

**Working Session International Advisory Committee, 24th November, 14.30 – 17.00
German Ministry for Education and Research, Kapelle-Ufer 1, 10117 Berlin**

Genesis of the Communiqué

The Global Bioeconomy Summit is a community-building platform for policy makers and renowned experts in bioeconomy. With a view to the sustainable development goals adopted in 2015, the Summit aims to start a multilateral agenda setting process to ensure that bioeconomy contributes to sustainable development and green growth. One of the main outcomes of the Summit will be a communiqué defining a global policy agenda for a sustainable bioeconomy. This document has been developed involving international experts in bioeconomy-related policy areas in a process lasting more than six months. The International Advisory Committee members were selected to represent the diversity in global bioeconomy development. In a first step, fifteen international experts involved in bioeconomy policy strategy formulation and policy advice were invited to participate in the drafting of a communiqué which will be discussed and finalized by the International Advisory Committee of the Summit. The 15 experts involved in drafting the communiqué have bioeconomy-related expertise in developing, emerging and industrialized economies as well as in different geographies, countries and continents. The drafting group was asked to make first suggestions for guiding principles defining the cornerstones of a global policy agenda for a sustainable bioeconomy. Based on these inputs, the document was refined in several consecutive feedback rounds to integrate suggestions and to reflect comments from the group. In preparation of the Summit, the draft of the communiqué was shared among the 37 members of the International Advisory Committee (IAC). The IAC members were invited to provide feedback and suggest changes and additions to the communiqué prior to the Summit.

Aim and Purpose of the Working Session

The communiqué intends to highlight key elements of the emerging global agenda for a sustainable bioeconomy. After being refined in several feedback-rounds (see above), the IAC members will be invited to finalize the communiqué and prepare the concluding session of the Global Bioeconomy Summit during which the document will be presented to the conference participants. Furthermore, the chairs would like to take the exceptional opportunity of the IAC meeting to have a conversation on how global policy dialogue and bioeconomy development can be supported in the future to define the way forward.

Setting and Conference Location

The Working Session will take place in the buildings of the German Ministry for Research and Education (Kapelle-Ufer 1, 10117 Berlin). Room Alexander von Humboldt (2 + 3) will be equipped with a circle of chairs, tables and microphones sufficient for the 30 - 40 international high-level experts attending. Please bring your passport and/or photo ID with you.

The members of the International Advisory Committee are VIP guests at the Global Bioeconomy Summit. They will receive a symbolic honor after the communiqué was published in the last session of the Global Bioeconomy Summit (November 26th, 16.00).

Members of the International Advisory Committee

Mohamed Ait Kadi, General Council of Agricultural Development, Morocco

Sehounkpindo Gaston Akouehou, Ministry of Environment, Benin

Daniel Barben, German Bioeconomy Council

Michel Beckert, Ministry of National Education, Higher Education and Research, France

John Bell, Director Bioeconomy, DG R&I, European Commission

Joachim von Braun, German Bioeconomy Council

Masum Burak, Ministry of Food, Agriculture and Livestock, Turkey

Olivier Dubois, Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations

Ben Durham, BioInnovation, Department Science & Technology, South Africa

Jan van Esch, Ministry of Economic Affairs, Netherlands

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Josef Glössl, University of Natural Resources and Life Sciences Vienna

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Jackie Hunter, Biotechnology and Biological Sciences Research Council, Great Britain

Akharath Inthavy, Ministry of Natural Resources and Environment, Laos

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Ashok Khosla, Development Alternatives, India

Sirpa Kurppa, Natural Resources Institute, Finland

Manuel Lainez, National Institute for Agricultural and Food Research and Technology, Spain

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Mauricio Lopes, Brazilian Agricultural Research Corporation

Eispeth MacRae, Scion, New Zealand

Murray McLaughlin, Sustainable Chemistry Alliance, Canada

Geir Oddson, Nordic Council of Ministers

Nicholas Ozor, African Technology Policy Studies Network, Kenya

Jette Petersen, Danish AgriFish Agency

James Philp, Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development

Vladimir Popov, Russian Academy of Sciences

Andrzej Siemaszko, National Contact Point EU Programmes

Sigrún Elsa Smaradottir, Matís, Iceland

Prum Somany, Ministry of Agriculture Forestry and Fisheries, Cambodia

Renu Swarup, Biotechnology Industry Research Assistance Council, India

Sopida Tongsovit, National Science Technology and Innovation Policy Office, Thailand

Eduardo Trigo, Grupo CEO, Argentina

Chunyi Zhang, CAAS, China

David Zilberman, University of California, Berkley/USA

Agenda of the Working Session (November 24th, 14.30 – 17.00)

Refreshments served during the Working Session

Time	
14.30	I. Welcome and Opening Christine Lang (Bioeconomy Council) Daniel Barben (Bioeconomy Council) Joachim von Braun (Bioeconomy Council)
15.15	II. Discussion of Communiqué Selected statements regarding the cornerstones of a global policy agenda
15.30	Summary of Feedback, Open Discussion
16.15	Finalization of Communiqué
16.30	III. Defining the way forward Spreading the word and promoting the Communiqué Next steps for the IAC
17.00	IV. Group Photo Networking opportunity
18.00	Welcome Reception
21.00 - 22.00	Bus transfer to conference hotels

The Communiqué will be presented at the GBS 2015 on November 26th, 14.20 – 14.40