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Options for more efficient and sustainable resource use

Improving the production of biomass :

- Increasing yields and optimizing agricultural production
- Restoring formerly degraded land

More efficient use of biomass:

- Use of waste and production residues
- Cascading use of biomass
- Stationary use of bioenergy

Considering different pathways:

• Mineral based solar energy systems

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Global Bioenergy Partnership

Sustainability indicators

(provisionally agreed)

environmental

lifecycle GHG emissions soil quality emissions of non-GHG pollutants water use and efficiency water quality land use and land-use change related to bioenergy feedstock production biological diversity harvest levels of wood resources

social

- net job creation wages
- change in unpaid time spent by women and children collecting biomass
- bioenergy for access to modern energy services
- change in mortality and burden of disease attributable to indoor smoke from solid fuel use, incidence of occupational injury, illness and fatalities labour conditions
- access to land



economic &energy security

- productivity
- net energy balance
- total domestic consumption and production of bioenergy
- training and re-qualification of the workforce
- infrastructure and logistics for distribution of bioenergy
- capacity and flexibility of use of bioenergy
- change in foreign exchange reserves
- value added
- production costs
- bioenergy in energy diversification

Roundtable on Sustainable Biofuels

Developed in a multi-stakeholder process

Serve as management tool

Enables market access

12 Principles, covering comprehensively the different environmental and socio-economic concerns; goes beyond EU RED

- Legality
- Planning, Monitoring and Continuous Improvement
- Greenhouse Gas Emissions
- Human and Labor Rights
- Rural and Social Development
- Local Food Security
- Conservation
- Soil
- Water
- Air
- Use of Technology, Inputs, and Management of Waste
- Land Rights



Process Feedback Mechanisms

Stakeholder Engagement – WHC