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Biomass resources promise to have a significant impact to the improvement of living conditions, the replacement of fossil fuels in a long term, and the protection of environment, especially in rural areas. However, though energy production from biomass has proven to be technically and economically viable, implementation of advanced bioenergy technologies has not taken-off considerably yet in many industrialised countries, as well as in emerging economies.

This forum constitutes a platform for the dialogue between different stake-holders (bioenergy experts, policy makers, donors, investors, private sector) to accelerate the deployment of bioenergy in emerging and industrialised economies through the mechanism of technical-economic co-operation. It will be a unique opportunity to bring together market players and representatives from CEE countries and countries from the Southern Hemisphere and Asia for a broad discussion on specific practical aspects, obstacles and strategies.

The main objective is to identify and obtain opinions on the key factors (political, technical and financial), which are setting the stage to facilitate market accessibility and the transfer of bioenergy technology, especially for the development of rural areas. The focus will be on the conditions for private sector involvement. Furthermore, a possible action plan for international co-operation to accelerate the world-wide deployment of bioenergy will be addressed.

Agenda:

14:30-15:30 Chairmen: Welcome, introduction, framework and key-issues

15:30-16:00 Coffee break

16:00-17:45 Panel Discussion:

- Representative of the European Commission, Brussels, Belgium
- Ottavio Angotti, USAID, Washington, USA
- Boris Utria, World Bank, Washington, USA
- Tord Fjällström, EUBIA, Brussels, Belgium
- Peter Helm, WIP-Munich, Munich, Germany
- Li Bao Shan, Ministry of Science and Technology, Beijing, China
- Denis Tomlinson, Illovo Sugar Ltd., Durban, South-Africa
- Manoel Regis, Copersucar, São Paolo, Brazil
- Emilio Lébre La Rovere, Federal University of Rio de Janeiro, Rio de Janeiro, Brazil

17:45-18:00 Chairpersons: Conclusion and recommendation

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Chairpersons' Introduction

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