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I – Introduction

This is the Final Report on the Bioenergy Theme, a study developed by GNESD- the Global Network on Sustainable Development, created as a Type 2 Initiative in the World Summit of Johannesburg, in December 2002. The GNESD network (<http://www.gnesd.org>) includes Excellence Centres responsible for the production of several documents on energy access, renewable energy and energy efficiency, aiming to alleviate poverty in developing countries.

The Inception Reports, received in the First Phase of the study, highlighted that in most DCs only “traditional biomass” resources are available, wood and charcoal (often obtained through deforestation) are primarily used for basic energy needs such as inefficient cooking and heating. Modern bioenergy (such as liquid biofuels, solid biomass, and biogas for electricity production,) is foreseen as a possible future energy supply and important step in alleviation of poverty. When produced sustainably, modern bioenergy has the potential to not only reduce oil import expenditures but also generate jobs in rural areas.

The previous Synthesis Report, based on the main findings of the GNESD centres, presented and discussed the current situation in *Argentina, Brazil, Chile, China, Colombia, Ghana, India, Indonesia, Kenya, Malawi, Mali, Paraguay, Senegal, South Africa, Thailand and Uruguay*. These initial reports, drafted by GNESD centres, were revised by CENBIO-CENTROCLIMA as well as external reviewers to produce a final version.

This Final Report presents a broader overview of the results obtained by the centres, including a table (Annex I) summarising the current situation in DCs, prospects for biomass and the policies proposed in each country.

II - The GNESD Bioenergy Study

It is widely known that the majority of developing countries' populations rely on 'traditional biomass' availability. The development of sustainably produced modern bioenergy resources is foreseen by most local governments to provide a more efficient energy supply as well as alleviation of poverty.

In this context, the GNESD Bioenergy Theme study analyses not only the current situation of bioenergy production and use, but also prospects for modern bioenergy in the previously mentioned countries.

III - Findings of the Centers in Asia

III.1 Asian Institute of Technology (AIT)

III.1.1 Indonesia

Production and use of bioenergy

There is vast potential to implement biomass power generation and cogeneration projects in Indonesia, particularly using currently untapped resources of agro-industrial residues. Considering the geographical context of isolated islands and regions, it is appropriate to pursue options for provision of basic energy needs through renewable energy.

The estimated potential for biomass energy generation is 50,000 MW, but present capacity of installed biomass projects is around 445 MW. Most biomass energy is used in households for rice milling, drying of agricultural produce and power generation in the wood and sugar industries. Traditional biomass fuels are used through direct burning, while modern biomass energy is obtained through process technologies such as pyrolysis and gasification.

The abundance raw material makes the development of biofuels an important alternative for Indonesia. As a well-established industry with potential for increased production, crude palm oil (CPO) is the main biodiesel feedstock. The production of biodiesel in 2008 was 1,238 million liters and the existing capacity of biodiesel production was only 0.01% of the estimated potential from palm oil (Food and Agricultural Organization, 2007). Other potential biodiesel feed stocks in Indonesia include coconut oil and *jatropha*. Currently, ethanol in Indonesia is mainly produced from sugarcane molasses and cassava. 144.5 million litres of bioethanol were produced in 2008, significantly below the installed capacity of 270.5 million litres/year (August 2009).

Existing policies

Biomass is one of renewable energy that has potential to substitute petroleum-based fuels. The government has issued policies to increase the utilization including mandatory targets and incentives to promote biomass energy projects. The government has set targets for achieving the

share of new and renewable energy up to 17% by the year 2025. At the same time, the government also plans to reduce the share of oil in national primary energy mix to less than 20%. In order to achieve these goals, the Regulation No. 32/2008 of Ministry of Energy and Mineral Resources has mandate the minimum blending of biofuel for biodiesel and bioethanol for different sectors. In 2007, the government announced an interest rate subsidy for farmers growing biofuels crops including *jatropha*, oil palm, cassava and sugar cane. Loans at an interest rate of almost half of the market rate can be obtained for the farmers of cane, cassava, palm, rubber and coconut (APEC, 2009).

However, the implementation is still facing challenges such as its high production cost compared with the conventional and inefficient pricing policies. Clear price signals could also encourage the private sector participation in investing on bio-energy projects. The government needs to provide innovative financial mechanism to support biomass energy projects and to take actions for minimizing huge social and environmental impacts. Indonesia could introduce Renewable Portfolio Standard (RPS) to increase the share of renewable in the power generation sector.

Environmental and social impacts

Biofuel production in Indonesia, to date, has diverted minimum amounts of food commodities to fuel domestically due to low production levels. However, the government's biofuel regulations will result in escalating amounts of palm oil, sugar and cassava being diverted to biofuel production. These are all important crops for staple foods in Indonesia. Palm oil is used for cooking and in food processing. It can represent a major food expense also for households that grow their own food but must buy oil for cooking it. The average per-person domestic consumption of palm oil for food is approximately 16 kg per person per year. Despite being a net exporter of palm oil, Indonesian consumers are vulnerable to price rises and shortages. The government hopes that *jathorpha curcus* will be suitable for cultivation on marginal land that is unsuitable for food production. Sumba is one of the areas selected to expand *jatropha* cultivation.

There is evidence that forests in Indonesia have been, and continue to be, converted to palm oil plantations. A total of 0.22 million km² of forest land was allocated for conversion to oil-palm plantations until 2007 but only 0.02 million km² were actually planted with oil-palm. The remainder had been logged and abandoned (Dillon, et. al.,2008). It must be acknowledged that this is a controversial issue, and other views are also found in the scientific literature, such as, for example, Wicke et al, 2008, who claim that "for Indonesia, it was found that there are many, interrelated causes and underlying drivers that are responsible for this land use change – LUC - (...). Oil palm alone cannot explain the large loss in forest cover but that rather a web of interrelated direct causes (including oil palm production expansion) and underlying drivers are responsible. Important direct causes were (...) logging, oil palm expansion and other agricultural production and forest fires, while underlying drivers were found to be population growth, agriculture and forestry prices, economic growth and policy and institutional factors".

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III.1.2 Thailand

Production and use of bioenergy

Even though Thailand relies heavily on imported energy, the energy security of the country has been maintained through diverse sources and types of energy. Fossil fuels still play a major role, particularly petroleum based products and natural gas. Thailand’s alternative energy sources include biomass from crop residues (taking advantage of their massive agricultural base) as well as municipal solid waste, etc.

