

Global Bioenergy Partnership (GBEP)

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Overview

The European Biomass Industry Association was present at the official launch of the Global Bioenergy Partnership (GBEP) on **11 May 2006** in New York City, during the 14th session of the UN Commission on Sustainable Development.

GBEP was created following the **2005 Gleneagles Plan of Action**, where G8+5 countries agreed to establish a global mechanism to support the sustainable development of bioenergy.

Mission and Purpose

GBEP provides a platform for partners to **coordinate international efforts** in bioenergy, including research, development, demonstration, and commercial deployment across the full biomass value chain.

Its core mission is to:

- Promote **sustainable biomass and bioenergy policies**
- Support **investment and market development**
- Facilitate **international cooperation**, particularly in developing countries
- Remove barriers to **collaborative project implementation**

Key Features

- **Policy Leadership:**
GBEP fosters high-level policy dialogue and supports national and regional bioenergy strategies.
- **International Cooperation:**
The partnership connects governments, international organisations, and stakeholders worldwide.
- **Sustainability Framework:**
One of GBEP's major achievements is the development of **24 voluntary sustainability indicators for bioenergy**, guiding evidence-based policymaking.
- **Global Scope, Local Impact:**
While launched in New York, the GBEP Secretariat is hosted by the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations in Rome, with strong support from the Italian and German governments.

Strategic Objectives

GBEP works to:

1. **Strengthen policy dialogue** and support bioenergy market development at global, regional, and national levels
2. **Promote sustainable biomass use** and advance bioenergy projects
3. **Encourage knowledge exchange** and technology transfer through international collaboration
4. **Facilitate market integration** by addressing supply chain barriers
5. **Enhance synergies** with related initiatives while avoiding duplication of efforts

Partners

GBEP brings together a broad coalition of **governments and international organisations**, including:

- Governments: Italy, Brazil, Canada, China, France, Germany, Japan, Mexico, Netherlands, Russian Federation, Spain, Sudan, Sweden, United Kingdom, Tanzania, United States
 - International organisations: Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations, International Energy Agency, United Nations Conference on Trade and Development, United Nations Foundation
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EUBIA was present when The Global Bioenergy Partnership (GBEP) was formally launched on **May 11, 2006, in New York City** during the 14th session of the UN Commission on Sustainable Development (CSD-14). It was initiated in response to the 2005 Gleneagles Plan of Action, where G8+5 countries agreed to create a mechanism for sustainable bioenergy development.

- **Foundation & Purpose:** GBEP was established to promote high-level policy dialogue, foster international cooperation, and support the development of effective policy frameworks for sustainable biomass and bioenergy.
- **Key Actors:** While launched in New York, the GBEP Secretariat is hosted by the [Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations \(FAO\)](#) in Rome, Italy, with significant support from the Italian and German governments.
- **Mandate:** It received continued support from G8 and G20 summits to focus on sustainable bioenergy, particularly in developing countries.
- **Core Activity:** A major output of GBEP has been the development of 24 voluntary sustainability indicators for bioenergy, designed to guide national policy-making.

Partnership Structure: It brings together various governments (including the USA, Brazil, China, Canada, Germany, Italy) and international organizations (such as FAO, IEA, UNCTAD,

A Global Initiative

Although initiated within the United Nations framework, GBEP operates as a **truly global partnership**, advancing sustainable bioenergy solutions and supporting the transition toward a low-carbon energy future

Partners

Governments:

Government of Italy - (Ministry for the Environment, Land and Sea);

Government of Brazil - (Ministry of Foreign Affairs)

Government of Canada - (Natural Resources Canada)

Government of China - (National Development and Reform Commission - NDRC)

Government of France - (Prime Minister's Office; Ministry of Agriculture and Fishery)

Government of Germany - (BMU/ Federal Ministry for the Environment, Nature Conservation and Nuclear Safety; BMELV/ Federal Ministry for Food, Agriculture and Consumer Protection)

Government of Japan - (Ministry of Foreign Affairs)

Government of Mexico - (Department of Energy)

Government of Netherlands - (Ministry of Housing, Spatial Planning and the Environment)

Government of Russian Federation - (Ministry of Education and Science; Federal Agency on Science and Innovations)

Government of Spain - (Ministry of Industry, Tourism and Trade; Institute for Diversification and Saving of Energy)

Government of Sudan - (Ministry of Environment and Physical Development)

Government of Sweden - (Ministry of Enterprise, Energy and Communications)

Government of United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland - United Kingdom (Department of Environment and Climate Change)

Government of United Republic of Tanzania - (Minister of State, Vice President's Office, Environment)

Government of United States of America - (U.S. Department of State; US Department of Energy; US Department of Agriculture Rural Development)

Major Groups:**European Biomass Industry Association (EUBIA), Brussels, (Belgium)**

World Council for Renewable Energy (WCRE), Brussels, (Belgium)

United Nations Foundation (UNF), Washington D.C., (United States of America)

UN System:

United Nations Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO), Rome (Italy)

United Nations Industrial Development Organization (UNIDO), Vienna, (Austria)

United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP), Paris, (France)

United Nations Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD), Geneva, (Switzerland)

United Nations Department of Economic and Social Affairs (UNDESA), New York, (United States of America)

United Nations Development Programme (UNDP), New York (United States of America)

Other intergovernmental organizations:

International Energy Agency (IEA), Paris, (France)