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## Growing the bio-economy: solutions for the sustainable supply of biomass & biofuels

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## Welcoming remarks

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# Ministerial perspectives on the way ahead

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# Agenda

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17:00 – 17:15

**Scene setting**

17:15 – 18:30

**Panel I: Scaling up biomass feedstock production for the transport & industry sectors**

18:30 – 18:40

Digital break

18:40 – 19:55

**Panel II: Innovative solutions for maximizing biomass value streams**

19:55 – 20:00

**Closing remarks**

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## Setting the scene

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# Scene Setting

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# Growing the bio-economy: solutions for the sustainable supply of biomass & biofuels

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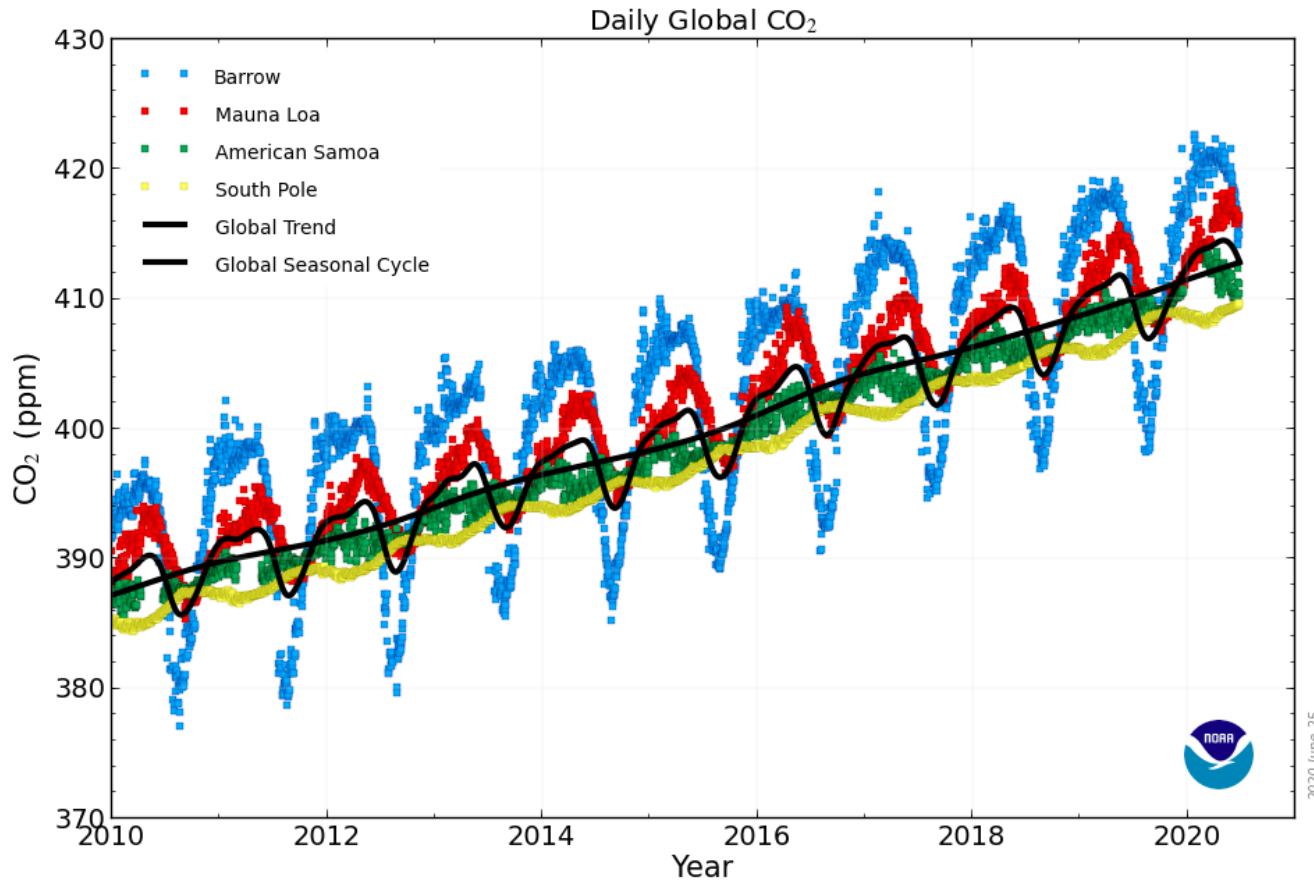
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# Global carbon emissions continue to grow



Daily averaged CO<sub>2</sub> from four observatories:

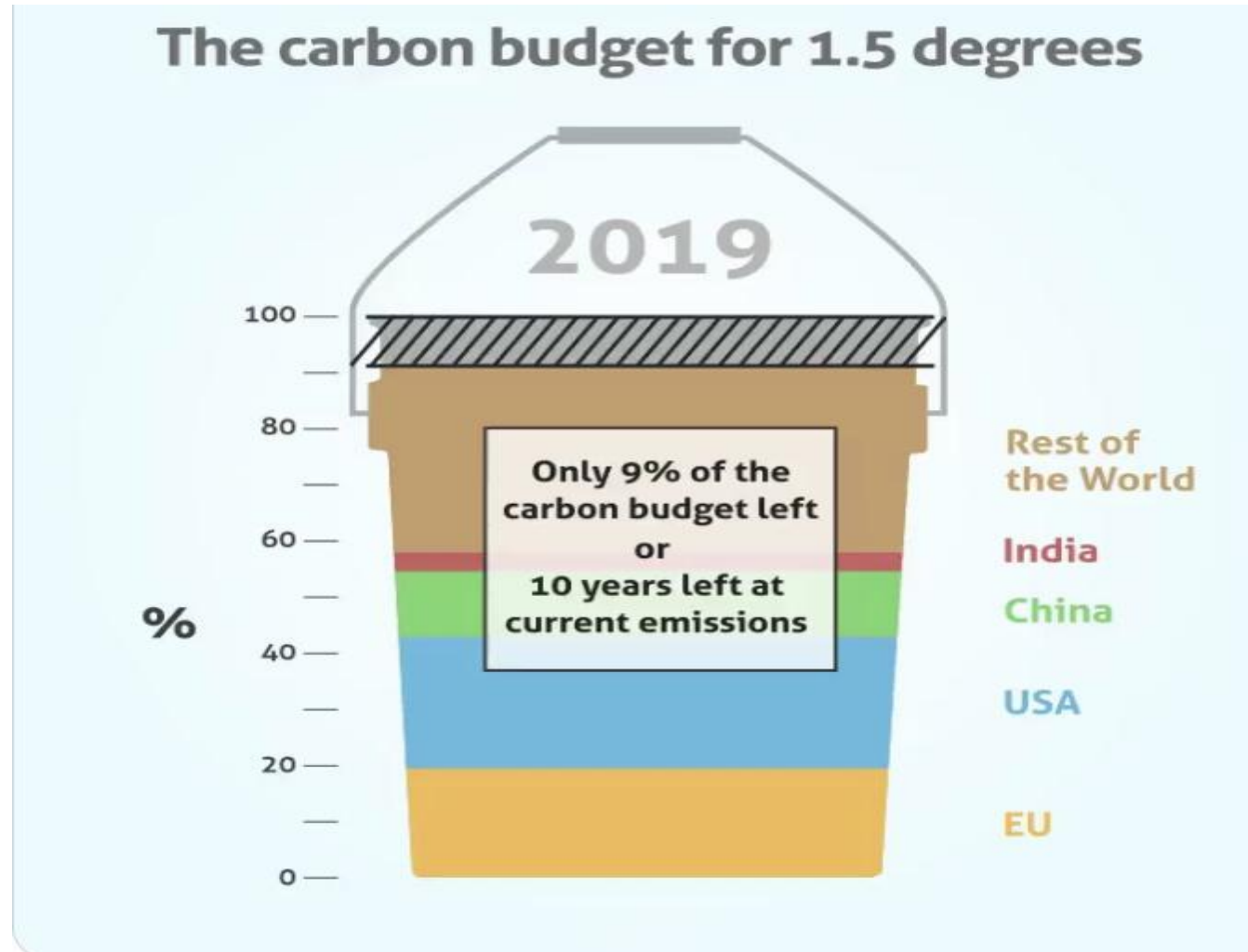
- Barrow, Alaska (blue)
- Mauna Loa, Hawaii (red)
- American Samoa (green)
- South Pole, Antarctica (y)

The black line represents the average of the de-seasonalized curves for each of the records.

On 30 September 2020 the atmospheric concentrations of CO<sub>2</sub> reached 410.94 parts per million, compared with a pre-industrial baseline of 280 parts per million.

Source: National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), Earth System Research Laboratory, Global Monitoring Division ([www.esrl.noaa.gov](http://www.esrl.noaa.gov))

# Carbon budget for 1.5°C



Source: Glen Peters, 2020

# The global challenge of decarbonization

CO<sub>2</sub> emissions and concentration are not on trajectory to meet the Paris Agreement → a long way from the 1.5°C objective.



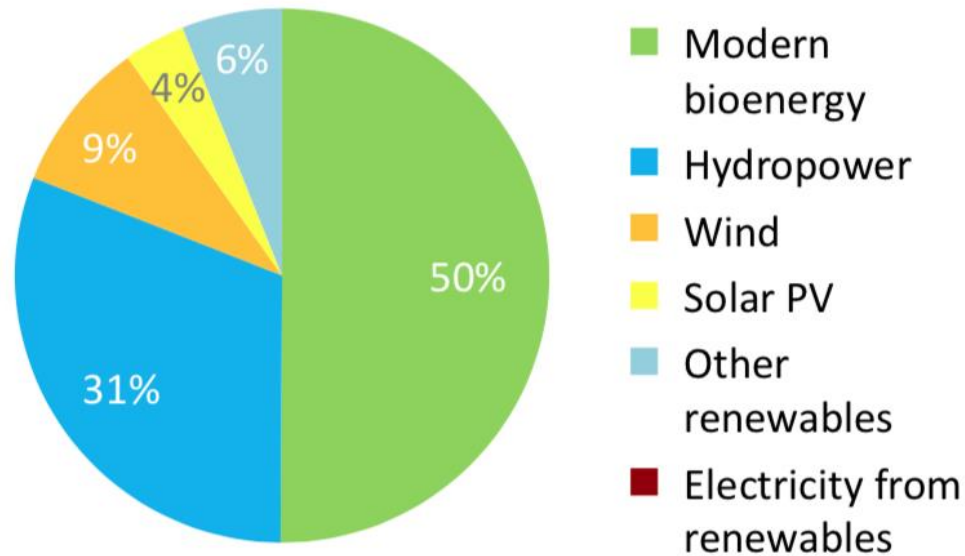
... this means that the decarbonization of the global economy should be accelerated, but the trend of investments in exploitation and uses of coal and oil shows that we are going in the opposite direction...



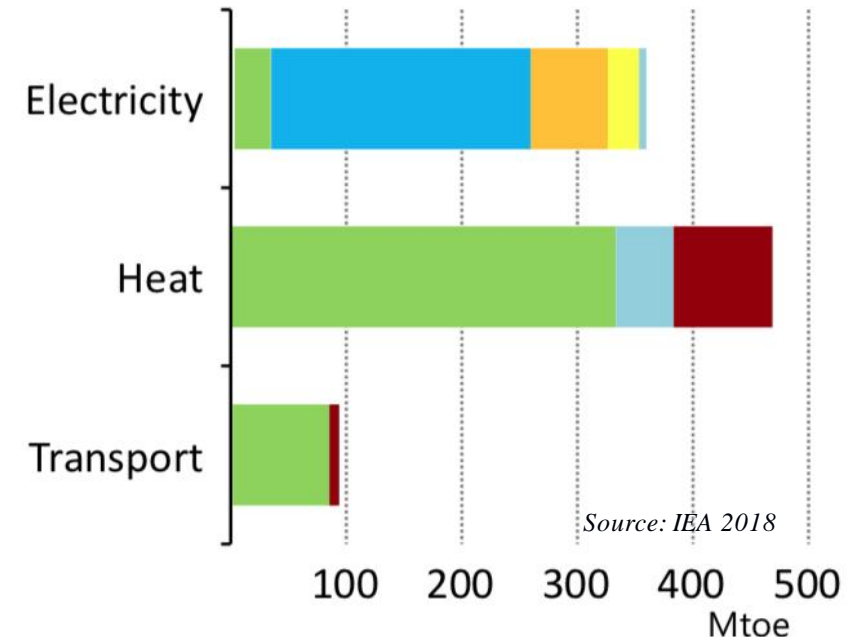
The international community will need to act to **reverse the trend** → More emphasis on renewables, including modern bioenergy

# Modern bioenergy: the overlooked giant amongst renewables

Total final energy consumption  
from renewables, 2017



Total final energy consumption  
from renewables by sector, 2017



Source: IEA 2018

Modern bioenergy is the only renewable source that can provide **electricity, direct heat** and **transport fuels**.

# SUSTAINABILITY is key

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Modern bioenergy presents excellent OPPORTUNITIES  
but not without CHALLENGES.