Biomass, which has been mostly used as fuel in rural households and industries, is now playing a greater role as fuel in power generation and as an energy source for bio-liquid fuel production for vehicles. Most of the renewable energy types have proved to be environmentally friendly. Therefore, promotion of renewable energy technology research and development is considered to be of great importance and will continue to be supported by the government.

Thailand’s Ministry of Energy estimates that the potential of biomass-based power generation from biomass residues, municipal solid wastes and biogas is 3,700 MW by 2011. Apart from bagasse, paddy husk and woodchips, other sources with good potential include municipal waste, biogas from pig farms and other agro-industry sources, corncobs and waste from palm oil factories. Thailand is committed to exploring a range of cost-effective alternative energy sources. The number of biomass-based power generation plants increased from 35 plants in 2006, with total capacity of about 574 MW, to 54 plants with total capacity of 1,129.75 MW in 2007. These plants use only 5% of the residue potential.

Existing policies

Policies allowing the trading of carbon credits through a Clean Development Mechanism (CDM) were approved in early 2007. This has given an enormous boost to a number of marginal projects, especially biogas and municipal wastes.

The Thai Government has established an objective to increase the renewable energy use from a level of 0.5% in 2002 to 8% of total primary energy mix, (approximately 6,600 ktoe), by the year 2011. In reaching this target for renewable energy, biomass-based energy is expected to provide a share of 60% surplus. In the second phase (2011-2022) of the renewable energy development plan, the Thai government’s targets aim for increasing the 8% in 2011 up to a contribution of 20% of total primary energy supply to the total energy demand from all renewable energy in 2022. The key factors for the successful promotion of bio-energy programs of Thailand’s economy are: prioritising renewable energy in the national energy policy, establishing authorised government institutions to promote and implement renewable energy policy and actions, and continuous and

strong support from the government and other financing schemes- such as Board of Investment (BOI) incentives, Revolving Fund, Adder Cost, etc. as well as government provided infrastructure for the renewable energy expansion, regular policy review and long-term research, development, demonstration, dissemination and public relation activities.

Environmental and social impacts

The Thai government announced that new plantations for crop expansions will be created in disused rice fields, deserted public lands, flood-prone lands, acid and degraded lands in the South and the Eastern Seaboard. However, new palm crop replacement programs are already changing agricultural patterns. In most cases, forests have become victims of encroachers paving the way for palm plantations. The other major challenge could be the shortage of palm oil for cooking purposes. Palm oil is a popular cooking ingredient in Thailand. In the absence of policies for plantation planning to address palm oil requirements for cooking, it may drive up prices of the food commodity while reducing costly energy imports.

III.2 The Energy and Resources Institute (TERI)

III.2.1 India

Production and use of bioenergy

India's energy demand is expected to increase three to four times from the current level in the next 25 years. Non-commercial energy sources, predominantly fuel wood, chips and dung cakes, currently contribute around 30% of the total primary energy consumed in the country. With huge urban-rural disparities in terms of access to commercial energy forms such as grid electricity and LPG, bioenergy (energy from bio-resources) has an important role to play, not only contributing to meet the supply of future demand, but also to reduce the existing energy access inequity.

Since biomass is a resource more equitably distributed than other energy sources in India, it addresses energy security concerns for a country already dependent on energy imports, especially because it can be locally procured. Currently, bioenergy contributes to nearly 90% of energy used in rural households and around 40% of energy used in urban households..

The rural energy scenario in India is characterized by inadequate, poor and unreliable supply of energy services and large dependence on traditional biomass fuels. The traditional use of biomass as energy in India is characterized by low efficiency and environmental degradation. Currently, the new perspective considers biomass as a competitive energy resource, which can be pulled through energy markets. This change in perspective coincided with the development of several advanced biomass technologies. As a result, the policy of the Ministry of New and Renewable Energy (MNRE) shifted towards market based incentives and institutional support, leading to the introduction of modern biomass technologies such as bagasse-based cogeneration and large-

scale gasification and combustion technologies for electricity generation using a variety of biomass.

Use of bioenergy for power generation, either through combustion or gasification, has been widely applied. However, the efficiency of these technologies has been relatively low and thus there is a need for dedicated research and development for creating more efficient technologies for power generation from bioenergy.

Life cycle analysis of modern bioenergy technologies (BETs) are reported to, in some cases, outperform, in economic terms, conventional fossil fuel based technologies for power generation. The existence of an economic advantage is based on the production costs of bioenergy production, which can vary widely depending feedstock, conversion process, scale of production and region. However, in most cases, the upfront cost of BETs is higher than for conventional technologies, thereby creating a practical barrier to their adoption. Suitable micro-finance mechanism would result in higher penetration of these technologies into economically under-privileged communities of rural areas in an economically sustainable manner.

Existing policies

In India, at policy level, a multi-pronged strategy for leveraging bioenergy for poverty alleviation and rural development was adopted: i) improving efficiency of the traditional biomass use (e.g. improved cook-stove programme), ii) improving the supply of biomass (e.g. social forestry, wasteland development), iii) technologies for improving the quality of biomass use (e.g. biogas, improved cook-stoves), iv) introduction of biomass based technologies for heat and electricity generation to deliver services provided by conventional energy sources, and v) establishing institutional support for programme formulation and implementation (formation of separate government wing to exclusively deal with non-conventional energy sources).

In September 2008, the Government of India adopted a National Biofuel Policy that aims to substitute 5% of transport diesel (fossil fuel) with biodiesel by 2012, 10% by 2017 and 20% beyond 2017, thereby establishing demand-side incentives in the form of an assured market for blending, apart from scrapping taxes and duties on biodiesel. The Renewable Energy Technology (RET) program received the required support with the establishment of the Department of Non-Conventional Energy Sources, which emphasised decentralised and direct use of RETs.

Renewable energy resources were viewed primarily as the solution to rural and remote area energy needs, in locations and applications where the conventional technology was unavailable or as stop gap supply options where commercial energy could not be supplied.

Direct subsidy to the user and supply orientation were the major elements of the RET program. Though the RET program achievements are noteworthy in India, two deficiencies from a policy perspectives contributed to the slow progress in the penetration of biomass technology. Firstly, biomass was viewed solely as a traditional fuel for meeting rural energy needs. Secondly, policies were primarily focused on the supply-side push with market instruments having small roles. Under these circumstances, modern plantation practices for augmenting biomass supply or the growing

pool of advanced biomass energy conversion technologies could not penetrate the Indian energy market.

