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“Scaling up the sustainable bioeconomy: A new chapter for the Biofuture Platform”

COP24 High-Level Side Event
December 10, 12h30-14h00, Polish Pavillion

Jointly hosted by Brazil, International Energy Agency
and Poland (UNFCCC COP24 Presidency)

Event concept

According to analysis and findings by agencies and organizations such as the IPCC, IEA and IRENA, the world has to significantly increase bioenergy use in transport, heat, industry and power sectors in the next decade in order to limit the increase in global average temperature to well below 2°C above pre-industrial levels. With proper policies and practices, the deployment of bioenergy and bio-based materials and chemicals can also reduce atmospheric pollution, enhance energy diversity and security, reduce dependency on fossil sources, and promote social and economic development.

In November 2017, during UNFCCC COP 23, a group of major countries united in the Biofuture Platform coalition agreed to scale up the low carbon bioeconomy and develop targets and action plans to sustainably increase deployment of bioenergy and bio-based products. The [Biofuture Vision Declaration](#) paved the way to increase ambition and guide further actions by the initiative.

Now, on December 10, 2018, at the COP24, the Biofuture Platform countries and partners will renew their commitment to scaling up the sustainable low carbon bioeconomy and write the next chapter for the initiative. This high-level event, to be held in the Polish Pavillion, will be co-hosted by the UNFCCC COP24 President, Michał Kurtyka, the IEA Executive-Director, Fatih Birol; and the Minister of Environment of Brazil, Mr. Edson Duarte.

This year's event will include: i) the launch of the "Creating the Biofuture" report; ii) highlights of major new national initiatives and policies by Biofuture member countries to scale up the bioeconomy, and iii) the announcement and formalization of the way forward of the initiative agreed by member countries, including a new governance framework, and the stepping up of the IEA's engagement with the initiative (see draft programme).

The event will build on successful Biofuture Platform meetings held during COP22 and COP23, during which landmark decisions were made by Member States to launch the Biofuture Platform (COP22, Marrakesh) and to endorse the Biofuture Vision Declaration “Scaling up the low carbon bioeconomy: an urgent and vital challenge” (COP23).

The Biofuture Platform

The Biofuture Platform (www.biofutureplatform.org) is a 20-nation country-led, multi-stakeholder coalition launched in COP22 whose mission is to promote international collaboration and policy dialogue development to accelerate development and scale up deployment of modern sustainable low carbon alternatives to fossil based solutions in transport, chemicals, plastics and other sectors.



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PROGRAMME

- 12:30** Opening Statements by event co-Chairs
Michał Kurtyka, UNFCCC COP24 President
Edson Duarte, Minister of Environment, Brazil
Fatih Birol, Executive Director, International Energy Agency (IEA)
- 12h55** Endorsement of the Biofuture Governance Framework Document and Official Photograph.
- 13h05** Short Film (4'): “The Biofuture we Need Now”
- 13h10** Addresses by Ministers and Heads of Delegation - Highlighting policy action at the national level
China - Xie Zhenhua, Minister for Climate Change Affairs
Finland - Kimmo Tiilikainen, Minister of Environment, Energy and Housing
Paraguay - Ariel Oviedo, Minister of Environment and Sustainable Development (tbc)
Uruguay - Eneida de León, Minister of Environment, Housing and Land
United Kingdom - Archie Young, Head of Climate Change Negotiations
- 13h40** Policy brief: there’s a need and there’s a way for the bioeconomy:
Presentation of findings from the “IEA Renewables 2018” Report - Mechthild Wörsdörfer, Director, Sustainability, Technology and Outlooks
Launch and presentation of findings from the “Creating the Biofuture Report” - Renato D. Godinho, Biofuture Platform interim Facilitator
- 13h55** Closing remarks
Dr. Fatih Birol, Executive Director, International Energy Agency
Amb. J. Antonio Marcondes, Brazil, Head Climate Change Negotiator
- 14h00** Refreshments