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Introduction

Sustainable biomass supply and management are key to the successful integration of bioenergy into the broader bioeconomy, essential for meeting climate commitments. Bio-hubs can play a central role in collecting, processing, and distributing biomass for renewable energy and bio-based products, vital for a sustainable and reliable bioeconomy. However, challenges such as choosing an appropriate location, access to infrastructure, and feedstock availability can hinder the development of bio-hubs, despite their potential role in streamlining processes and reducing costs.

In June 2023, a workshop was held in Canada to validate and enhance a business model for bio-hubs in a Canadian context by gathering insights and expertise from a diverse range of stakeholders. We learned that successful biomass supply within the bioeconomy hinges on strategic partnerships, optimized operations, access to essential resources, robust customer relationships, and effective customer outreach channels. While this workshop was tailored to Canada, considering the unique bioenergy and bioeconomy challenges and opportunities, it will be replicated in other countries to illustrate factors to consider for a successful bio-hubs business model and inspire innovative thinking.

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