III.3. ERI

III.3.1. China

Production and use of bioenergy

China is an agricultural country, with a large part of the population living in rural areas. Bioenergy resources are scattered regionally, mainly located in rural areas. The country has an unbalanced development of the rural economy. On one hand, farmers from economically developed areas use cleaner energy, liquefied gas and other energy commodities, even allowing surplus straw to burn in fields, resulting in serious environmental pollution. On the other hand, in remote areas, even the basic livelihood of some farmers cannot be guaranteed; there are still seven million rural households without electricity supply. Straw, firewood and other types of bioenergy have always been their main source of fuel. Traditional use of biomass through direct combustion still accounts for about 98 per cent of total bioenergy in the rural areas, resulting in serious waste of resources and environmental pollution. In addition, 80% of large-scale livestock and poultry farms in rural areas lack the necessary pollution control facilities. The livestock and poultry manure are directly discharged without treatment, causes serious pollution of air and water, endangering the health of farmers.

Producing bioenergy through different biomass conversion technologies could provide various types of high-grade, high-quality and low-polluting energy products to meet the pressing demand of energy in rural areas, and also improve biomass thermal efficiency to 35~40%. Further benefits include saving resources, improving the living conditions of farmers and improving the standard of living.

China will develop bioenergy in a wide range of forms, hopefully focusing on biofuel for transport in the long term. Biopower in China will be locally-oriented in small-scale biopower facilities through Combined Heating and Power (CHP) cogeneration; biofuels will be ethanol and biodiesel from non-food feedstock, mainly cassava, sweet sorghum and *jatropha* in near term, but from cellulose from crops such as straw in the long term. Biogas, pellets and biomass gasification will play an important role in providing heating fuel.

Recent research shows that the total amount of straw biomass in China is more than 720 Mt per year, equal to 360 Mtoe (million tones of oil equivalent). Excluding uses such as returning straw to the field, livestock feed, and raw materials for papermaking and construction material, 300 Mt of crop straw are available for energy purposes. The annual production of firewood is 127 Mt (equalling 74 Mtoe), the annual production of livestock waste is 130 Mtoe and the annual production of municipal solid waste is 120 Mtoe, a figure that continues to increase by 8-10% per

year. It is estimated that the total amount of exploitable biomass resources of China is about 700 Mtoe.

In overview, newly built biomass power generation projects are based mainly on the direct combustion of crop stalks, but also explore the construction of straw-pulverizing coal combustion power generation and thermoelectric cogeneration projects. China has also made notable progress in the development of biomass power generation equipment. In 2006, a straw-based direct combustion power generation project was put into operation in the city of Suqian, Jiangsu province, realising the first project to use domestic technology and equipment with full autonomy of property rights.

At present, biofuel technology using cassava, sweet sorghum, *jatropha curcas*, and other non-food crops/plants have reached the demonstration stage. In 2007, Guangxi constructed the first ethanol fuel plant using cassava as feedstock. Some companies have also been building and improving pilot power plants for cellulosic ethanol. Biodiesel is basically ready for industrialisation. According to rough estimates, only a small group of enterprises can continuously produce biodiesel, with a total annual output of hundreds of thousands of tonnes. Quite recently, the National Development and Reform Commission has organised and supported a few enterprises to build pilot biodiesel plants using *jatropha* oil.

Existing policies

From 2006, the implementation of “Renewable Energy Law” enhanced the confidence of corporate investors and significantly accelerated the pace of biopower development. With the “Renewable Energy Law”, related renewable energy price subsidy policies were promulgated and implemented. The new biomass power generation projects will enjoy price subsidies of 0.25 Yuan/kWh for 15 years. Inspired by this policy, investors’ enthusiasm is rising, and various types of agriculture, forestry and waste-based power generation projects have been constructed. According to statistics, 39 straw-based biopower projects were approved in 2006, with a total installed capacity of about 1.28 GW. By the end of 2008, the total capacity of biopower projects amounted to 3.15 GW, with biogas and waste incineration power generation accounting for 22.5% and the rest comprised of sugarcane bagasse and straw based power plants.

China encourages well designed and operated biopower projects that meet local characteristics of biomass resources. Since July 2010 new grid-connected biopower projects in the countryside, using agricultural and forestry residues, have become eligible for the same fixed feed-in tariff (FIT) of 0.75 RMB/kWh for 15 years from the start of operations. However, co-fired generation plants using more than 20% of traditional fuels (such as coal) are deemed as traditional power plants rather than biopower plants, and thus ineligible for the FIT.

Policy recommendations

To develop bioenergy in China, the following policies are necessary:

- Firstly, to carry out assessments of resources. Resource evaluation is the basic condition for developing a biomass energy industry.
- Secondly, to establish adequate legislation and policies for biomass energy development. Based on the Renewable Energy Law, China can formulate relevant laws and policies to support the biomass energy development and implement economic encouragement. Furthermore, establishing a standard biomass energy system is very important.
- Thirdly, to accelerate the development, dissemination, and application of biomass conversion technologies. To increase support for the basic study and understanding of biomass technologies, independent intellectual property rights need to be established to accelerate the development of new energy technologies. Summarising the experiences and lessons learned, is also important in order to steadily promote a healthy development of the biomass energy industry.

In brief, the biofuel industry in China, in the future, should accomplish the following strategic tasks:

(1) Transform the mix of feedstock and consolidate a resource base. The resource base should be consolidated through a transition from reliance on edible food feedstock to a variety of agricultural raw materials such as non-food materials in order to avoid threats to food security and to expand feedstock input structure.

(2) Optimise the structure of product mix to improve economic efficiency by developing and integrating related technologies, expanding the industrial chain and improving a comprehensive use of resource, producing high added-value by products and new products according to the particular characteristics of the non-food feedstock.

(3) Restructure the industrial organisation chain to improve industrial efficiency.

(4) Reconsider the concept of industrial development to ensure sustainable development.

(5) Establish a sound industrial policy system to promote the healthy development of industry. It is urgent for the government to establish a sound policy system suitable to characteristics of non-grain liquid biofuel industry by formulating and implementing a series of incentive policies, clear regulations and effective mechanisms in line with the technological and industrialisation progress, feedstock and products mix, characteristic of industrial organisation and concept of sustainable biofuel, so as to ensure the construction of pilot projects and scale-up development of biofuels in China.

IV - Findings of the Centres in Africa

IV.1 Energy Environment and Development Network for Africa (AFREPREN/FWD)

IV.1.1 Kenya

Production and use of bioenergy

Kenya is relatively well endowed with biomass resources. In summary there are three main potential sources for modern bioenergy in Kenya, namely: use of natural occurring biomass such as wood from trees and other plants to produce modern energy, conversion of biomass waste from processes of agro-industries into modern energy and commercially grown crops solely grown for modern energy production.