**Focusing on SUSTAINABILITY IS KEY to take out the best of  
opportunities.**

# The Global Bioenergy Partnership (GBEP)



**80 Members** between Partners and Observers (Governments and International Organizations) **working together to promote bioenergy for sustainable development since 2006**





# GBEP Sustainability Indicators for all types of bioenergy

ENVIRONMENTAL	SOCIAL	ECONOMIC
1. Lifecycle GHG emissions	9. Allocation and tenure of land for new bioenergy production	17. Productivity
2. Soil quality	10. Price and supply of a national food basket	18. Net energy balance
3. Harvest levels of wood resources	11. Change in income	19. Gross value added
4. Emissions of non-GHG air pollutants, including air toxics	12. Jobs in the bioenergy sector	20. Change in consumption of fossil fuels and traditional use of biomass
5. Water use and efficiency	13. Change in unpaid time spent by women and children collecting biomass	21. Training and re-qualification of the workforce
6. Water quality	14. Bioenergy used to expand access to modern energy services	22. Energy diversity
7. Biological diversity in the landscape	15. Change in mortality and burden of disease attributable to indoor smoke	23. Infrastructure and logistics for distribution of bioenergy
8. Land use and land-use change related to bioenergy feedstock production	16. Incidence of occupational injury, illness and fatalities	24. Capacity and flexibility of use of bioenergy

# GSI – MNV Tool

Tool to Measure, Notify and Verify (MNV) the achievement of:

- Nationally Determined Contributions (NDCs)
- Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs)



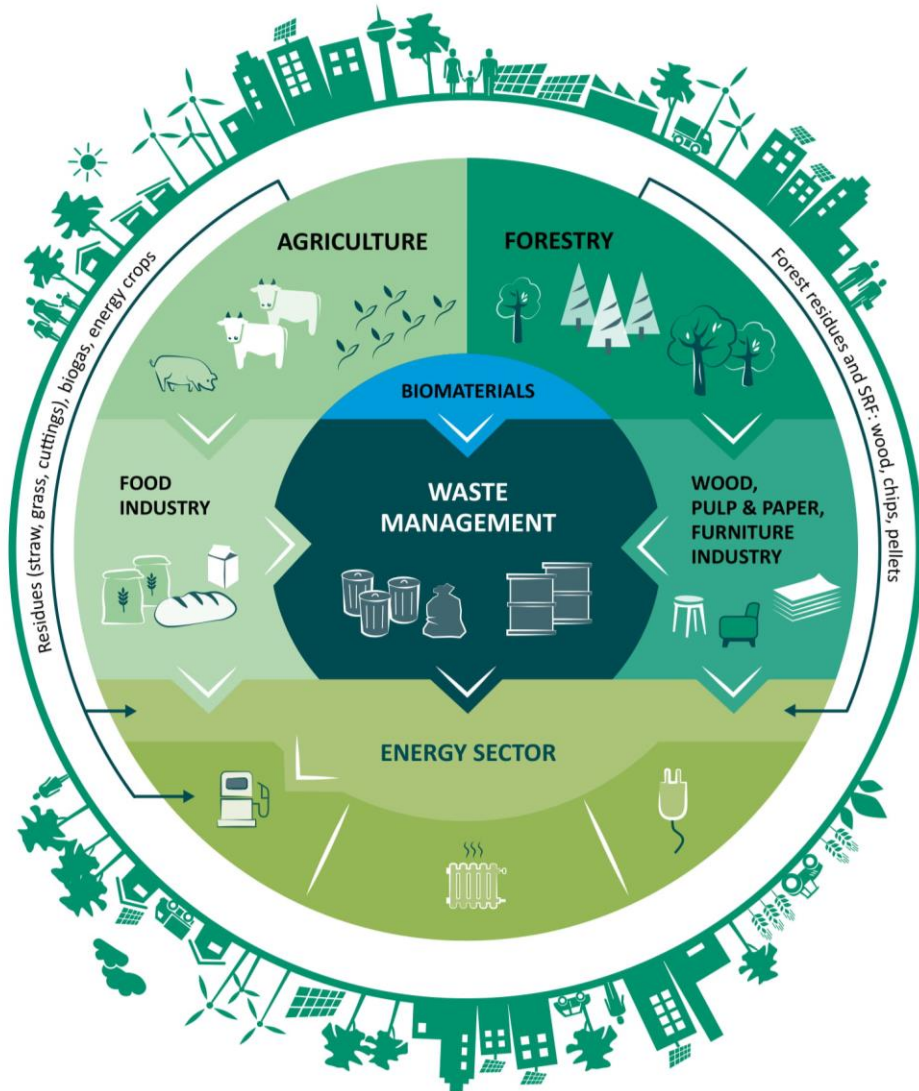
# We cannot look at bioenergy in isolation...

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- Overall demand for biomass is growing – for food, feed, fuel, fibre and biochemicals
- As demand increases, so too do the pressures on the natural resource base and ecosystem services

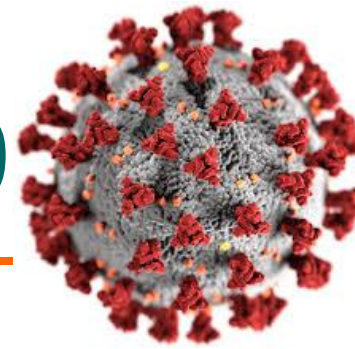
→ **Sustainable bioenergy** has the potential to contribute to sustainable development but only when considered as part of the **broader bioeconomy**

# Bioenergy within the bioeconomy

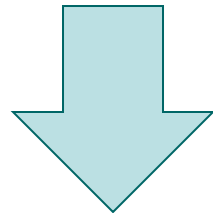


- We have to take into account the trade-offs and synergies between **different demands on biomass** to contribute to the overall **sustainable bioeconomy**
- Integrating biomass conversion for multiple purposes using **innovative approaches** can have synergistic effects

# Indirect effects of COVID-19



- The pandemic has provided compelling arguments for the need to **decarbonize the transport and industry sectors**, on one side considering the coincidence of high COVID-19 cases in polluted areas, and on the other side because we have been able to visibly see the effects of fewer cars on the road and lower industrial emissions.
- UN Secretary General recent interview - the reboot after COVID-19 has to be green!



**Sustainable bioenergy is part of the solution!**

# Food for thoughts ...

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- **BIOENERGY HAS A RECOGNIZED ROLE TO PLAY** - Bioenergy offers many opportunities to decarbonize the global economy
- **SUSTAINABILITY** is key and **MONITORING** sustainability is a necessary step in order to understand, evaluate and improve the performances of the sector
- Bioenergy has to be considered into the broader context of **BIOECONOMY** → **Innovative solutions to maximize benefits**
- **CLEAR and STABLE POLICIES** are essential to stimulate investments and contribute to change people perception - GBEP has been contributing to facilitate informed policy decisions.

# Thank you



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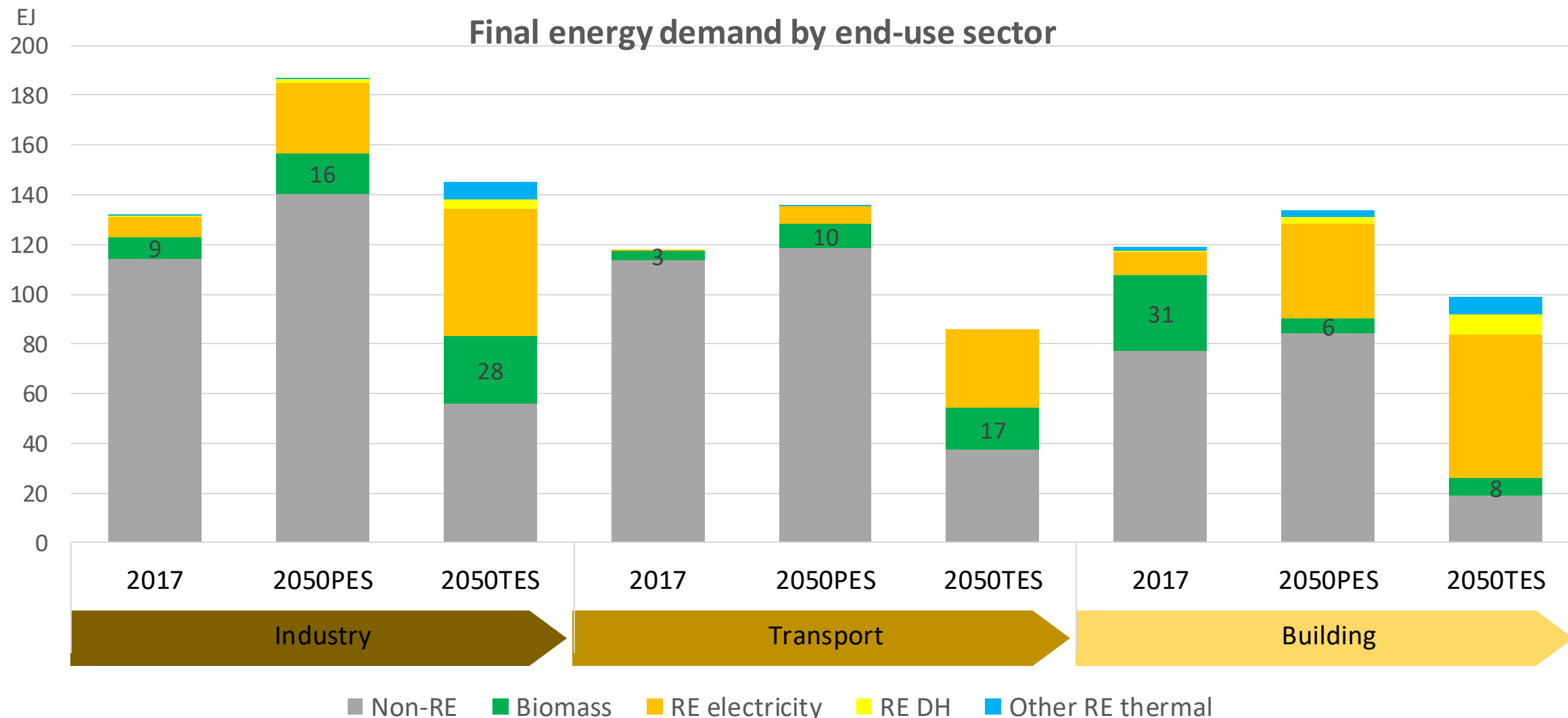


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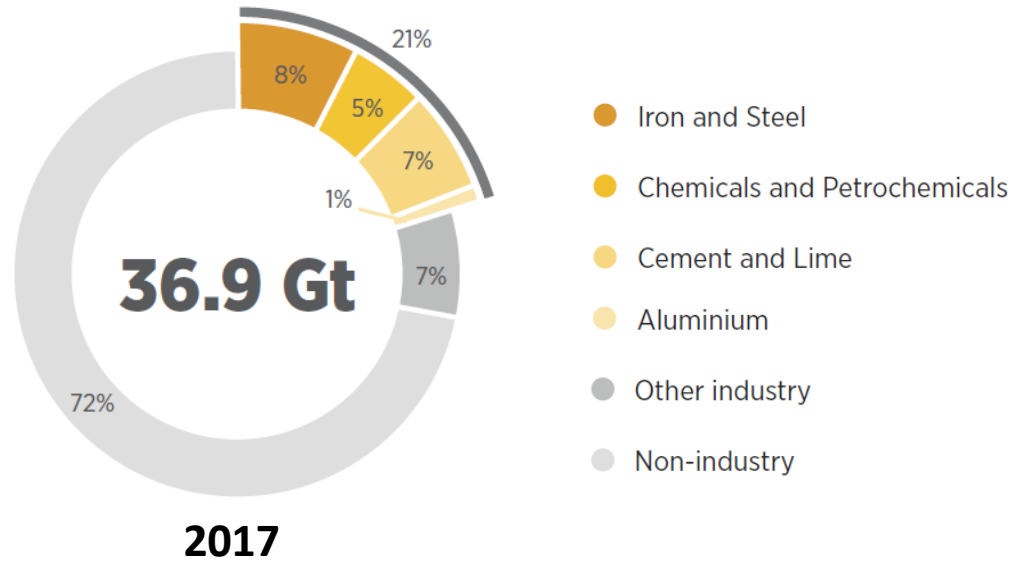
# Bioenergy should play essential roles in decarbonizing industry & transport



