

Biofuture Industry Council Letter of Support for the “CEM Biofuture Platform Declaration on Sustainable Chemicals and Materials”

As Industry leaders from across the sustainable chemicals value chain, we express our full support for ambitious policies and actions to rapidly increase the production and use of sustainable chemicals and materials.

We applaud the leadership of Netherlands and the countries of the Clean Energy Ministerial Biofuture Platform Initiative that declared their support for a vibrant, sustainable chemicals and materials Industry.

We strongly agree with the Declaration’s Overall Ambition and encourage Clean Energy Ministerial countries to develop “*a strong and competitive global market for sustainable carbon feedstocks in the chemical industry by:*

- ***Collaborating to remove barriers and clarify policy frameworks*** that enable the adoption of sustainable carbon feedstocks;
- ***Seizing joint opportunities*** through research, innovation, knowledge exchange and joint projects to accelerate the transition;
- ***Aligning approaches and creating enabling conditions*** for resilient, sustainable, and inclusive supply chains; and
- ***Establishing a shared international framework*** that supports coordination while respecting national circumstances and priorities.”

The Chemicals and Materials Industry has consistently advocated for policies and actions. Key documents include:

- *Renewable Carbon Institute (RCI) Policy Proposals for Facilitating the Transition to Renewable Carbon*¹
- *Is there Enough Biomass to Defossilise the Chemicals and Derived Materials Sector by 2050? – A Joint Bio-based Industries Consortium (BIC) and Renewable Carbon Institute (RCI) Scientific Background Report*²
- *EU and Global: Biomass Demand for Transport Fuels, Aviation and Shipping up to 2050 and Implications for Biomass Supply to the Chemical Sector*³
- *The Use of Food and Feed Crops for Bio-based Materials and the Related Effects on Food Security – Promoting Evidence-based Debates and Recognising Potential Benefits*⁴

¹ <https://doi.org/10.52548/DZRU4577>

² <https://doi.org/10.52548/PIRL6916>

³ <https://doi.org/10.52548/GXVG4189>

⁴ <https://doi.org/10.52548/WQXU7327>

We acknowledge that much more must be done at the international, national, and sub-national level to realize the potential for sustainable chemicals and materials to reduce emissions, strengthen economies, and increase energy security.

We call upon the countries of the Clean Energy Ministerial Biofuture Platform Initiative to significantly strengthen both international collaboration and national efforts to increase the production and use of Sustainable Chemicals and Materials and to pursue the joint actions proposed in the CEM Biofuture Platform Declaration.

We are ready **immediately** to work with the CEM Biofuture Platform Initiative to

- *Jointly develop and advocate for comprehensive policy frameworks that create a level and equitable playing field for sustainable carbon feedstocks, including a shared ambition to incentives, standards, and regulatory pathways.*
- *Support the creation of partnerships and shared investment frameworks to secure reliable, large-scale access to sustainable feedstocks, infrastructure and markets.*
- *Promote transparency and traceability in supply chains to ensure environmental and social standards are met.*
- *Create and expand markets for chemicals and materials derived from sustainable carbon feedstocks.*
- *Align product standards, certification schemes and sustainability criteria to build shared carbon accounting approaches that enable market confidence and facilitate international trade in products made from sustainable carbon feedstocks.*
- *Ensure criteria for lifecycle carbon assessments are interoperable across governmental jurisdictions.*
- *Engage with end-users and downstream sectors to stimulate demand and acceptance of sustainable carbon-based products.*

In summary, we welcome the leadership of the CEM Biofuture Platform Initiative and stand ready to work jointly with Biofuture Governments to scale-up the production and use of sustainable chemicals and materials.