

Working Group 3

Bioeconomy as an Instrument for Ensuring Food Security

Languages

English

Chairs:

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Objective

The working groups are invited to collect and discuss challenges and best practices in order to draw up recommendations for CFS uptake, stakeholders and politics

Thematic introduction

The bioeconomy brings with it diverse opportunities for improving food security, increasing prosperity, establishing regional supply chains, creating value in rural areas and enhancing climate action through decarbonisation, but it also poses challenges. The “Policies against Hunger” Conference will discuss what conditions are needed for the bioeconomy to be able to help strengthen the right to food and improve local food security. What positive examples are there, and what conditions are needed to this end? The Agriculture Ministers who gathered at the 2025 GFFA welcomed Germany’s proposal for the FAO to launch a project, funded by Germany, to develop a Global Bioeconomy Partnership and, with the involvement of all stakeholders, to define its terms of reference and governance framework.

Timeline:

Monday, 23 June 2025

Working Group Session 1

2.00 p.m. Introduction by Chair

2.10 p.m. Presentation Partnership for Forests, *Luis Rios*, Colombia Palladium Group

2.30 p.m. Input Youth: *Liza Vernyuy Kengran*, Bioeconomy Youth Champion, United Kingdom

2.35 p.m. Input Stakeholder: *Musa Sowe*, Smallholder Gambia

2.40 p.m. Questions and Discussion

3.30 p.m. Coffee Break

Working Group Session 2

4.00 p.m. Introduction by Chair

4.05 p.m. Presentation Healthy Soil Healthy Food, *Charles Lwanga Tumuhe*, Project Officer

4.25 p.m. Questions and Discussion

5.30 p.m. End

Format:

The discussion will take place under the Chatham House Rule (<https://www.chathamhouse.org/about-us/chatham-house-rule>). A free-flowing style of discussion is encouraged. Interventions can be based on the guiding questions below, or questions and comments raised in other participants' interventions. Participants can make their inputs freely, bringing in their experiences and recommendations. Please note that the working groups meant to be in exchange mode and not in negotiation mode. Comments of participants are documented on white cards and will be put on pin boards that will be exhibited in the dining hall. The chair will present a short summary of the Working Group in the first panel discussion on the next day.

Guiding questions

- Which challenges hamper the realisation of the right to food?
- Which solutions and best practices have proven successful?
- Which recommendations can be identified for 1) stakeholders and 2) politics and 3) for the CFS uptake?
- What types of collaborations – in terms of actors involved, formats of cooperation, and shared objectives – have proven most effective in addressing challenges that hinder the realisation of the right to food through bioeconomy initiatives?

Tuesday, 24 June 2025

World Café from 2.00-5.00 p.m.

On the second day of the conference, we would like to give all participants the opportunity to discuss the subjects of the other working groups. There will be discussions taking place in small groups of 4 to 10 people at round tables. For each working group we have allocated a discussion round of about 30 minutes.

Guiding questions for these discussions are

- What messages may be missing?
- Are there different points of view?
- Are there links to the results of the other working groups?
- How can we cooperate better to realise the right to food?
- Which recommendations can be identified for 1) stakeholders and 2) politics and 3) for the CFS uptake?

Participants are invited to document their reaction on cards during the sessions. Each Working Group has its own card colour. The cards will be put on the pin boards in the dining hall after each round. The chairs of the working groups will present a short summary of the World Café on their subjects in the first panel discussion on the next day. Together with the results from the working groups, these will be part of the conference proceedings to be compiled by conference organisers.