PES: Planned Energy Scenario    TES: Transforming Energy Scenario

# Industry & Transport – Shares of Energy & Process Emissions

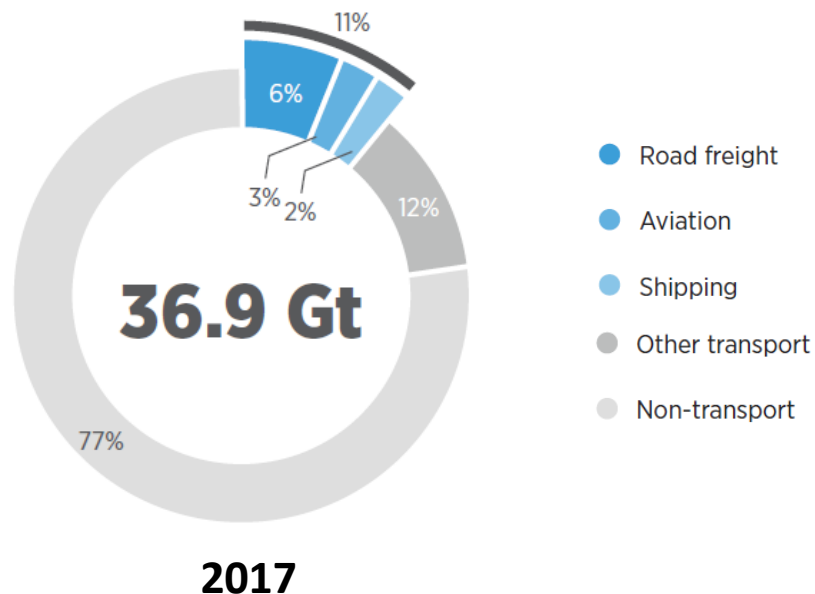
Industry



Annual emissions in Industry increase by 1 GT/yr from 2017 to 2050 PES

Emissions of 11.4 GT/yr remain in 2050

Transport

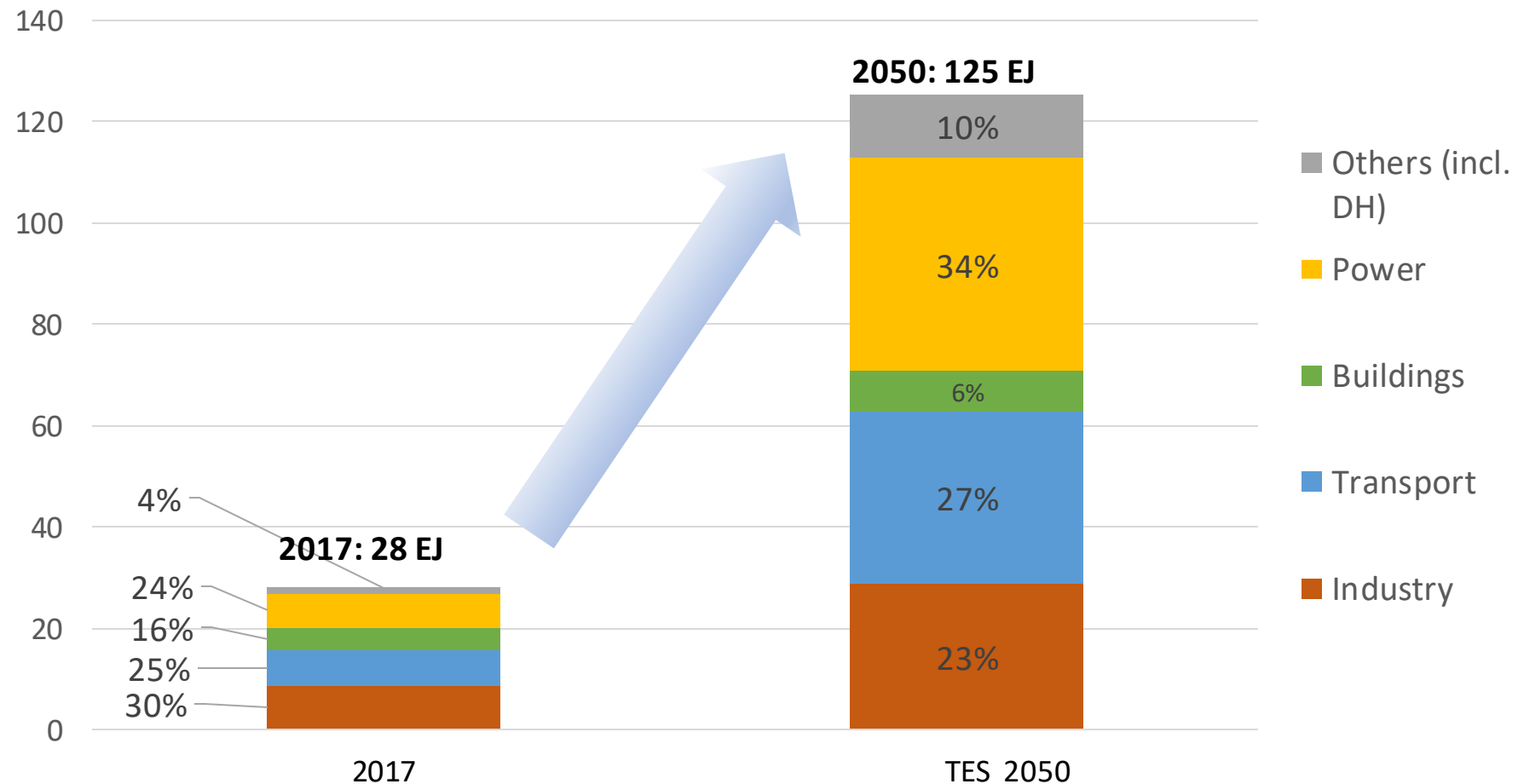


Annual emissions in Transport increase by 0.1 GT/yr from 2017 to 2050 PES

Emissions of 8.6 GT/yr remain in 2050

# Modern bioenergy use needs 4+ times expansion

## Modern bioenergy primary energy demand (EJ)



- **Drastic expansion (4X) of biomass feedstock supply** required for the climate-safe future
- **Startups + business expansion** indispensable for the expanded uptake of feedstocks for end-use applications
- **Enabling environment for investment** in bioenergy must be created
- **Best biomass mix** needs to be redesigned to take advantage of different biomass properties for different applications (fuels for industry heat and transport + feedstock for materials/chemicals)
- **Sustainability governance** needs to be in place to make sure biomass value chains create positive socioeconomic + environmental benefits



- Panel 1: Scaling up biomass feedstock production for transport and industry sectors
- Panel 2: Innovative solutions for maximising biomass value streams

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## Panel I

# Scaling-up biomass feedstock production for transport and industry sectors

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# Panel I: Scaling up biomass feedstock production for transport and industry sectors

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# Panel I: Scaling up biomass feedstock production for transport and industry sectors

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# SUSTAINABLE BIOMASS FOR TRANSPORT AND INDUSTRY ON MUC (MARGINAL, UNDERUTILIZED, CONTAMINATED) LANDS IN EUROPE

IRENA INNOVATION WEEK – SESSION 4

6 October 2020 (virtual event)

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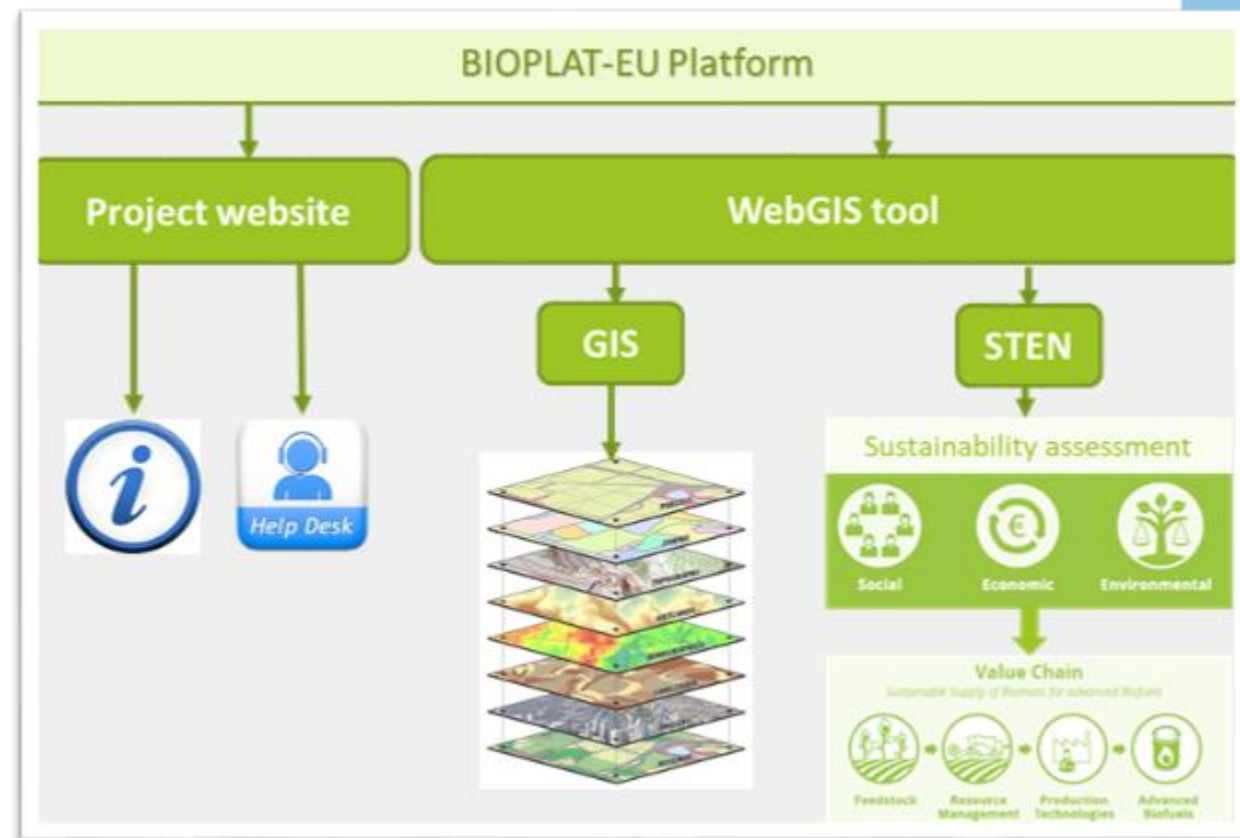
## Objectives

- ✓ Evaluate the **agronomic and techno-economic potential** of three case studies in Italy, Ukraine and Germany (**feasibility studies**)
- ✓ Identify social, economic, environmental and governance-related **opportunities and challenges**
- ✓ Assess environmental, social and economic **sustainability**
- ✓ Analyse economic and non-economic **barriers to the market uptake**
- ✓ **Encourage** European **farmers** to produce sustainable biomass feedstock
- ✓ **Build capacity** of stakeholders for setting up sustainable bioenergy supply chains

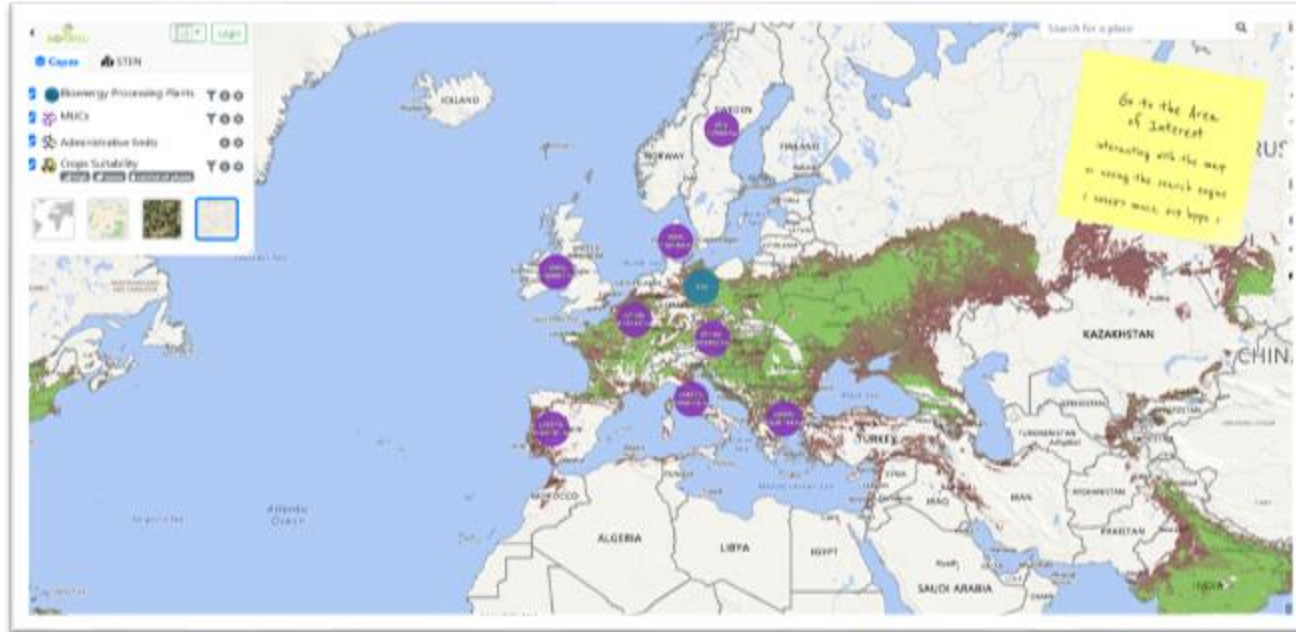
CASE 1	CASE 2	CASE 3
<b>ITALY</b> Sulcis, Portoscuso	<b>UKRAINE</b> Kyiv oblast, <u>Ivankiv region</u>	<b>GERMANY</b> Metropolis region Berlin & Brandenburg
Contaminated land from industrial activities	Underutilised marginal agricultural land	<u>Sewage irrigation fields</u> & lignite <u>mining</u>
22,000 ha	Over 20,000 ha	1,140-3,917 ha and 7,295-11,795 ha
		