Kenya has significant potential for bioenergy development for both liquid biofuel as well as for electricity generation. At the household level, there is a high potential for biogas production. The technical potential is estimated to be 1,259,000 units, but the number of installed biogas digesters is about 500 (Karekezi and Kithyoma, 2005). After recent world records of oil prices and crippling electricity generation shortfalls, Kenya joined many other Sub-Saharan African countries in encouraging bioenergy development. Most of the existing aforementioned biofuel initiatives are driven by non-Governmental Organizations. With about 80% of the country's land mass considered arid or semi-arid land, there is significant interest in the development of *jatropha curcas* – a plant that is said to do well in marginal land and can produce biodiesel as a cleaner substitute to crude oil-based diesel.

The most advanced modern bioenergy sub-sector in Kenya is the conversion of biomass waste from agro-industries into commercial energy. The aforementioned experience is, presently, mainly found in the sugar industry where sugar factories use bagasse through cogeneration, for internal use and sale of excess power to the national grid. Therefore, the best opportunities for Kenya in bioenergy area are related with cogeneration. In such context, it's opportune to highlight that the expansion of cogeneration in Kenya has important income generation implications, especially for smallholder sugarcane farmers. Also, minimising the negative impacts of cogeneration development on society is an important part of sustainable development. Cogeneration development has several positive impacts on rural communities where sugarcane is grown. For example, it does not impact existing settlements and therefore does not lead to the displacement of communities.

Only 18% of Kenya's population has access to grid electricity. In the rural areas, grid electricity access levels are a paltry 5% compared to 51% in urban areas. Cogeneration in rural-based agro-industries could potentially assist in widening rural access to electricity. The relatively high population growth rate of Kenya coupled with increasing demand from the industrial and

commercial sectors has contributed to a narrowing reserve margin in electricity supply. Bioenergy-based power generation is seen to have an important role to play in filling the aforementioned supply gap. Already, cogeneration in the sugar industry is contributing around 26 MW (from one sugar factory) with 10 other proposals for developing biomass-based cogeneration submitted to the Ministry of Energy for the generation of about 270 MW - equivalent to over 20% of the current national installed capacity.

“Cogen for Africa” it is a project funded by UNEP (*United Nations Environment Programme*), GEF (Global Environment Facility) and AfDB (African Development Bank). The overall objective of the project is to help transform the cogeneration industry in Eastern and Southern Africa into a profitable cogeneration market, as well as to promote widespread implementation of more efficient cogeneration systems, by removing barriers to their application, including adequate capacity building. The Project now is under the phase of Mid Term Review by a team of consultants that evaluated the status and progress, as well as made proposals and recommendations for the remaining phase of the project.

Perhaps the most important economic consideration for cogeneration development is the fact that the sugar business on its own cannot sustain sugar factories in Kenya after 2012 when the sugar market in the Common Market for Eastern and Southern Africa region will be liberalised. The survival of sugar factories in Kenya post-2012 depends, to a large extent, on cogeneration development.

Existing policies

Kenya has not yet developed dedicated policies with important implications for bioenergy development or cogeneration. While a National Biofuels Committee was established in 2006 with the objective of coordinating stakeholders, the Committee has been focusing on developing a biodiesel strategy using *jatropha curcas*. The legal and regulatory framework of the existing policy supporting cogeneration development is embodied in the following documents:

- Sessional Paper No.4 of 2004 on Energy
- Energy Act of 2006
- Feed-in Tariff Policy for Renewable Energy

Existing barriers

Several barriers appear to be in the way of the country to fully realise its cogeneration potential. Flexible Feed in tariff, non-enforceable legal and regulatory instruments, lack of technical expertise, unavailable local financing, low confidence among small farmers and protracted sale of state – owned sugar factories are among the possible barriers to be mentioned. In order to realise the full potential of cogeneration in Kenya, the following policy recommendations are proposed: institution of pre-determined feed-in tariffs for bioenergy power plants, high-pressure technology and skills transfer (capacity building), innovative financing, innovative revenue-sharing mechanisms and sustainable bioenergy feedstock development

IV.2. ENDA - Energy, Environment, Development

The case studies analysed in this section have shown the abundant bioenergy resources that can be harnessed in West Africa to provide much needed modern energy services in rural areas in order to catalyse development. Unfortunately, this potential remains largely untapped while current uses of bioenergy resources endanger both the local and/or global environment as well as aggravating poverty in rural households.

Biomass accounts for the bulk of most West African countries total national energy supply. Reliance on traditional biomass energy is particularly high and accounts for 70-90% of the primary energy supply and up to 95% of total household consumption in some countries. Traditional biomass is considered to be free energy and represents the main energy source for the poor, especially in rural and peri-urban areas. Even oil producing countries in West Africa continue to rely on traditional biomass energy to meet the major proportion of their household energy requirements (cooking and heating). In Nigeria, it is estimated that traditional fuel use accounts for about 82.3% of total energy use.

The global energy balance of the eight countries comprising the West African Economic Monetary **Union** (*Union Economique et Monétaire Ouest Africaine* - UEMOA), Benin, Burkina Faso, Ivory Coast, Guinea Bissau, Mali, Niger, Senegal and Togo, provides eloquent evidence that traditional energy, biomass in particular, plays a critical role in the total energy consumption, around 80%. The average in the 15 ECOWAS countries totalled 82%, while the share of hydrocarbons and electricity remains quite low (15% and 5%, respectively). Given the low penetration of efficient and modern biomass use, there are questions as to whether the heavy reliance on biomass energy in West Africa could change in the near future.

Biomass is a key sector in West Africa with economic, environmental and social dimensions. However, a review of the Policy Framework leads to the conclusion that in most countries there is no specific policy outline for bioenergy. It is included as a sub-sector of the general Energy Policy/Strategy or in the Renewable Energy Policy/Strategies. Conventional sources of energy remain a priority.

Although the agriculture, forestry, environment and energy sectors are inter-related, their respective sector policies have been developed largely in isolation with little or no cross-sectorial collaboration. It is undeniable that these sectors need to be harmonised if modern bioenergy is to play an effective role as a tool for poverty reduction and rural development. Lack of consultations and coordination will compromise the ability of each of the sectors to achieve their respective policy objectives.

Since Africa seems to offer a good environment in terms of available land, cheap labour and favourable climate, private businesses (mainly foreign companies) are investing in the production of biofuels in many countries. Unfortunately, policy and regulation frameworks are not established to monitor these emerging private initiatives that appear to focus on exports.

