

2nd Regional Bioenergy Policy Dialogue:

Identifying priority areas for regional cooperation and action

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Background

Following the success of the first Regional Bioenergy Policy Dialogue on bioenergy and food security held in June 2010 and based on continued demand from regional policy makers for opportunities to learn from each others' experience, FAO is organizing a follow-up event this year to continue efforts to foster closer regional dialogue on bioenergy policies. The event will be held on Friday, 3 June to coincide with Renewable Energy Asia 2011 and the FAO Sustainable Bioenergy Symposium. The event will provide an opportunity for country representatives to discuss national policy approaches to bioenergy development and identify regional issues that need further attention. The event will also provide an opportunity for regional bioenergy policy makers to interact with FAO staff and identify areas for greater technical and policy assistance.

Based on discussions between country governments last year a regional FAO program was established on bioenergy and food security in South Asia. It is hoped that this year's event will provide a similar opportunity for country governments to identify areas where FAO's technical expertise could support sustainable bioenergy development at the regional level.

Objective

The objectives of the Symposium are:

- a) To share experiences and insights with different bioenergy policy approaches from around the region and provide an overview of bioenergy developments at the national level;
- b) To identify issues of regional importance related to the bioenergy sector that may require regional level cooperation and action; and
- c) To identify areas for future, expanded technical and policy assistance from FAO.

Participants

The Regional Policy Dialogue will include 20 government representatives from around Asia all fully or partly responsible for bioenergy sector development and policy.

Theme and format

The theme for this year's dialogue is 'Identifying priority areas for regional cooperation and action'. Representatives from each country will be asked to provide a short presentation on the current status of both bioenergy policy and bioenergy sector development in their respective countries. These presentations will serve as the basis for facilitated discussions that will pinpoint issues for regional action and cooperation.



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Time	Item
Session 1	Welcome
09:00 – 09:20	Welcome and introduction – FAO
Session 2	Country reports
09:20 – 10:00	Topic: National bioenergy policies Moderator: FAO Speakers will present for 5-10 minutes followed by questions time for general discussion. Countries: People's Republic of China Socialist Republic of Vietnam Lao People's Democratic Republic Kingdom of Cambodia Kingdom of Bhutan
10:00 – 10:20	Group Discussion
10:20 – 10:40	Coffee Break
Session 3	Country reports continued
10:40 – 11:20	Topic: National bioenergy policies Moderator: FAO Speakers will present for 5-10 minutes followed by questions time for general discussion. Countries: Kingdom of Thailand Republic of Indonesia Republic of the Union of Myanmar Republic of the Philippines Federal Democratic Republic of Nepal
11:20 – 11:40	Group Discussion



Session 4	Priority areas for cooperation and assistance
11:40 – 12:30	Facilitated session - FAO
	Program End

