

Is the EU mandatory 10% blending target for the transport sector by 2020 going to be met by African imports?

How do you prove that biofuels reduces greenhouse gas emissions and do not add to food insecurity?: an update on the EU's sustainability criteria.

Are global and regional institutions giving adequate support to the biofuels sector?

Trading Opportunities and Challenges

Chairman

Jack Grynberg
Chief Executive Officer
Grynberg Petroleum
United States of America

Is it possible to separate trade from sustainable issues?

Can Africa produce cheaper biofuels than Brazil or the USA?

Can African regional institutions encourage regions to act as one market?

Meeting power demands: can bioenergy become a viable fuel to power plants in Africa and abroad?

Large scale compared to small scale markets: what are the implications?

Finance Opportunities and Challenges

Chairman

Gregor von Drabich
Board Member
Jatropha Sustainable Biofuels
Alliance
Zurich

Private-sector investment update:

- How to reduce the risk and financial uncertainty?
- Who are investing?
- Where are they investing?
- In what are they investing?
- Who is their preferred partner?

Financing investment:

- Credit crunch
- Export credit
- Development bank funding
- Debt financing
- Carbon credits

Success Stories

Participants are invited to share their success stories?

The private sector needs examples of projects that:

- prove they reduce greenhouse gas emissions and do not add to food insecurity;
- are financially viable.

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