Jatropha plantations for biodiesel production have recently attracted special interest in West Africa given that it is believed this plant does not require high quality land and rain. Thus, it does not

seem to pose any competition for land and water uses, nor does it impinge on food security. Despite the observed craze for *jatropha*, commercial production of biodiesel from this tree has not started at a large scale. One of the private companies in Ghana has recently named themselves as the first company in Ghana and West Africa to commence the commercial production of biodiesel. It has declared 10 metric tons of biodiesel are produced from 650 hectares *jatropha* plantation.

The major barriers identified from the analysis of bioenergy development in the three selected countries can be summarised below:

- Absence of a comprehensive national bioenergy policy;
- Absence of coherence between sectoral policies that involve bioenergy;
- Lack of incentive mechanisms including appropriate financing schemes;
- Relatively high cost of bioenergy;
- Absence of high quality planting materials and feedstock;
- Feedstock availability;
- Lack of skilled work force and project management capacities at a local level.

For solid biomass, barriers are particularly related to:

- Difficulty for private companies to participate in structuring investments in forest resources assessment;
- Financial profitability and market penetration of improved cooking devices;
- Lack of technical knowledge of planting and cutting techniques

IV.2.1. Senegal

The major source of energy in Senegal is biomass, meeting almost 60% of the countries' final energy; a far greater percentage than other contributors such as petroleum products accounting for 37%, electricity being 5% and agricultural residues 1%.

The main forms of biomass are wood and charcoal used for cooking purposes. The minimum quantity used in the country is 50,000 tonnes of charcoal mainly in urban areas. In rural areas, firewood is the main source of energy. This consumption is difficult to estimate because of uncontrolled side-forest populations that according to the Forestry Code can benefit from the right of use. Contrary to charcoal, firewood is not submitted as a formal quota.

The case of solid biomass in Senegal shows the potential and challenges of a sustainable and improved production of forest based bioenergy. Community based and participative management of forest resources have been implemented with a market oriented approach to ensure community revenue generation, an efficient production of charcoal and improved cooking devices from sustainable collection of fuel wood.

Existing policies

The promotion of biofuels as a substitute for petroleum products is a major option that the Government has taken to reduce the country's energy dependence. The political will for the promotion of biofuels was emphasised in July 2006 when the President held a meeting of non-oil producing African countries that led to the creation of the Association of Non-Oil Producing African Countries (APANPP).

The action plan adopted by the APANPP envisages the development of biofuel use by the establishment of common strategies combining the setting up of a legislative and regulatory regime, the application of incentives and funding mechanisms.

In Senegal, a National *Jatropha* Plantation Programme (NJP) was launched in 2006 with the aim of planting 320,000 ha nationwide from 2007 to 2012. However, the responsibility for the institutional framework and management of agro-fuels moves between the Agriculture and Energy Department, and also the Ministry of "Pisciculture", making it very hard for the NJP to keep on track and achieve objectives outlined in 2006. Privately, *jatropha* plantation initiatives are progressing on a decentralised basis without a proper national coordination. However, the biodiesel industry does not seem to emerge in the country. A mapping project has been initiated by ENDA's energy programme to understand the location and purpose of these plantations.

Bioethanol production has also been addressed with the installation of a processing plant in the Senegalese Sugar Company (CSS). The company produces approximately 35,000 tonnes of molasses with strong sugar content. The ethanol plant can transform the molasses into 2,500 m³ of industrial ethanol and 10,000 (metric) tones (12,500 m³) of anhydrous ethanol as biofuels.

IV.2.2. Ghana

Production and use of bioenergy

Annual fuel wood production is estimated to be 18 million tonnes; wood can be converted into modern energy carriers using available technologies rather than their current use as fuel wood or charcoal. Ghana also has vast areas of degraded lands that can be reforested or used to produce short-rotation energy crops.

Despite the huge potential of agro-fuels and municipal waste as feedstock for the production of modern bioenergy, these resources remain untapped. For example, less than 2% of households in Ghana use crop residues for cooking with the majority of agricultural residues being left to decompose in the farms.

An estimated 2.7 million hectares of land are either already under cultivation or have been allocated for *jatropha* cultivation, representing 11% of total land area and 19% of total agriculture land.

In addition to bioenergy from *jatropha curcas*, other bioenergy forms have emerged in West Africa. These include other crop conversions, such as sunflower, cassava, cashew fruit, etc, and even waste-to-energy (biomethanisation).

The case studies analysed in this report cover *Jatropha* plantations initiatives (in Mali and Ghana) and a Waste-to-Energy for power generation (in Ghana). The latter confirms the potential of biomethanisation (biogas) for community electrification. Effluents of agro-processing palm oil mills promises to be a viable and cost-effective option for waste-to-energy biomethanisation, providing rural energy, process fuel and organic fertiliser as well as contributing to GHGs emissions reduction. Feasibility studies conducted for the “Facilitating the Provision of Sustainable Energy and Environment for Development”, a 3.5 million Euro project soon to commence, has confirmed the benefits of the biomethanisation technology are enormous. This includes generation and provision of 126 kW of clean electricity to three rural communities, 1.95 million m³ of biogas per annum (equivalent of 1,000 metric tons of diesel) as process fuel to replace diesel, 2,000 metric tones of organic fertilizer for agricultural purposes and other value-added products and services.

Existing policies

In Ghana, a National *Jatropha* Plantation Initiative (NJPI) was introduced in 2006 with the ultimate target of developing up to one million hectares of *Jatropha* plantations on available idle and degraded lands in the next five to six years. Private initiatives have also evolved recently and over 20 companies (mostly foreign owned) are cultivating large tracts of *Jatropha* plantations all over Ghana. This rapid development is taking place without the creation of policy and regulation frameworks for a bioenergy industry and the existing forest and agricultural policies do not cover the bioenergy sector.

Environmental and social impacts

Evidence does not indicate that the bioenergy industry poses an immediate threat to food security in Ghana. This conclusion is based on two reasons: 1) that the industry is not at present focusing on feedstock from food crops, and 2) that only 51% of total land area suitable for agriculture is currently under cultivation. Even so, it is still possible that location-specific challenges to food security in Ghana exist and will develop. For example, in cases where individual subsistence farmers are deprived of their farmlands and sources of livelihood, there is a need to implement more stringent and well-regulated land acquisition processes.