## Objectives

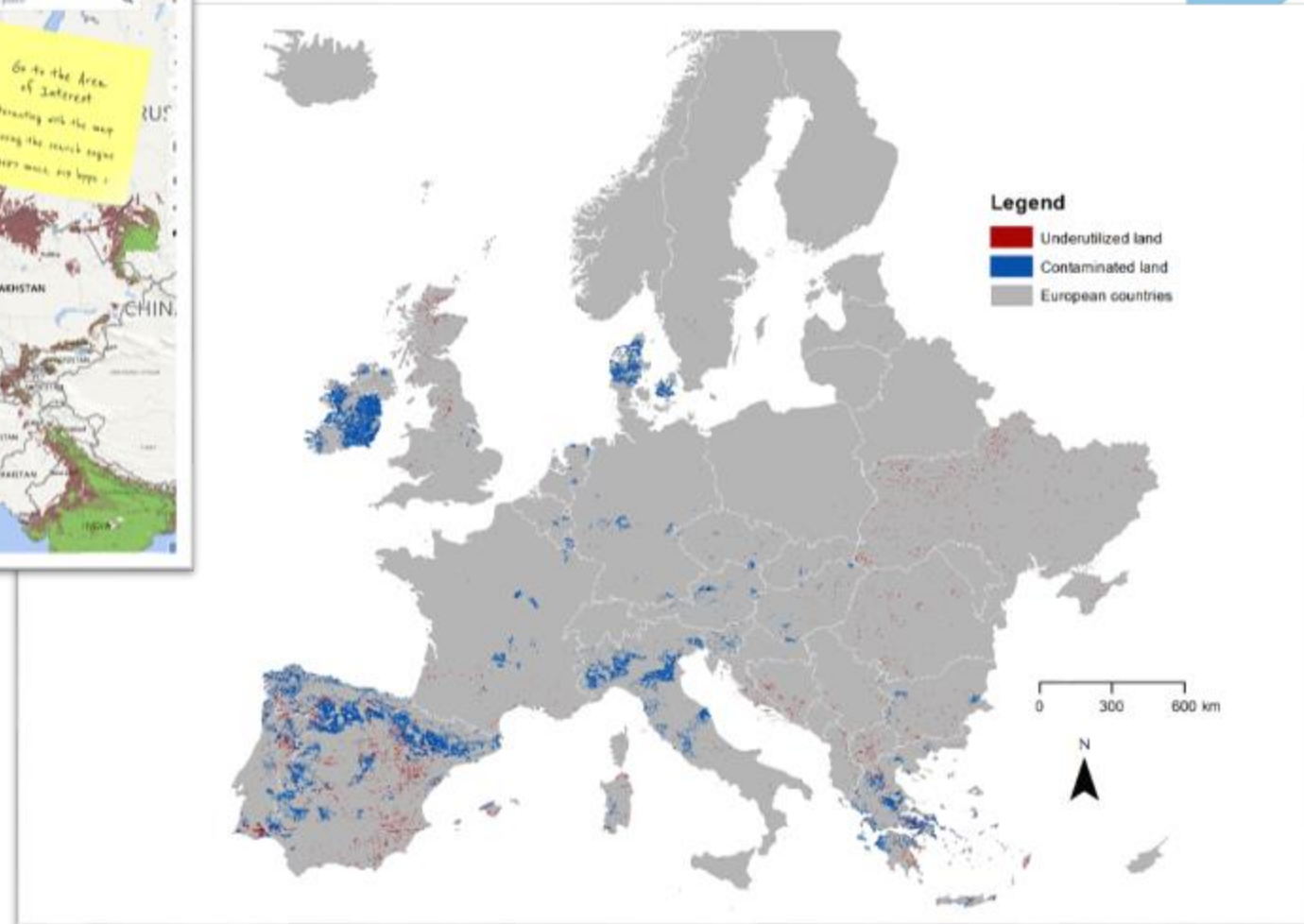
- ✓ Creation of a **database of maps on MUC lands** (marginal, underutilised and contaminated) in Europe generated based on **high resolution data and their attributes (GIS)**
- ✓ Development of a **public user-friendly tool (STEN) to assess environmental, social and techno-economic sustainability** aspects of bioenergy value chains on MUC lands.
- ✓ Development of a **web-based platform** that will include the webGIS tool (GIS + STEN) + project website
- ✓ Mobilisation and **involvement of stakeholders** to encourage the launch of bioenergy projects on MUC lands
- ✓ Communication with local and regional authorities to help removing legal or political market uptake barriers
- ✓ Provision of **technical and financial structuring support** => business models and bankable projects



## Maps of MUC Land



Web-based Platform  
(under development)



## Panel I: Scaling up biomass feedstock production for transport and industry sectors

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# Invasive *Prosopis juliflora* -untapped bioenergy feedstock in Kenya

Phosiso Sola, Erick Otieno, Mieke Bourne, Lalisa Duguma, Mary Njenga

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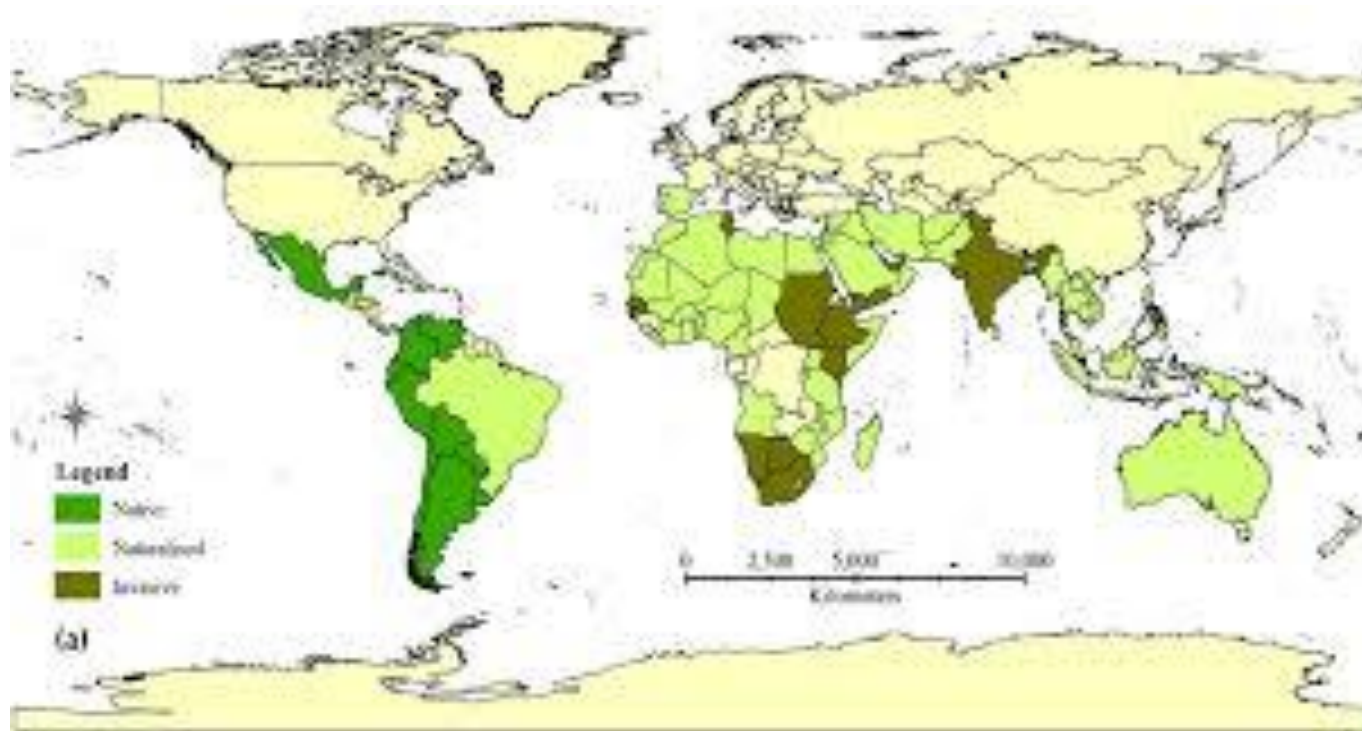


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# Invasive *Prosopis juliflora*

- Introduced from Brazil, in 1973 through the 1980s in arid regions of Kenya to arrest erosion, mitigate desertification and address fuel wood shortages (Pimentel *et al.*, 2000; Masakha & Wagulo, 2015).
- Preferred for its resilience, drought tolerance and fast growth (Meyerhoff, 1991).
- Kenya is now faced with a great challenge of managing the spread to save environment and livelihoods in the agro pastoral drylands and still meeting the original objectives
- The *Prosopis juliflora* tree has successfully been used as feedstock at energy generation plants in India.



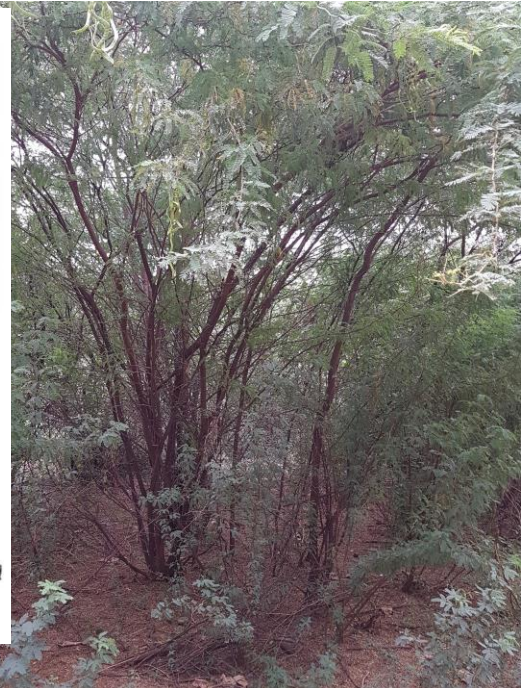
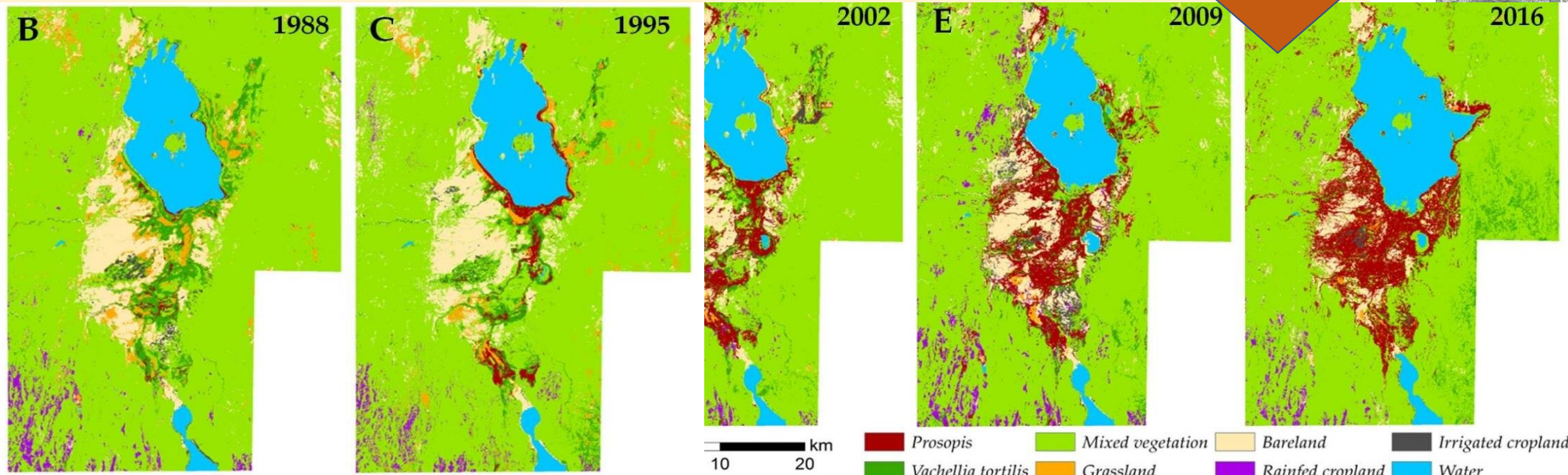
Edrisi, et al, 2020

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# Prosopis invasion

- Aggressively invading about 500-1300 ha per year, covering 2% of the land; biomass reaching 37 million tonnes by 2016
- Suitable for charcoal production and potential cogeneration feedstock with a calorific value of 33mJ/kg
- Ready for harvest within two to three years. Grows back to its original size in 16 to 18 months after harvest
- In Baringo County covered 18,792 ha; increasing almost 4 percent or 640 ha per year since 2002



(Mbaabu *et al.*, 2019; Choge *et al.*, 2011; Oduor and Githiomi, 2013).

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# Potential of *Prosopis juliflora* in Baringo explored

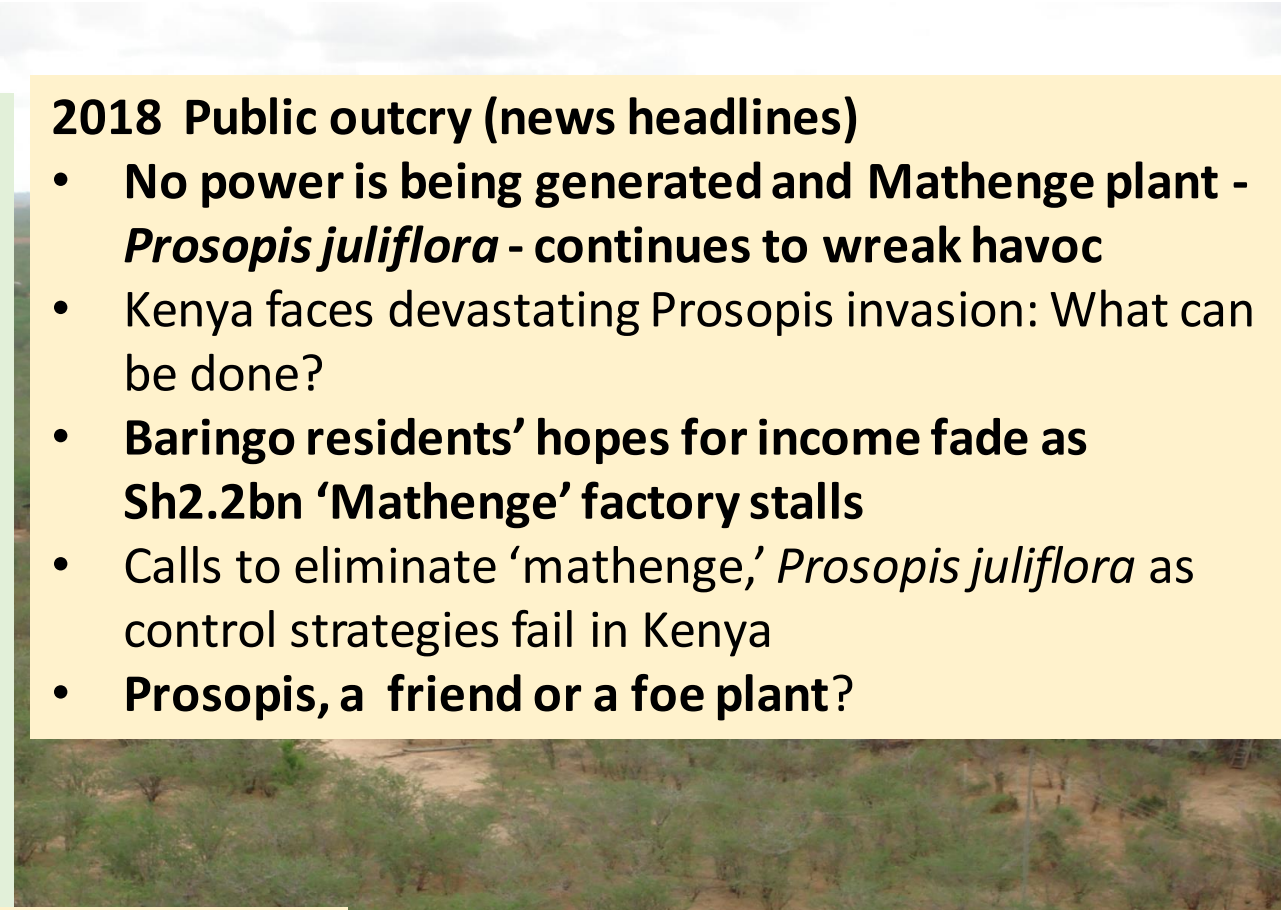
- **2013** A multimillion dollar power production venture with annual production potential of 8-12MW of power for 20 years mooted - for US\$22 million
- **2014** company produced 2.4 megawatts

