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Approaches to Gain Trust in Sustainability of Bioenergy Through Credible Governance

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Presentation Summary:

The sustainability of bioenergy is seriously questioned by some groups, while other organizations work to make bioenergy a part of the solution for a more sustainable future. However, the potentials of bioenergy may not be realized unless conditions are provided for the first groups to grant trust to the latter for their implementation of jointly agreed sustainable practices. Difference of opinions should always be allowed, but misapprehension of data should be mitigated by open communication and scientific analysis. The work presented in this webinar will not be an immediately applicable guide on how to bridge the 'trust gaps' through sustainability governance, but it explores approaches in different geographical regions for local and international bioenergy supply chains based on primary agricultural or forest feedstock, or residue and waste streams. A general pattern emerges that market development is linked to political incentive structures, and that sustainability governance develops over time to fit different phases of development, adapting to new knowledge or as new priorities occur. We venture to hope that such knowledge may help to make sustainability governance systems a conscious part of bioenergy development, and be useful for those who are currently not confident that bioenergy has a role to play in sustainable development for the future.

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