Ghana currently has enough unused land as well as degraded lands that can be used to cultivate *Jatropha* and other feedstock. However, the indiscriminate acquisition of land – usually through bilateral negotiations involving traditional rulers and/or individual farmers and foreign companies and their Ghana counterparts could create landlessness and food shortage in some rural areas. Land acquisition for large *Jatropha* plantations and their ecological and environmental consequences must be investigated and dealt with.

IV.2.3. Mali

Production and use of bioenergy

Bio-energy is currently the major source of energy in Mali. The share of bioenergy in the country energy balance is around 70%; however, the traditional use of burning wood, charcoal, residues, etc. is not efficient. Furthermore, the potential of agricultural waste as an energy source is insufficiently exploited.

Jatropha plants, as naturally growing sources of bioenergy are widespread and well known among farmers in all of Mali. Interest in *jatropha* has been present for some decades. Recently, emphasis has been directed toward piloting rural electrification from *jatropha*-based oil. A unique *jatropha* oil project was implemented in the *Garalo* village to provide electricity to 250 subscribers with potential for more than 10 000 inhabitants, including social services and incomes and local businesses. Mali intends to replicate the *Garalo* experience to a wider scale to support its efforts towards rural electrification.

Existing policies

The National Strategy for the Development of Biofuels defines the regulatory framework for bioenergy in Mali. The National Agency for Bioenergy (BIOCARMALI) has recently been created and will operate these policies and strategies. The *National Energy Policy* of Mali adopted by the government in 2006 presents a framework for all programs in the field of energy. Other relevant policy fields are taken into consideration, i.e. economic reforms and industrialisation policies such as the National Strategy for Poverty Reduction (CSLP), environmental protection, decentralisation strategies, the Development and Education Program and Sanitation and Social Program. Its global objective consists of strengthening the sustainable development of the country by providing widely accessible energy services and simultaneously encouraging socio-economic investments.

In the Agriculture sector, the new agriculture legislation in Mali includes specific consideration for energy production from Agricultural crops. The "*Loi d'orientation agricole*" (Agricultural Orientation Law), recently adopted, focuses on biofuel production to meet rural energy needs.

The ethanol production from sugarcane plantations has led to employment among surrounding communities. When plans for expanding the plantations are undertaken it is important that smallholders are not locked out of the benefits and plantations do not encroach on their land. Smallholders and plantations are now growing *jatropha* trees as feedstock for biodiesel.

IV.2.4. Common findings from West Africa countries

Biomass is a key sector in West Africa with economic, environmental and social dimensions. However, the review of Policy Frameworks leads to the conclusion that in most countries, there is no specific policy outline for bioenergy, it is mostly included as a sub-sector in the general Energy or Renewable Energy Policy/Strategy. Conventional sources of energy remain the priority of energy policies.

Although agriculture, forestry, environment and energy sectors are inter-related, respective sector policies have been developed largely in isolation with little or no cross-sectorial collaboration. It is undeniable that government involvement in these sectors should be harmonised if modern bioenergy is to play an effective role for poverty reduction and rural development. Lack of consultations and coordination will compromise the ability of each of the sectors to achieve their respective policy objectives.

Since Africa seems to offer a good environment in terms of available land, cheap labour and favourable climate, private businesses (mainly foreign companies) are investing in the production of biofuels in many countries. Unfortunately, policy and regulation frameworks are not established to monitor these emerging private initiatives that appear to focus on exports.

Sustainability and certification of bioenergy in West Africa

The international debate on bioenergy, in particular on biofuels, has attracted attention and discussion on several levels. The major concern has been around the negative effects of biofuel production and use, with a focus on food security, environmental preservation and labour rights.

Ensuring the sustainability of biofuel production is seen as a tool to prevent possible negative effects based on sustainability criteria, indicators and principles.

Several initiatives have been launched with respect to establishing sustainability standards and certification at national, regional and international levels.

Different sustainability initiatives are similar in how they refer to three main sectors: Social, Economic and Environmental. In addition, related sectors such as compliance with laws and agreements, indirect land use change, enhancement of the NGOs roles, traceability of biomass and the improvement of conditions at local level are also featured.

Sustainability is broadly mentioned in the national programs/initiatives in West Africa and concern is directed towards implementation of bioenergy plantations on idle and degraded lands (Ghana and Senegal). However, this condition does not seem to clearly apply for private bioenergy projects.

Although the present situation does not seem to pose any immediate threat to food security, it is likely that some subsistent farmers, have had their lands taken over and been deprived of their source of food and livelihoods. The situation is bound to worsen if the current indiscriminate and

uncontrolled acquisition of land is not curtailed or moderated by the appropriate authorities in West Africa.

This study has attempted to analyse, based on selected case studies, sustainability of bioenergy according to Economic, Social and Environmental criteria, as set forth by sustainability initiatives.

At the macro-economic level, the *jatropha* programs in Ghana and Senegal are expected to lead to potentially significant revenues, contribute to energy security and the conservation of the foreign exchange. If Ghana were to cultivate 1 million hectares of *jatropha*, the benefit would be amount to US\$ 4 billion annually. If 30% of gasoil is replaced with biodiesel and 30% of Kerosene is replaced with bio-oil, by 2010, the reduction in the import bill could reach 15 to 20%. In Senegal, if it were possible to achieve the National *Jatropha* Programme (320,000 ha of *jatropha* plantation), the country would replace 100% of gasoil with biodiesel, also reducing the energy bill.

The solid biomass industry in Senegal involves a controlled turnover of around 10 million Euro, of which 20% benefits local areas of production.

At the local level, indicators show some positive impacts in terms of job and revenue creation as well as improvement in community access to energy. However, environmental impacts have not been assessed at a local scale and concerns over land tenure and rural population displacement have been raised.

None of the West African countries has developed any specific criteria or certification schemes. Therefore, an opportunity exists for countries to examine existing sustainability schemes and adopt practices that are suitable to their context in order engage with international trade market of bioenergy. Clearly, to promote environmentally responsible markets, there is a need for additional costs and national capacity building.

IV.3. Energy Research Centre South Africa – South Africa, Mozambique and Malawi

In Southern Africa, traditional biomass is still the most common energy source and electrification rates are relatively low, ranging from 20 to 45%. The exception is South Africa, the most economically powerful country in the region, where electricity and fossil fuels are the major energy source and about 80% of households have access to electricity.

However, traditional fuel wood is still widely used and there is growing concern about the sustainable harvesting of trees and shrubs for fuel. Production of commercial biofuels for transport is still limited in the region.

Change is expected soon, as many Southern African countries are planning to grow feedstock and produce biofuels such as ethanol and biodiesel.

The three countries - South Africa, Mozambique and Malawi - were selected for this study because of their different approaches to bioenergy and biofuels.

