

11th Clean Energy Ministerial Meeting Pre-Event

The Biofuture Platform Initiative: Accelerating the Transition to a Sustainable Low-Carbon Bioeconomy

Wednesday 16 September 2020, 17:00 – 18:00 AST

EVENT OVERVIEW

Building on collaborative efforts of 20 countries over the past 4 years, this virtual event will launch the Biofuture Platform Initiative as a new CEM workstream. The initiative aims to raise international ambition and advance sustainable bioenergy production, trade and use globally, via analysis, policies, programs and projects, making bioenergy a key enabler in clean energy transitions. It will also further strengthen international dialogue among key policy and decision makers about the benefits, opportunities and priorities to scale up sustainable bioenergy and accelerate the bioeconomy worldwide. The Biofuture Platform Initiative will be implemented in close partnership with the private sector.

Bioenergy is the overlooked giant of the renewable energy sector. One of the most labour-intensive energy industries, it is paramount to a successful transition to low-carbon energy systems and should be central to recovery plans, as one of the hardest-hit sectors by COVID-19 impacts.

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AGENDA

Launch of Biofuture Platform Initiative: Opening and scene-setting

17:00

- Opening by Mr. Bento Albuquerque, Minister of Mines and Energy, Brazil
- Keynote and scene-setting by Dr. Fatih Birol, Executive Director, International Energy Agency (IEA)

Event moderators: Mr. Renato Godinho (Biofuture Platform Chair, Brazil); and Dr. Paolo Frankl (Head Renewable Energy Division, IEA)

Interventions by Initiative Co-leads

17:10

- Mr. Shawn Tupper, Associate Deputy Minister, Natural Resources, Canada
- Mr. Daniel R. Simmons, Assistant Secretary, Office of Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy, U.S. Department of Energy, USA
- Dr. Renu Swarup, Secretary, Department of Biotechnology, Ministry of Science and Technology, India (tbc)
- Ms. Julia Nolan, Head of International Energy, UK
- Mr. Thiago Barral, CEM Sherpa for Brazil; President, Energy Planning Agency, Brazil

Intervention by: Mr. FX Sutijastoto, Director General of New Renewable Energy and Energy Conservation, Ministry of Energy and Mineral Resources, Indonesia



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Industry perspectives

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- Dr. Pramod Chaudhari, Executive Chairman, Praj Industries
- Mr. Peter Vanacker, President and CEO, Neste Corporation
- Ms. Geneviève Brisson, Senior Director for Global Government Affairs, Enerkem Inc.

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Panel Q&A

18:00

End of CEM11 pre-event
