

Proposal for streamlined GBEP Programme of Work and budget 2023-24

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GBEP is internationally recognized for its intergovernmental work since its establishment in 2006, contributing to ensure that sustainable bioenergy is an engine of low-carbon and sustainable development. In this context, GBEP is the only bioenergy forum with a broad membership of developed and developing countries, which provides a platform and a voice to underrepresented countries who are otherwise absent in other international initiatives on bioenergy. It therefore represents an important platform for sharing lessons learned and best practices in sustainable modern bioenergy development. GBEP has gained a very valuable cumulative experience in the last 16 years: on one side the GBEP Sustainability Indicators are unique in their agreement and endorsement by so many countries globally, and on the other side the GBEP's in-country implementation, capacity building activities on the sustainability indicators, and on the transition from traditional towards more modern sustainable bioenergy have been providing important lessons and policy recommendations.

The below table on the proposed activities of the GBEP Secretariat under a **streamlined GBEP programme of work and budget for the biennium 2023-24** has been developed with the aim to **prioritize the key prerogatives and recognized added value of GBEP**.

The approximate budget for funding of all activities included in the table is USD 210 000 per year, around half that of previous years. This considers the budget for GBEP Secretariat regular activities – with current staff reduced to part time (50% time) under the same contractual arrangements – including administration and necessary travel of the Secretariat during this time.

Activity Group/Area of Work	Activity foreseen 2023-24	Details
Working Group on Capacity Building (WGCB)		
AG2 “Raising awareness, and sharing of data and experience on the implementation of the GBEP indicators”	GBEP Sec. backstopping of piloting of the Rapid Implementation Framework Handbook .	This support includes only initial guidance and troubleshooting on Handbook. Further support activities should be funded by external resources.

AG3 “Study Tour for capacity building and training”	10th GBEP Bioenergy Week to take place in Viet Nam in 2023. 11th GBEP Bioenergy Week to take place in Africa in 2024 in collaboration with ECREEE, AFREC and UNECA.	Organisation of annual Bioenergy Week from procedural and technical points of view, in association with hosts and other collaborating organisations. (External sponsorship will be required and sought, as with previous editions.)
AG4 “Woody biomass for forest landscape restoration (FLR) and sustainable livelihoods”	Webinars on the links between sustainable wood energy and FLR and/or biohydrogen for the sustainable energy transition.	At least 1 webinar to be held annually to bring together private sector, academic institutions, governments and international organisations to discuss pertinent aspects related to either: i) the links between sustainable wood energy and FLR, or ii) the sustainable growth of the biohydrogen market.
	AG4 session during the Bioenergy Weeks 2023 and 2024.	Session will have a thematic focus of interest to the related region and will be followed by a brief regarding the conclusions of the session and related follow-up.
AG7 “Biogas”	Webinars in collaboration with regional biogas initiatives on co-benefits of biogas for sustainable development.	At least 1 webinar to be held annually to encourage cross-regional exchange and learning on specific topics related to the co-benefits of biogas as part of the circular economy.
	AG7 session during the Bioenergy Weeks 2023 and 2024.	Session will have a thematic focus of interest to the related region and will be followed by a brief regarding the conclusions of the session and related follow-up.
AG8 “Advanced Liquid Biofuels”	Webinars on the sustainable growth of the advanced liquid biofuels sector.	At least 1 webinar to be held annually, bringing together private sector and governments to discuss how the advanced liquid biofuel sector can be supported to best contribute to the achievement of climate mitigation targets and other aspects of the sustainable development agenda.
Youth	2023 and 2024 GBEP Youth Award	The GBEP Youth Award will be associated each year with the region of the Bioenergy Week (2023 in Asia and 2024 in Africa).

Capacity Development Events	(Co-)organisation of events in collaboration with other relevant initiatives, e.g. IEA Bioenergy, UNIDO, Biofuture Platform, among others.	Organisation of workshops and events, as appropriate, in collaboration with other relevant initiatives, e.g. IEA Bioenergy, UNIDO, Biofuture Platform, among others. At least 2 per year .
	Participation of the GBEP Sec. in relevant conferences and workshops as speaker/chair	At least 5 appearances of the GBEP Secretariat as speaker in other external conferences to give visibility to GBEP activities and experience.
	Develop capacity development materials like news, newsletters, infographics and others to raise awareness about sustainable bioenergy and the role of GBEP	Variable number
Dissemination and outreach tools	Renew the GBEP website and social media activities	New GBEP website and regular social media activities on various platforms (i.e. LinkedIn, Facebook, Instagram, Twitter)
Task Force on Sustainability (TFS)		
GBEP Sustainability Indicators for Bioenergy and related Rapid Implementation Framework	Development of project proposals that integrate the implementation of the GBEP Sustainability Indicators and/or the related Rapid Implementation Framework.	At least 2 project proposals to be developed annually to procure external funding for projects that incorporate the implementation of the GBEP Sustainability Indicators and/or related Rapid Implementation Framework in different contexts.
Bioeconomy	GBEP Sec. to continue to contribute to the Biofuture Platform Working Group on Biomass Quantification and Sustainability Governance	
	Discussion and related paper, as well as piloting by GBEP members, on how the GBEP indicators could be applied to the wider bioeconomy	
	Development of project proposals that integrate a bioenergy component as part of broader bioeconomy issues.	