South Africa has developed an industrial biofuel strategy including clear social objectives to address rural poverty and development; this is supported by policies with similar objectives in agriculture and land redistribution. In Southern Africa traditional biomass is still the most common energy source and electrification rates are relatively low and range from 20% to 45%. The exception is South Africa, the economically most powerful country in the region, where electricity and fossil fuels are the major energy sources and about 80% of households have access to electricity.

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This is about to change, as many Southern African countries are planning to grow feedstock and produce biofuels such as ethanol and biodiesel.

Mozambique has prepared a biofuel strategy, evaluating both plantation and smallholder farming as well as production activities.

In Malawi, bioethanol development is far ahead of other countries in the region and private companies have been producing bioethanol from sugar cane since 1982. Since then, about 10% of ethanol has been blended with gasoline. The country has considerable experience in ethanol production and is now investigating the feasibility of using 100% ethanol for vehicles.

The three countries are competitors in the domestic, regional and international biofuel markets.

Many countries in Southern Africa have large potential for growing biofuel feedstock. Angola, Mozambique, Zambia and Tanzania have low population densities and favourable soils and climate. So far, commercial biofuel production in the region is limited. This is set to change as many Southern African countries are planning and have already started to grow feedstock with intentions to producing ethanol, mainly from sugarcane and biodiesel from *Jatropha*. Coastal countries such as Mozambique will expand coconut plantations, which have been traditionally exported as vegetable oil.

There is some concern that African countries will produce and export raw oils, therefore it is important that more steps in biofuel production chain are localised to add value and to create more jobs.

IV.3.1. South Africa

Production and use of bioenergy

Traditional fuel wood is the one most widely used solid bioenergy resources available to the poor, particularly in rural areas and 20% of the population are still using it (Statistics South Africa, 2007). Sugar cane, maize, soya beans, sorghum, canola and sugar beet are the major biofuel crops expected to be grown for energy purposes. The Biofuels Industrial Strategy proposes sugar cane and sugar beet for ethanol production and sunflower, canola and soya beans for biodiesel. Due to

food security concerns, maize, a staple food crop is excluded for ethanol production in the initial phase the Biofuels Industrial Strategy (DME 2007).

There have been plans to develop a soya biodiesel plant in South Africa but Sasol industry seems to have received insufficient government support and the plan has been shelved for now (Bridge, 2004). Biodiesel from used vegetable oil is also being produced and sold by a number of small plants in South Africa.

Although the national South African electricity company, Eskom, supplies most electricity municipalities, they are exploring ways to diversify their energy portfolio, increasingly looking at green energy. The City of Cape Town sees itself in the forefront of renewable energy and is exploring the use and application of bioenergy and biodiesel activities in South Africa (Wilson, et al., 2005).

Existing policies

The government has introduced policies and strategies to support renewable energy in the country, starting with the White Paper on the Energy Policy and the Renewable Energy Policy (DME, 2003) and recently the Renewable Energy Feed-in Tariff (REFIT) in 2009. Since the initial stages, policy support for renewable energy has steadily increased over the years. The REFIT supports a market mechanism to stimulate the renewable energy industry in South Africa to contribute toward the renewable energy target of 10,000GWh by 2013.

Of particular interest to the GNESD bioenergy study is the Biofuels Industrial Strategy of the Republic of South Africa (DME 2007). The strategy intends to achieve a 2% biofuel contribution to the national liquid fuel supply within five years. The proposed crops are sugar cane and sugar beet for bioethanol and sunflower, canola and soya beans for biodiesel. At this relatively low target, land availability is not of major concern because 5% of the national diesel demand could be generated from underutilised land in the former homelands. Food security concerns exclude the use of staple food such as maize. *Jatropha*, for being an alien species, is also excluded under the policy. This strategy appears to be overoptimistic in expecting emerging farmers to produce 400 million litres of biofuels within the next five years from a starting base of almost zero.

IV.3.2. Mozambique

Production and use of bioenergy

Mozambique, one of the poorest countries in the world, is potentially an energy-rich country and already exports hydroelectricity and natural gas to its neighbours. About 20% of the population has access to electricity. Forests cover over 51% of Mozambique. Fuel wood is the predominant fuel in rural areas and charcoal is more common in urban areas (SEI, 2001). About 80% of the population relies on charcoal. Due to fuel wood harvesting, forest degradation is occurring near major population centres.

The Mozambican Agricultural Research Institute (Econergy, 2008) estimates that 6.5 to 12.2 million ha - are available for expanding agricultural production. Local and foreign producers can get long-term renewable leases or concessions. Suitable agricultural land and sufficient water resources are found particularly in the Centre and North of the country where unemployment is high among the rural population. It will be important to integrate smallhold farmers into the emerging biofuel industry. Sugarcane and sweet sorghum are the proposed feedstock for bioethanol, while *jatropha curcas* and coconut will generate biodiesel (Republica de Mozambique, 2009).

Bioenergy policies in developing countries cannot be understood in isolation, they have to be compared to biofuel policies and targets in developed countries. It is expected that Mozambique and Malawi, with small internal markets, will look for export markets for biofuel production. Importantly, biofuel targets and mandates in other regions such as the EU and USA will influence the amount of land and resources allocated to biofuel production.

Existing policies

The Government of Mozambique commissioned a detailed assessment of biofuels in the country, focusing on technical, socio-economic and environmental feasibility (Econergy, 2008). The biofuels policy and strategy was published on the 21st May 2009 (Republica de Mozambique, 2009). The policy states that the biofuels sector is to contribute to energy security and socio-economic sustainable development. A new National Commission for Biofuels (CNB) will be responsible for the implementation of the biofuel strategy and a National Programme for Biofuel Development will provide financial support for biofuel activities and projects.

Environmental and social impacts

Unemployment in rural areas is 13%, compared to 31% in urban areas. The biofuel sector could contribute to alleviating rural unemployment (INE, 2006).

The land issue may become controversial in cases where smallholders will loose their land to plantations owned by international companies. Since only a very small minority of farmers have title deeds, traditional landownership has to be recognised by all to avoid land disputes.

IV.3.3. Malawi

Production and use of bioenergy

Malawi is one of the poorest countries in the world and unlike Mozambique there is very little unused land for biofuel expansion. Similar to other Southern African countries, Malawi has been growing and exporting sugar. However Malawi is the only country in the region producing bioethanol for blending with petrol (E10). Malawi has grown and processed bioethanol since 1982 and has blended petrol with 10% ethanol. There are also plans to grow sweet sorghum for ethanol

feedstock. Malawi produces ethanol from sugar cane and two plants generate 18 million litres of ethanol per year. About 50% is blended with petrol in Malawi and the other 50% is exported to East and Southern Africa. The plants have a design capacity of 16 million litres of ethanol each, but produce well below the installed capacity because there are not enough molasses available. The country expects to expand sugarcane plantations so that the two plants can produce to capacity.