## 2017 company stopped operations

- Prosopis wood produced a lot of tar due to its high moisture content
- Resultant gas (methane) impure and not usable
- Prosopis incompatible with the gasification technology
- Resource use conflicts with the community

## 2018 Public outcry (news headlines)

- **No power is being generated and Mathenge plant - *Prosopis juliflora* - continues to wreak havoc**
- Kenya faces devastating Prosopis invasion: What can be done?
- **Baringo residents' hopes for income fade as Sh2.2bn 'Mathenge' factory stalls**
- Calls to eliminate 'mathenge,' *Prosopis juliflora* as control strategies fail in Kenya
- **Prosopis, a friend or a foe plant?**



## The future

- Several research and knowledge gaps; debates/ conflicting views on effectiveness of the various approaches used to manage Prosopis
- Great opportunity to devise bioenergy ventures that drastically decrease impact and further encroachment

**P. juliflora is an aggressive invader leading to socio-ecological impacts with long-term implications on the agroecosystem and livelihoods in the region : Can this be turned around?**



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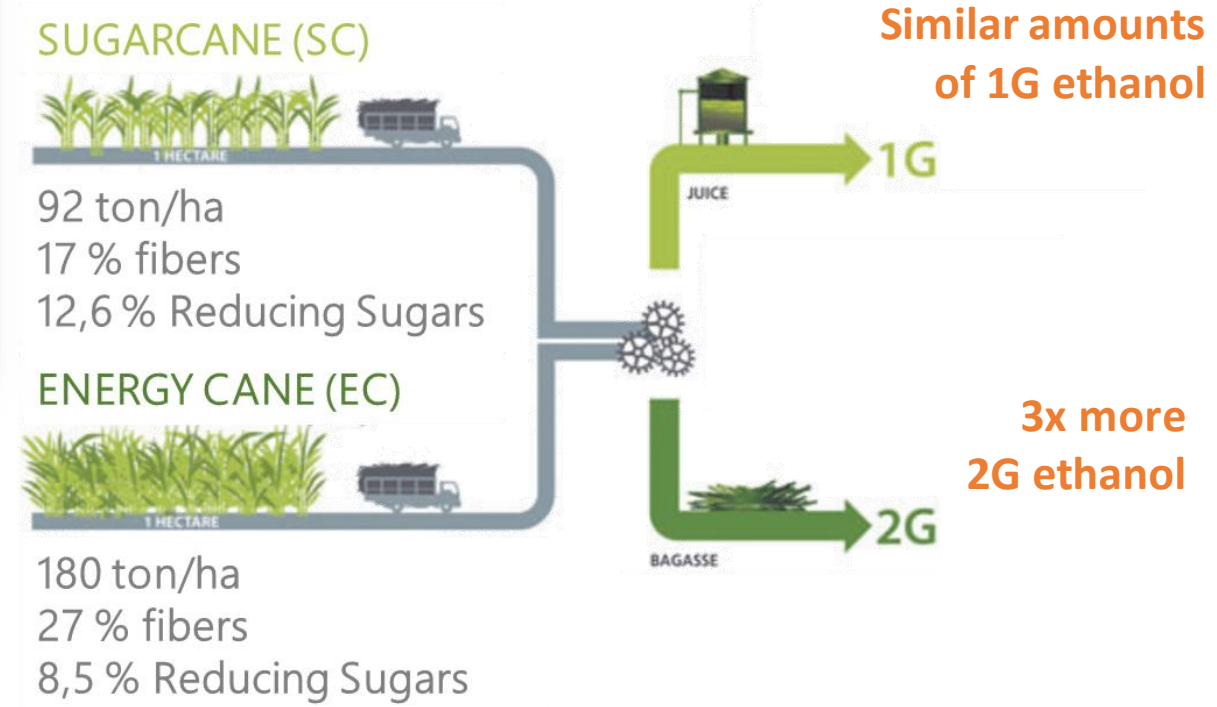
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# Biomass Production

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# Energy Density

## Energy Cane



Source: GranBio; Vignis

# Rewarding efficiency

## RenovaBio – Brazilian Biofuels Policy



Life Cycle Analysis (Well to wheel)

- Agricultural
- Industrial
- Distribution

Fossil fuel emission

Biofuel emission

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Score (g CO2/MJ)

Certification

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Elegibility criteria

Sustainable Land Use

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**CBIO**  
1 CBIO = 1 ton CO2eq avoided

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Stock exchange

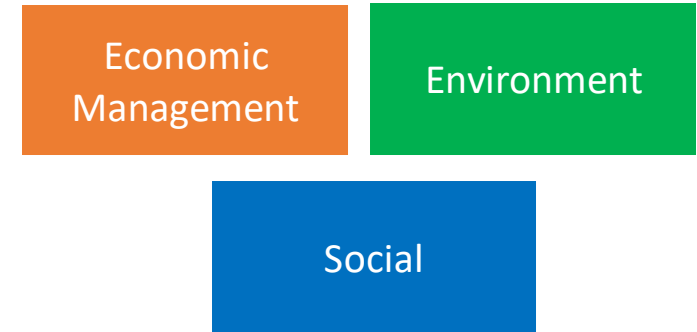
Brazil NDC

Efficiency incentives to sustainable expansion

Source: Adapted from Embrapa Meio Ambiente; Grassi & Pereira, 2019

# Sustainable Production

## RSB Certification System



Yield Increase  
 Unused/Degraded Land  
 Wastes and residues

# Panel I: Scaling up biomass feedstock production for transport and industry sectors

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## Three big challenges to scaling-up biomass feedstock production

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# 1. How to do it 'right'? Feedstock systems to improve ecosystem services, food security...

- Biofuel feedstock production links to
  - Agroecological zoning (e.g., Brazil)
  - Increased monitoring, control of fires
  - Voluntary certification schemes
  - Legal and regulatory reforms
  - Identification and expansion of protected areas
  - Pressures to improve enforcement and rule of law
  - Research to integrate feedstock harvests with conservation goals...
- Improve management of previously disturbed lands
  - Policy incentives, market incentives
  - Bioenergy investments can help identify viable options
  - Management for endangered species

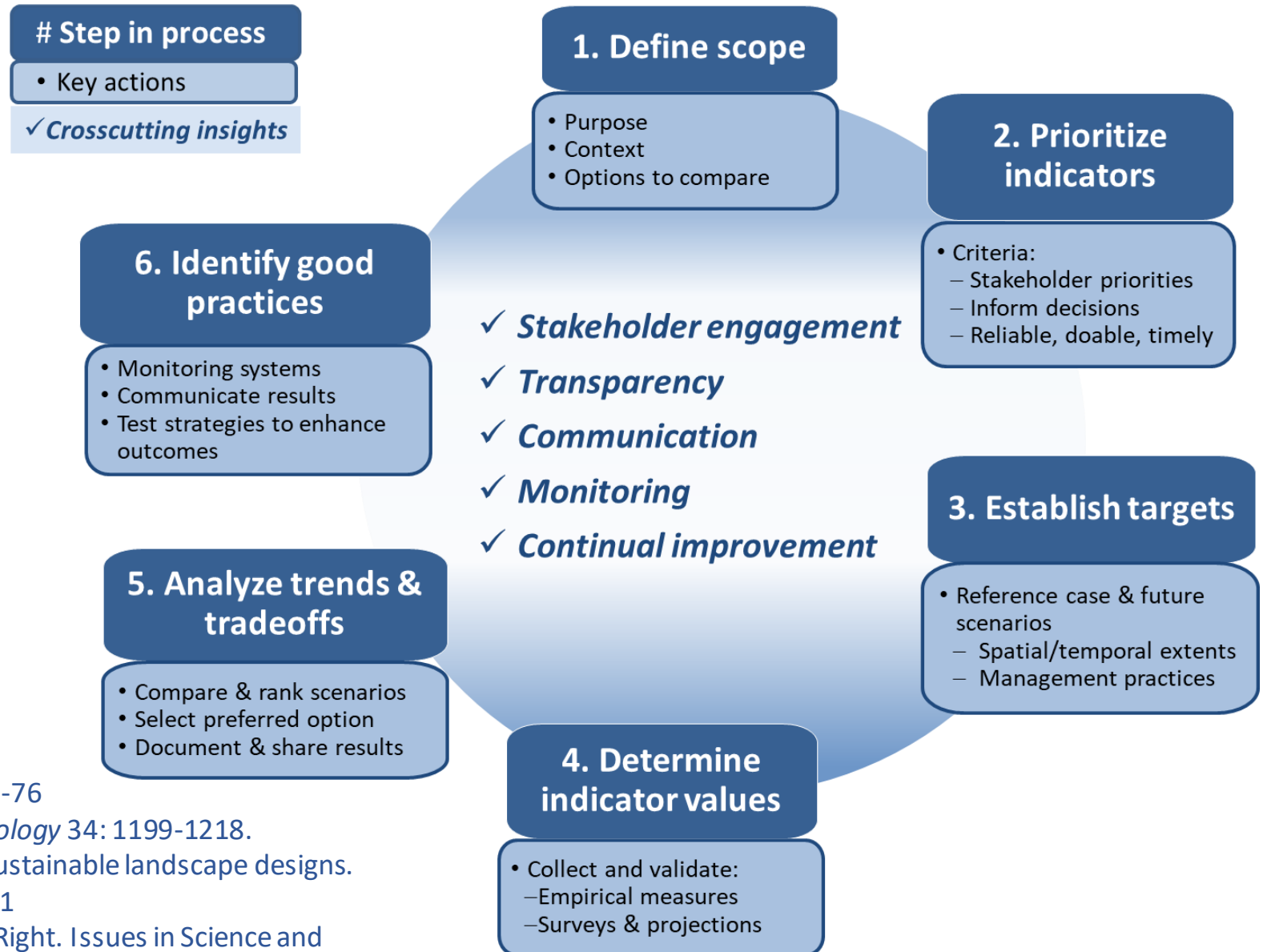


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# 2. How to build trust and public support?

Trust is built on relationships...

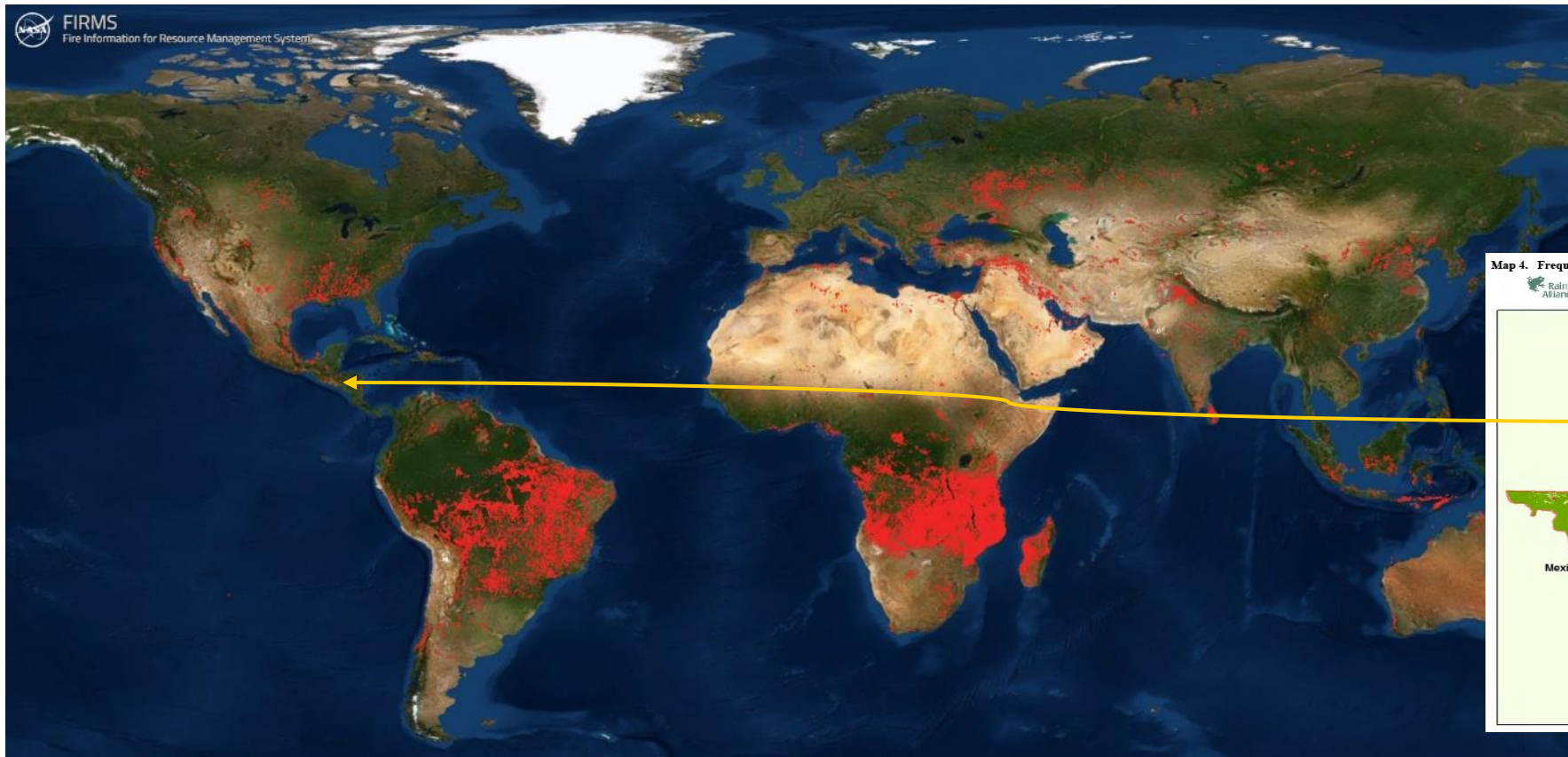
Long-term commitments are required for ownership of process and solutions by stakeholders & communities.



