

INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE

Ouagadougou, Burkina Faso,
November 27 to 29, 2007



Stakes and perspectives
of biofuels for Africa

Second Announcement

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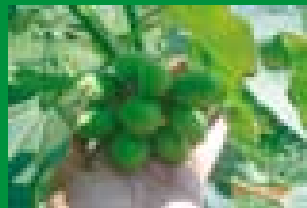
*O*bjective

The principal objective of the conference is to provide to governments and decision makers an objective evaluation of the potential of biofuels in Africa. Based on technical, agronomical, economical and social factors, the conference will emphasize the advantages and disadvantages, in terms of the environmental and socio-economical impacts and opportunities. The evaluation will be carried out on the basis of existing situations and case studies, by high level expert panels which will work together to:

- 🌿 Emphasize the potential benefits and environmental impacts of biofuels
- 🌿 Propose decision elements on the various technology options to be considered in setting up coherent and innovative policies in this sector in Africa.

*T*argeted public

Political and economic decision-makers, economic development players.



Program

Tuesday November 27, 2007

08:30am-09:30am : Reception of participants

09:30am-10:30am : Opening ceremony

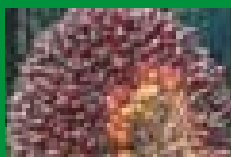
10:30am-05:00pm : First plenary session: State of the production of biofuels : technological and agronomical aspects

Several renewable fuels are currently be used or being studied as alternatives to petroleum fuels, in several countries: raw vegetable oil or esterified vegetable oil, ethanol of various origins (sugar or starch). Furthermore, synthetic gasoline and diesel from the conversion of the all plant matter are long term options. This session will provide an overview of the technological and agronomical aspects of biofuel production.

Wednesday November 28, 2007

08:30am-12:30pm : Second plenary session: Challenges and risks of biofuels for Africa

In addition to its potential impact on food production and farmlands, the production



of biofuels has major effects on the environment, water, soil and biodiversity. These effects are a function of the nature of production and farming systems, and of modifications in the use of farmlands for increased production of biofuels. The size and nature of impact on agricultural production, on the energy sector and on economic development in rural zones depends on local conditions of implementation.

1:30pm-5:30pm : Round tables

These round tables will develop recommendations and guidelines on liquid biofuels in the particular context of developing countries. They will lay the groundwork for creation of a multidisciplinary expert group on these themes, in view of defining ambitious energy policies for Africa.

Round table 1: Biofuels for transport versus biofuels for power generation

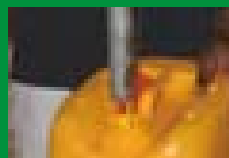
Round table 2 : Jatropha as an energy crop: myth or reality?

Round table 3 : Use of straight vegetable oil in motors

Round table 4 : Competition between non-food and food uses. What is at stake? What are the risks ?

Round table 5 : Biofuels, energy policy and legislation

Round table 6 : Biofuels and energy equity



Round table 7 : Proposals for public private partnership

Round table 8 : Does the energy independence of the African countries depend on biofuels?

Two series of four parallel round tables of two hours each will be organized

06:30pm : Cocktail reception

Thursday November 29, 2007

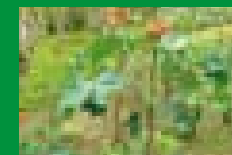
08:30am-12:30pm : Third plenary session: Biofuels: Institutional and political aspects

As in Europe and North America, the development of biofuels in Africa requires support of public authorities. National policies must be determined on the basis of long term analysis and The panel will also address various approaches to life cycle analysis for biofuels.

Implementation of biofuel technologies is only possible if their profitability is demonstrated. The public sector define regulations and incentives to encourage private sector investments on the basis of a transparent and mutually acceptable framework.

1:30pm : Synthesis of round tables; Presentation of recommendations; Conclusion of debates

4pm : End of the conference



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