

Regional Dialogue on
“Biofuels in Asia:
Striking a Balance between Trade, Agriculture and Energy Policies”

Venue: Novotel Hotel, Siam square, 9-10 November, 2009

FINAL AGENDA

9 NOVEMBER

08:30 - 09:00

Registration

09:00 - 09:30

Welcome Remarks by ITD, ICTSD, IATP and SEA START

09:30 – 9:45

Keynote Address

- “Responding to Economic, Climate, Food and Energy Crises from a Regional Perspective”
Wannarat CHANNUKUL, Minister of Energy, Thailand

09:45 – 10:05

Session 1 - Context Setting

This introductory session will provide an overview of the production, consumption, demands and trade flows of biofuels at the regional and international level.

Moderator: Watcharas LEELEWATH, ITD

- International and Regional Production, Consumption, Demands and Trade Flows of Biofuels and Future Prospects
Linu Mathew PHILIP, Centre for Trade and Development (CENTAD), India

10:05 – 10:45

Open Discussion

Discussants:

- Datuk M. SUPPRAMANIAM, Former Malaysian WTO Ambassador
- Mujeeb Ahmed KHAN, Trade Development Authority of Pakistan

10:45 – 11:00

Coffee Break

11:00 – 12:00

Session 2 - Sustainable Biofuel Production and Trade: Confronting Climate Change and Protecting the Environment

This session will discuss the impacts of different types of biofuels on the environment, including biodiversity, water, forests and climate change. It will then discuss and explore possible measures to ensure ecosystem integrity of biofuels.

Moderator: Pradeep THARAKAN, ECO-Asia Clean Development and Climate Program; USAID Contractor, International Resources Group, an L-3 Company

- [Environmental Integrity of Biofuels: Energy and Carbon Balance, Biodiversity, Water and Forests](#)
Jane ROMERO, Institute for Global Environmental Strategies, Japan
- [Overview of International and Regional Initiatives on Policy Measures to Support Sustainable Biofuels](#)
Khoo Hock AUN, Cosmo Biofuels, Member of the Steering Board of the Roundtable on Sustainable Biofuels, Malaysia
- [Private Sector Perspective on Certification for Sustainable Biofuels](#)
Didiek Hadjar GOENADI, Indonesian Palm Oil Producers

12:00 – 13:00

Open Discussion

13:00 – 14:30

Lunch

14:30 – 15:45

Session 3: Managing Biofuels to Contribute to Food and Energy Demands and Rural Development

This session will discuss the experience with biofuels, land use and food security in Asia. It will review rural development opportunities and challenges of biofuel production and trade and finally discuss whether standards, labeling and certification are the best instrument to ensure socio-economic objectives such as food security and rural development.

Moderator: Julia OLMSTEAD, IATP

- [Food versus Fuel: Is this Debate Justified in Asia?](#)
Beau DAMEN, Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO)

- [Can Biofuels' Production and Trade Contribute to Rural Development?](#)

Mary Luz M. FERANIL, Philippine Network of Rural Development Institutes, Inc.

- [Direct and Indirect Land-use Change Impacts of Biofuels: The EU Approach](#)

Giulio VOLPI, European Commission, DG Environment

- [Standards, Labeling and Certification as Incentives for Sustainable Biofuels in Asia](#)

Khoo Hock AUN, Cosmo Biofuels, Member of the Steering Board of the Roundtable on Sustainable Biofuels, Malaysia

15:45 – 16:00

Coffee Break

16:00 – 17:00

Open Discussion

Discussants:

- Leonardo Q. MONTEMAYOR, Federation of Free Farmers, Philippines
- Dr. Suthiporn CHIRAPANDA, Ministry of Agriculture, Thailand

17:45

Departure for dinner

10 NOVEMBER

9:00 – 10:30

Session 4: Trade and Development Opportunities and Challenges

This session will identify and discuss the nature and predictability of market drivers for biofuels, such as targets, mandates, standards, and subsidies, in the EU and US. It will also discuss trade barriers affecting market access to those countries and in the Asian region, and review the impacts of biofuels' subsidies in OECD countries on trade and competitiveness of Asian producing countries. Finally it will address whether biofuels can be considered as environmental goods at the WTO.

Moderator: Ricardo MELÉNDEZ-ORTIZ, ICTSD

- [Incidence of EU Biofuel Policies in Asian Producing Countries](#)

David TRÉGUER, INRA & AgroParisTech, UMR Economie Publique

- [Incidence of US Biofuel Policies in Asian Producing Countries](#)
Douglas NEWMAN, US – International Trade Commission
- [Biofuels and Market Access in Asia](#)
Buntoon WONGSEELASHOTE, Thai Chamber of Commerce Committee
- [The Impacts of Biofuels Subsidies in OECD Countries on Trade and Competitiveness of Asian Producing Countries](#)
Sabrina SHAW, Global Subsidies Initiative, International Institute for Sustainable Development (IISD)
- [Can Biofuels be Considered as Environmental Goods?](#)
Fahmida KHATUN, Centre for Policy Dialogue (CPD), Bangladesh

10:30 – 10:45

Coffee Break

10:45 – 11:45

Open Discussion

Discussant:

- Dr. Samai JA-IN, Energy Specialist, Energy Standing Committee, House of representatives, Thailand

11:45 – 13:00

Session 5: Managing the Knowledge and Capacity Gaps

This concluding session seeks to assemble policy perspective, academic as well as practicality of issues discussed in the previous sessions. It aims to highlight potential coordination globally and regionally along the path towards sustainable biofuels production and trade.

Moderator: Sitanon JESDAPIPAT, SEA START

13:00 – 13:30

Closing Remarks by ICTSD, ITD, IATP and SEA START

13:30 – 15:00

Lunch

15:00 – 16:00

Meeting of Potential Asia Biofuel Network Members