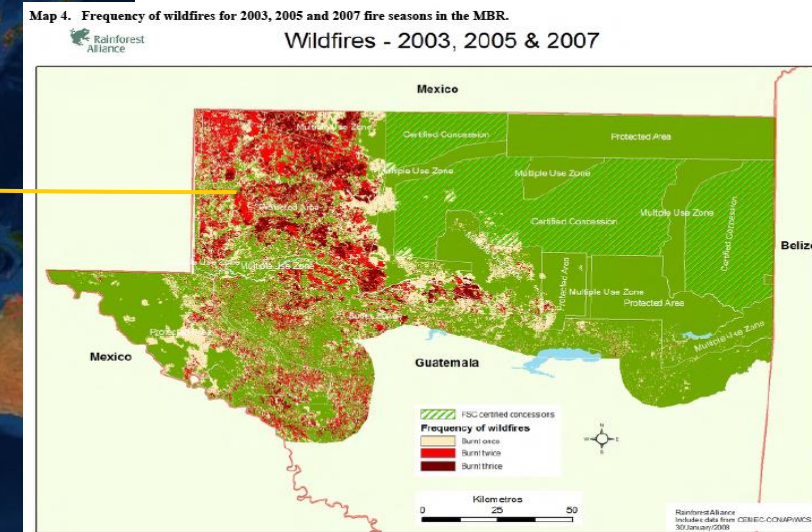
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### 3. How to create markets (?) when we have **'biomass to BURN!'**

- **>500 million hectares burn every year** (Randerson et al., 2012; Giglio et al. 2010; Doerr and Santin 2016)
- **Millions more impacted by other disturbances** (disease, pests, droughts, floods, hurricanes...)
- **Good management matters & reduces losses!** (Andela et al. Sci. 2017)



Community forest concessions for multiple use: Peten, Guatemala.



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## Three big challenges to scaling-up biomass feedstock production

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# 1. How to do it 'right'? Feedstock systems to improve ecosystem services, food security...

- Biofuel feedstock production links to
  - Agroecological zoning (e.g., Brazil)
  - Increased monitoring, control of fires
  - Voluntary certification schemes
  - Legal and regulatory reforms
  - Identification and expansion of protected areas
  - Pressures to improve enforcement and rule of law
  - Research to integrate feedstock harvests with conservation goals...
- Improve management of previously disturbed lands
  - Policy incentives, market incentives
  - Bioenergy investments can help identify viable options
  - Management for endangered species

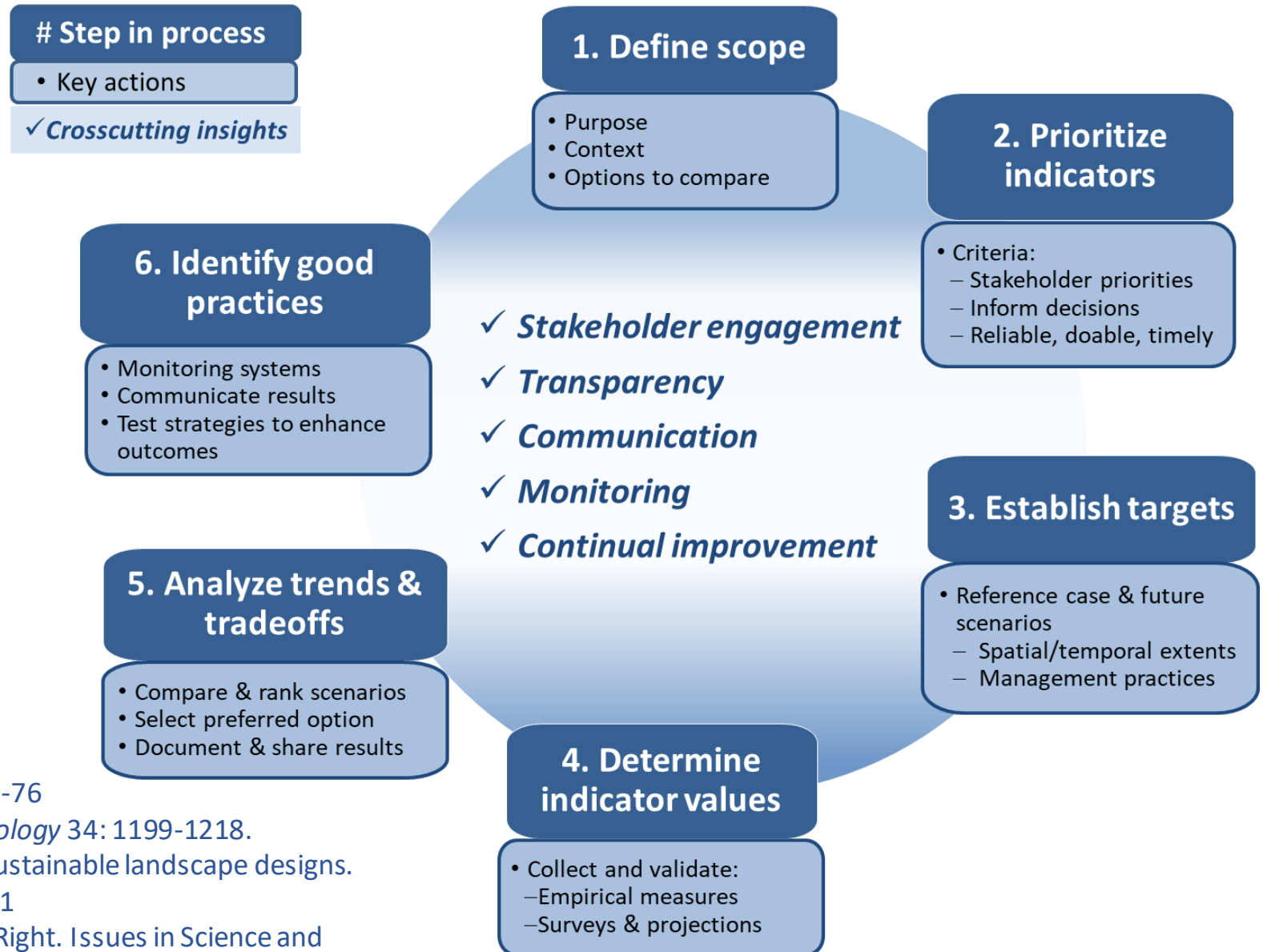


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# 2. How to build trust and public support?

Trust is built on relationships...

Long-term commitments are required for ownership of process and solutions by stakeholders & communities.

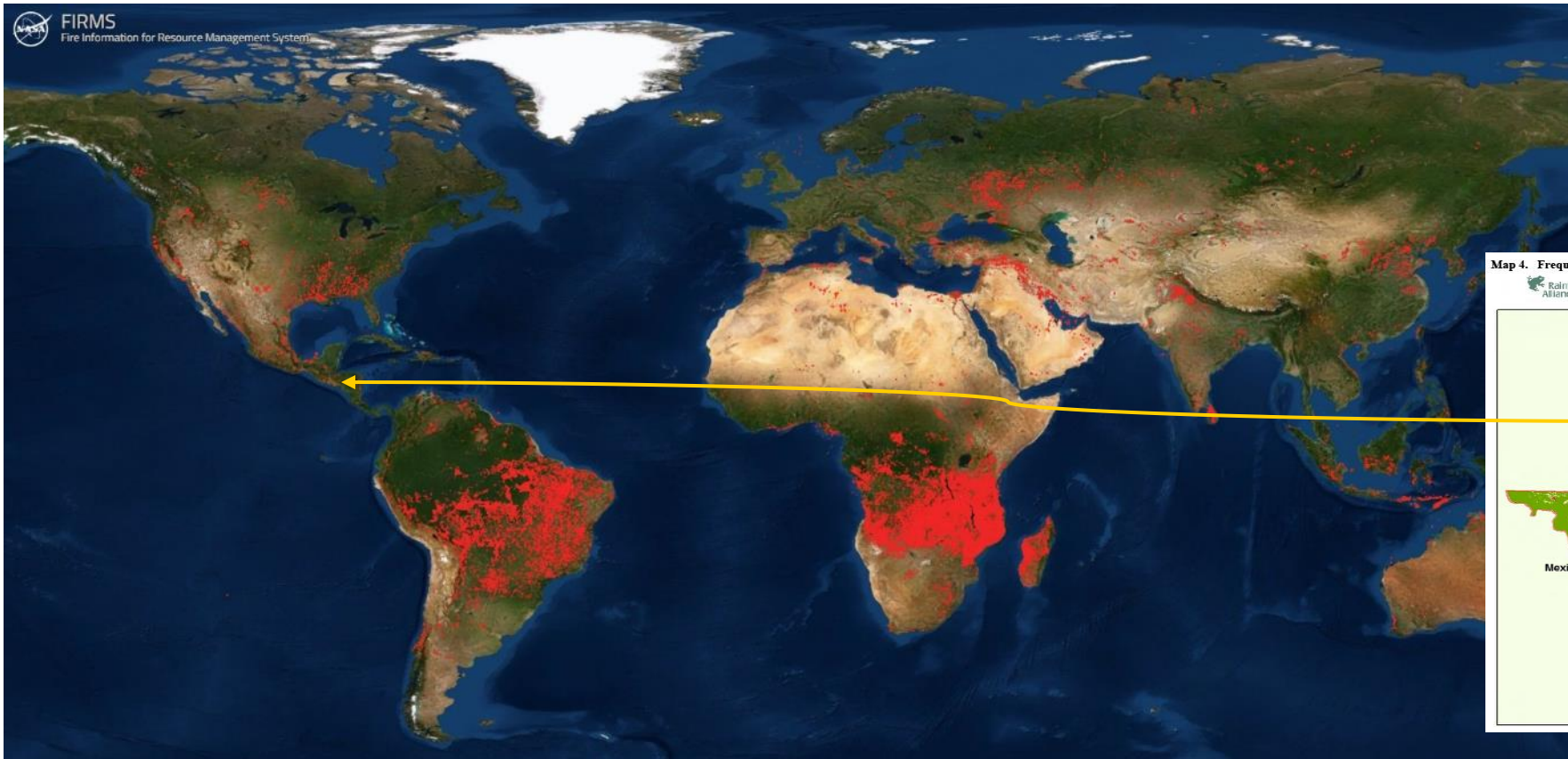


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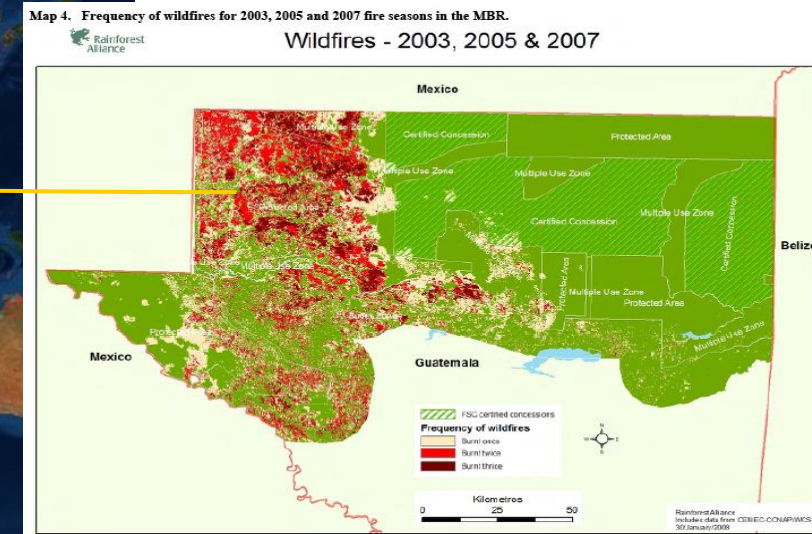


### 3. How to create markets (?) when we have **'biomass to BURN!'**

- **>500 million hectares burn every year** (Randerson et. al., 2012; Giglio et al. 2010; Doerr and Santin 2016)
- **Millions more impacted by other disturbances** (disease, pests, droughts, floods, hurricanes...)
- **Good management matters & reduces losses!** (Andela et al. Sci. 2017)



Community forest concessions for multiple use: Peten, Guatemala.



Rainforest Alliance & WCS

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## Digital Break

Coming up next:

Panel II:

**Innovative Solutions for Maximising Biomass Value Streams**

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# Panel II: Innovative Solutions for Maximizing Biomass Value Streams

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# Södra in figures

**2,6** million hectares of forest

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SEK **23** Sales billion

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**3** pulp mills **7** sawmills

**52,000** Members

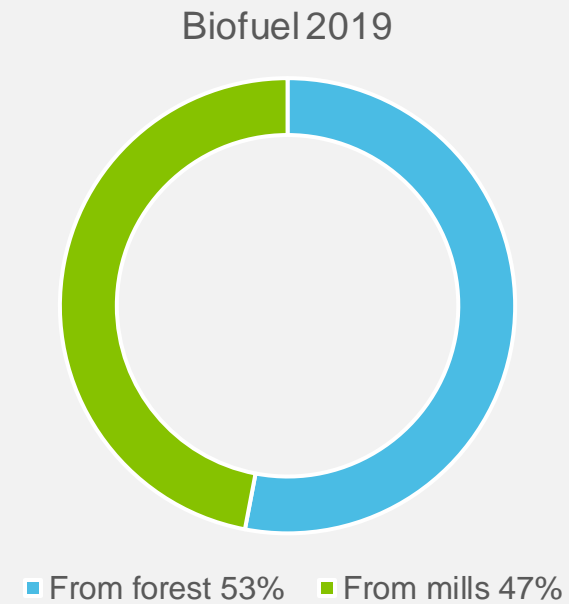
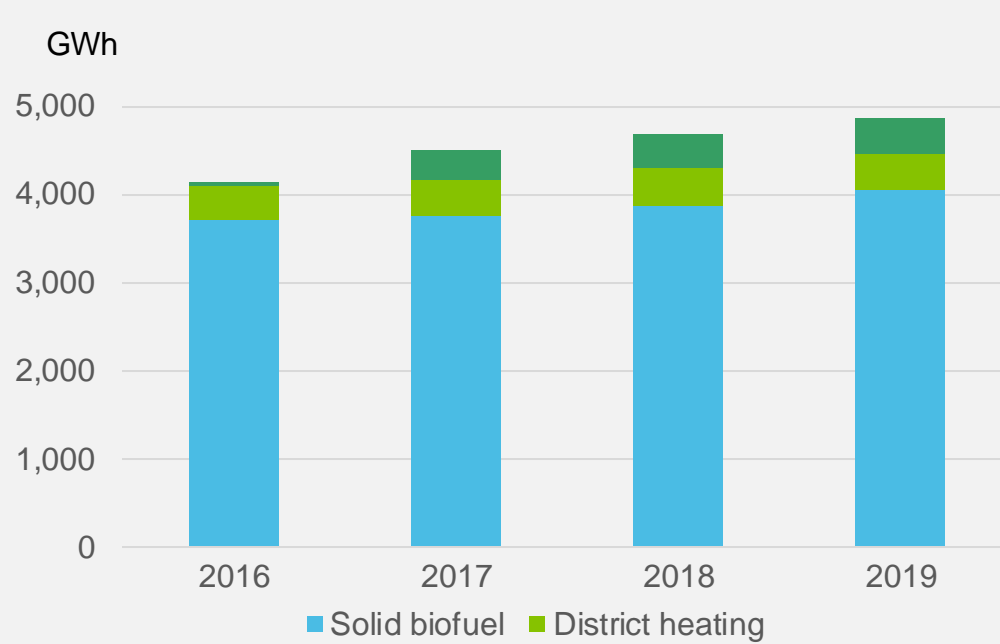
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**3,150** Employees

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**17.1** Wood volume million m<sup>3</sup> sub

# External energy deliveries – 4,900 GWh



# Biofuels by Södra



**SUNPINE**

Produces biodiesel  
from tall oil



**Liquid forest  
Biomethanol**

World's first biomethanol  
from forest biomass



**Silva Green Fuel**

Advanced technology  
for biofuels





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# *BioHub Port and Industrial Area Development In Sarawak Showcase*

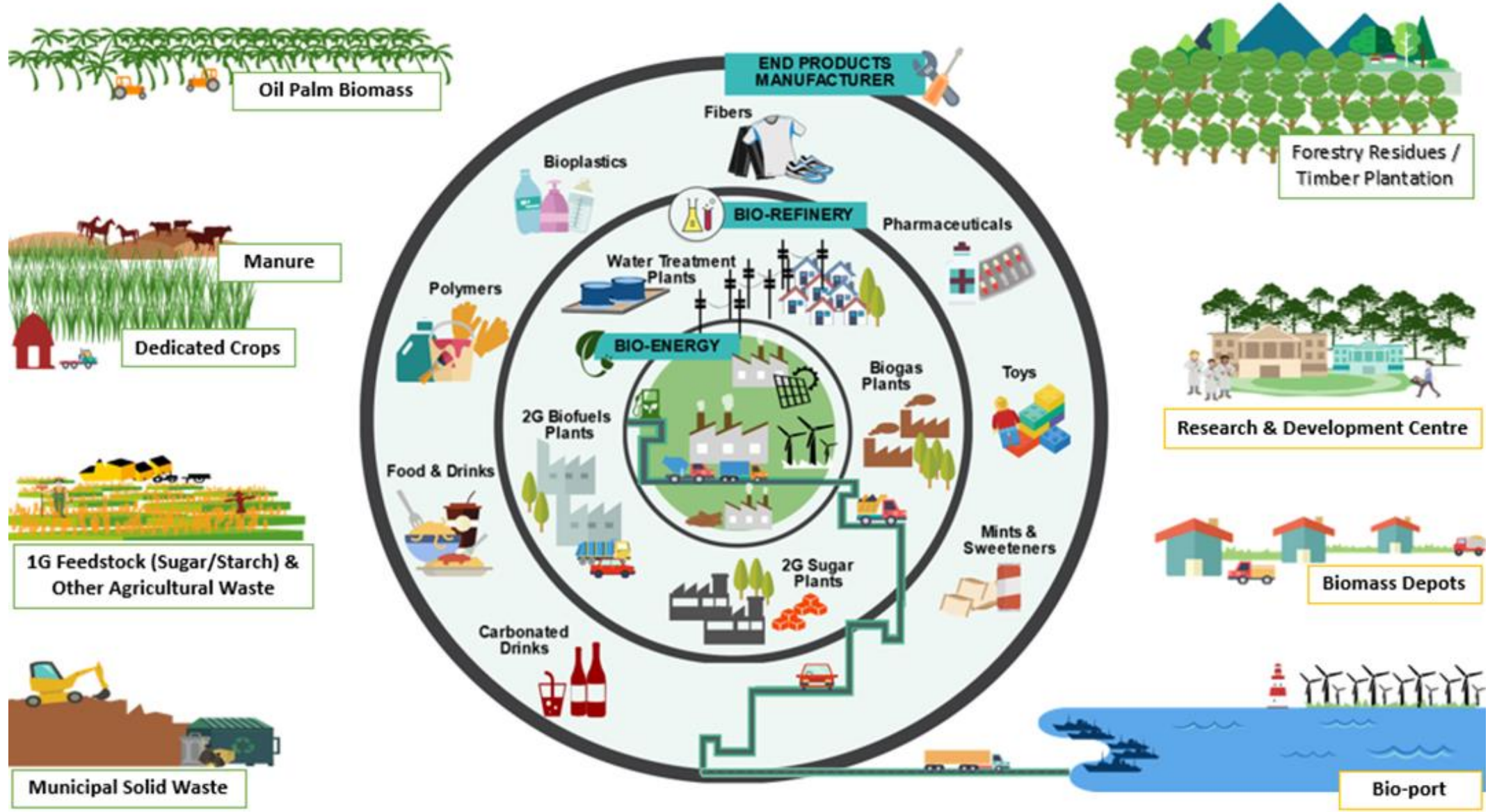
## *Transforming Malaysia into a Regional BioHub*

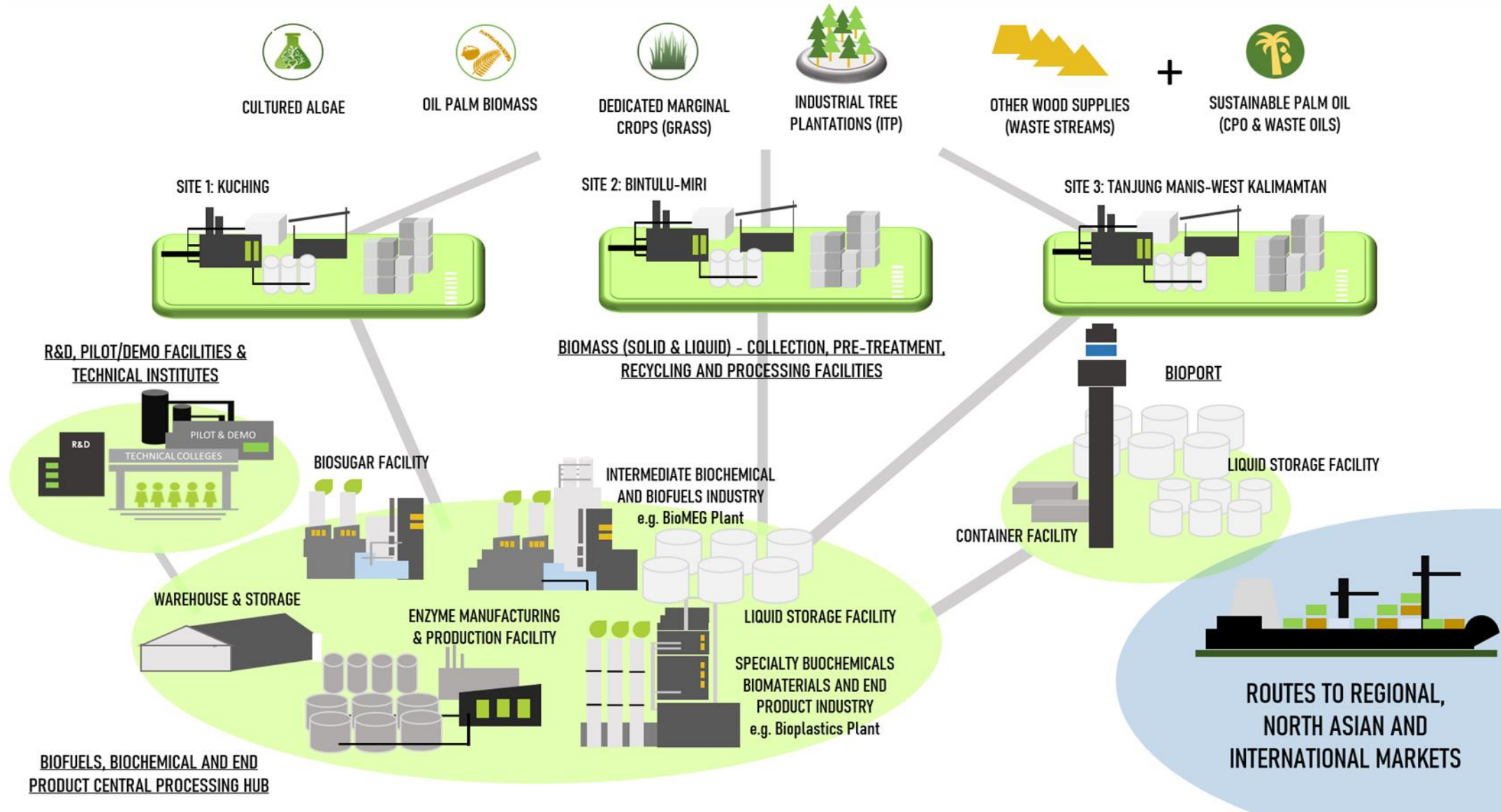
### **SESSION 4 - GROWING THE BIOECONOMY: SOLUTIONS FOR SUSTAINABLE SUPPLY OF BIOMASS AND BIOFUELS**

# BIOHUB IS A MULTI BIORESOURCE PLATFORM

## Starts with Biomass but Ability to Scale with Different BioResources

THE DEVELOPMENT MODEL





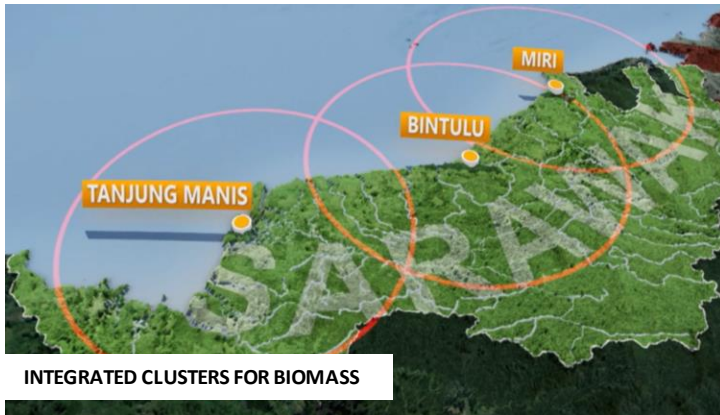
# BioHub Port and Industrial Area Development in Sarawak, Malaysia



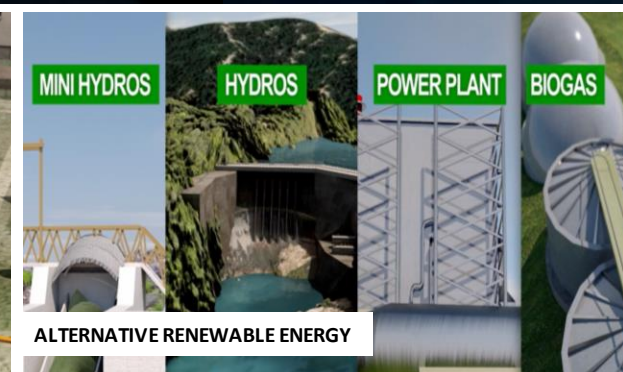
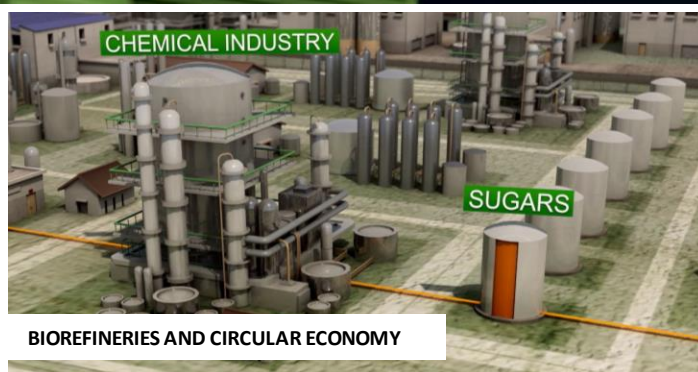
(Partners: Port of Rotterdam, Bintulu Port Holdings, Regal Lands and Agensi Inovasi Malaysia)



PRESENTING THE BIOHUB PORT IN SARAWAK...



STATE OF THE ART DIGITAL AND BIOTECHNOLOGY (BIOFUELS, BIOCHEMICAL AND END PRODUCTS)



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# Introduction

## Microbiogen

- World leader in yeast biocatalyst development. Much of Gen I biofuels use MBG developed yeast
- Gen II biofuels biocatalysts – completing 3 year \$8M optimisation supported by ARENA

## Two innovative solutions that maximise biomass value

- Utilise the next generation of biocatalysts optimised by Microbiogen for “food and fuel” biorefinery
- Utilise lignin as a metallurgical coal replacement

## SmaRT@UNSW

- Headed by Professor Veena Sahajwalla and already successfully commercialised Polymer Injection Technology
- The technology has so far been used in over 84,000 heats and utilised 2.4 million recycled tyres



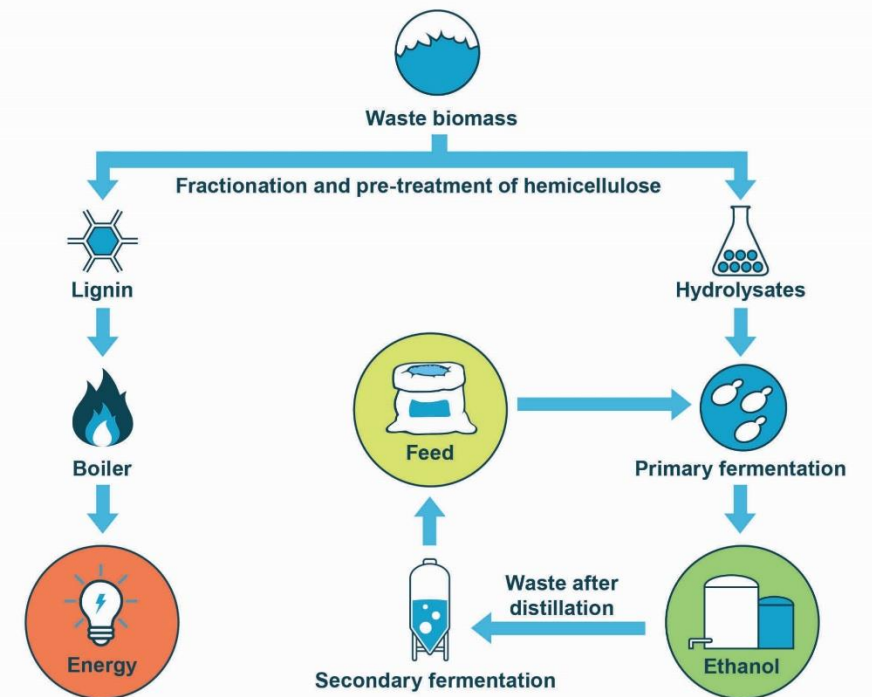
- Optimised yeast for C6 and C5 sugar fermentation to ethanol
- The unique biocatalyst does two jobs:
  - Converts all major sugars to ethanol efficiently
  - Grows on its own waste stream
- A significant, high value, high protein by-product is produced
- Greater water recycle, more efficient sugar conversions

**Innovation impact:**

Lifts revenues – 10% to 20%

Turns a Gen II ethanol facility into a ‘food and fuel’ biorefinery

## Food and fuel biorefinery



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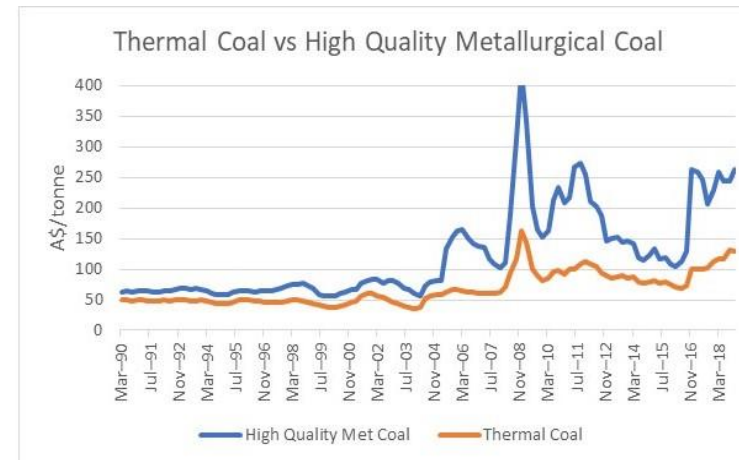
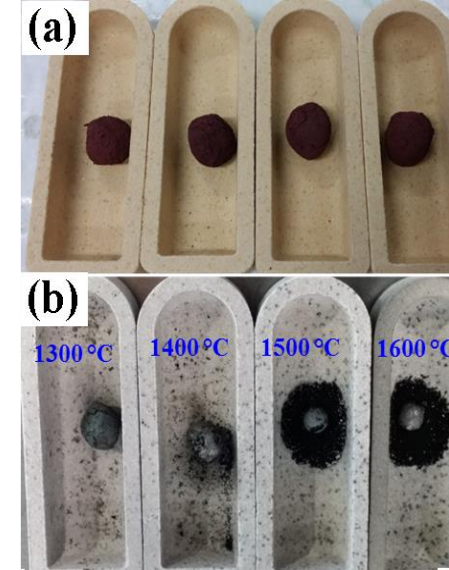
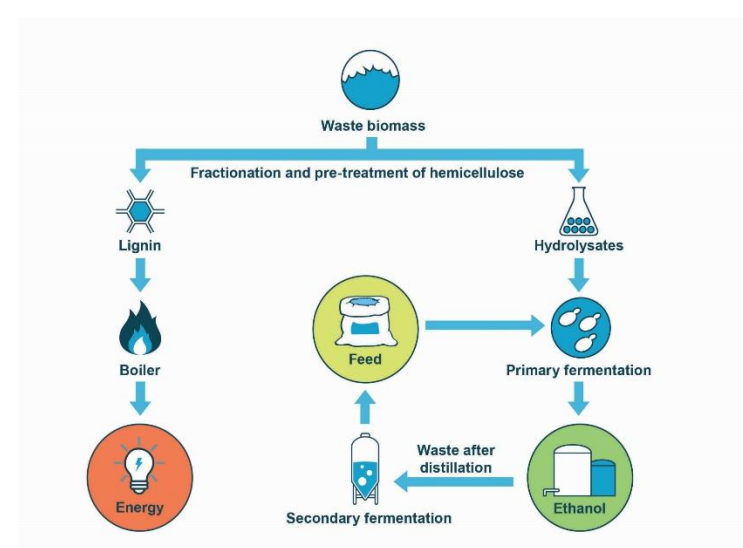
## Lignin as a met coal replacement

- Lignin currently burnt for power. Works, but is a low value option
- Utilise renewables for power such as wind, solar or even fossil gas if necessary
- Utilise lignin as a metallurgical coal replacement
- UNSW trials demonstrate it is an effective substitute – especially blast furnaces
- Met coal typically sells at twice the value of thermal coal

### Innovation impact:

About 10% lift in biorefinery revenues

More sustainable steel production



Source Data: Resources and Energy Quarterly – March 2019

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# Expanding Opportunities of Biomass and Carbon Resources

## Bioenergy Feedstocks Out Your Window



**Agricultural Residues**



**Algae**



**Dedicated Energy Crops**



**Forest Residues**



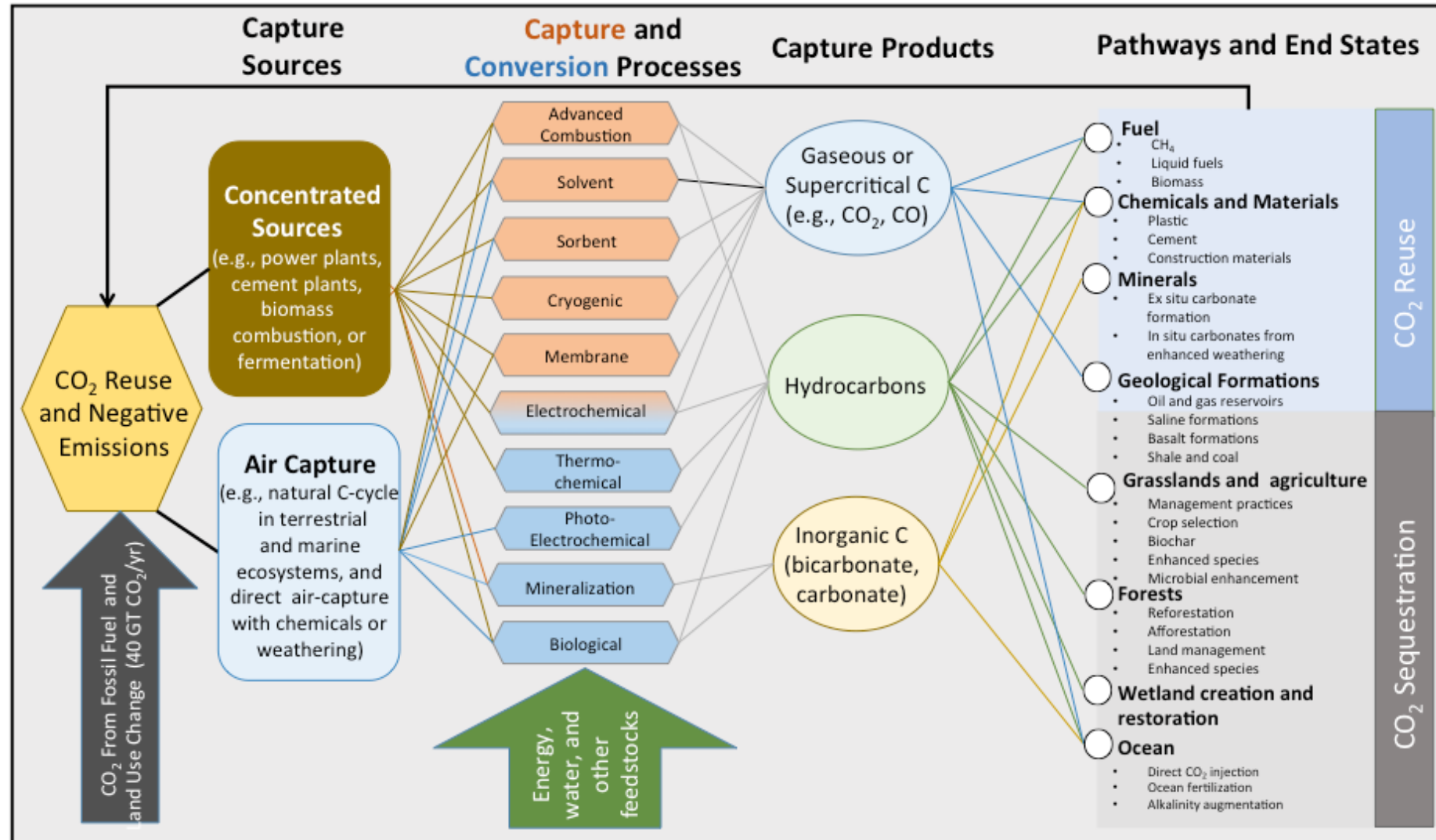
**Sorted Municipal Solid Waste**



**Wet Wastes**



# Negative Emission and CO<sub>2</sub> Utilization Landscape



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## Closing Remarks

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# Closing remarks

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IRENA

# IRENA Innovation Week 2020: Programme

Day & Time	Session	Partners
Monday 5 <sup>th</sup> October 09:30 – 11:30 CEST	<b>High-level opening session</b>	
Monday 5 <sup>th</sup> October 17:00 – 20:00 CEST	<b>Session 2: Smart electrification of end-use sectors:</b> implications for the power system	 EPRI   ELECTRIC POWER RESEARCH INSTITUTE
Tuesday 6 <sup>th</sup> October 08:00 – 11:00 CEST	<b>Session 3: Scaling up green hydrogen and green e-fuels production</b> to decarbonise industry & transport	 Hydrogen Council
Tuesday 6 <sup>th</sup> October 17:00 – 20:00 CEST	<b>Session 4: Growing the bio-economy:</b> solutions for the sustainable supply of biomass & biofuels	 <b>GBEP</b> Global Bioenergy Partnership
Wed 7 <sup>th</sup> October 08:00 – 11:00 CESR	<b>Session 5: Renewable solutions for industry transformation</b>	 MISSION POSSIBLE PLATFORM
Wed 7 <sup>th</sup> October 17:00 – 20:00 CEST	<b>Session 6: Transforming Transport:</b> Innovative renewable-based solutions in road freight, shipping & aviation	 International Transport Forum
Thursday 8 <sup>th</sup> October 10:00 – 12:30 CEST	<b>Session 7: IRENA Youth Talk:</b> Entrepreneurship and Innovation for the green energy agenda	 Initiate!  SDG7 YOUTH CONSTITUENCY YOUTH IN SUSTAINABLE ENERGY
Thursday 8 <sup>th</sup> October 14:00 – 16:00 CEST	<b>Session 8: The Way Forward</b>	



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## Thank you for your attention!

Coming up next

**Session 5: Renewable Solutions for Industry Sector Transformation  
tomorrow 7 October at 08:00am CEST**

Register at

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