Biomass makes up 93% of energy use in Malawi and only 6% of households have access to electricity. Fuel wood and charcoal supply most of this demand. Forests cover about a third of Malawi but forests are declining at a rapid rate due to agricultural expansion, fuel wood use, commercial charcoal production, tobacco curing, brick making and other uses. Malawi's yearly fuel wood and charcoal demand is 7.5 million tonnes and the sustainable supply is only 3.8 million tonnes (Chimwala, 2008).

Charcoal production is illegal in Malawi but the government has turned a blind eye on the industry which provides 93,000 people depend with employment as producers, bicycle transporters and road side urban vendors (Government of Malawi, 2007). Due to unsustainable harvesting Malawi lost about 13% of its forest cover between 1990 and 2005.

Existing policies

Malawi is also encouraging private-sector jatropha projects to further diversify its overdependence on liquid fuel imports. There are a number of biodiesel projects based on jatropha in Malawi. The Government is expanding soya production and trying to attract investment for soya cultivation to produce soya milk, soya oil and other secondary products.

Environmental and social impacts

The ethanol production from sugarcane plantations has led to employment among the surrounding communities. When the plans for expanding the plantations are undertaken, it is important that smallholders are not locked out of benefits and that plantations do not encroach on their land. Smallholders and plantations are now growing jatropha trees as feedstock for biodiesel.

IV.4. Main findings from Africa

There is widespread energy poverty in sub-Saharan Africa and on average only 24 percent of the population has access to electricity, with some countries far below that. The vast majority depend on traditional biomass such as fuel wood, charcoal and agricultural residue for their energy needs. The development of biofuels in Africa should not only fill the cars in the industrialised world but should primarily alleviate energy poverty in the country where the feedstock is grown.

In sub-Saharan Africa the percentage of people living in absolute poverty has decreased from 53.7% in 1981 to 51.2% in 2005 but due to population growth the number of people in absolute poverty has risen from 214 million to 391 million in the same time period.

Some African nations have seen substantial developments in their agricultural sector. Government support (finances and policies), increased mechanization, irrigation, improved seed and fertilizer use are some of the reasons behind the success. The gains in agricultural production are outpaced by population growth with the effect that on average there is less food produced per person.

However, most farmers in Africa are smallholders and agricultural growth and poverty reduction will depend on more productive smallholder farming enterprise in the short and medium term. Over the years large globally integrated companies are entering African agriculture and these companies are advantaged because of greater technical expertise, market knowledge and access to cheaper capital. Smallholders are undercapitalised and are under increasing pressure to adopt new technologies and crops and learn to adapt to market requirements. Larger commercial farms are in a better position to manage risks associated with the adoption of new technologies and crops.

The challenge of the new biofuel industry is to strengthen support for smallholder farmers to be the engine of agricultural growth and poverty reduction in sub-Saharan Africa.

Most African farmers are subsistence farmers and low agricultural productivity is one of the major problems in poor rural areas. Biofuels are agricultural crops, which countries hope will stimulate agricultural productivity of smallholder farmers not only for the bioenergy crop but also for food production. In the past cash crops such as tobacco, tea, cotton, were thought to stimulate agricultural productivity and rural development but they generally failed to do so. The challenge is to make sure that a more suitable agricultural development model is adopted for growing and processing the new biofuel crops including both smallholder farms and plantations of agribusinesses.

In West Africa, the major barriers as identified from the analysis of bioenergy development in the three selected countries can be summarized as follow: absence of comprehensive national bioenergy policy; absence of coherence between sectorial policies that involves bioenergy; lack of incentive mechanisms including appropriate financing schemes; relatively high cost of bioenergy; absence of high quality planting materials and feedstock; feedstock availability; lack of skilled work force project management capacities at local level.

For solid biomass, barriers are particularly related to: difficulty for the private companies to participate in structuring investments in forest resources assessment; financial profitability and market penetration of improved cooking devices; lack of technical knowledge of planting and cutting techniques.

V - Findings of the Centers in Latin America

V.1 Fundación Bariloche

V.1.1 Argentina

Production and use of bioenergy

The most abundant biomass resources are located in the North East and North Central part of the country, mainly forest biomass. The Mesopotamia region also has abundant agro industrial residue resources, such as sawmill residues, rice husk and cotton residues. These residues are mostly used in the same agroindustry for processing.

The North-Central region presents some of the lowest rates in electricity coverage, in some departments the fraction of households connected to the grid is under 70%. Although the region remains without grid supply, it lies between two high voltage transmission lines running South-North. Coincidentally, this is one of the regions of the country that also lacks access to natural gas supply and consequently presents one of the highest fractions of households using fuel wood and charcoal for cooking, again indicating the availability of traditional biomass resources.

Diesel and LPG are not feasible options for poor and deprived households due to cost barrier and supply problems. These barriers will not be eliminated unless a coherent plan is implemented at national level.

The provinces of Formosa, North-West of Chaco, East of Salta and North of Santiago del Estero present suitable conditions from the point of view of available resources and unsatisfied energy requirements for the implementation of biomass cogeneration units.

Existing policies

Argentina has enforced a National Biofuels Program (National Law N. 26093/2006 and Decree 109/2007), which includes biodiesel, bioethanol and biogas. However, the level of development and political commitment is relatively high for biodiesel, medium for ethanol and very low for biogas. The national law promotes biofuels, and sets mandatory targets (5% as of 2010) for ethanol and biodiesel blends (as mentioned, biodiesel targets were elevated to 7% in July 2010). Argentina is already one of the main vegetable oil exporters, having both the natural resources and installed capacity to produce more biodiesel than the amount needed to supply the percentage fixed by law, an amount that was meant to link small-scale regional producers of biodiesel with internal quotas. However, recent discussions are directing the biodiesel quota to big crushers (around 10 firms) instead of smaller regional providers.

V.1.2. Chile

Production and use of bioenergy

In the Northern region, Comunas with the highest poverty rates are in rural areas of General Lagos. Camina and Colchane, placed in the Región I, with poverty rates close to 35%. In turn the highest poverty rate of the Central region – close to 43% - is found in Temuco (Región IX). While in the Southern region the Comunas with highest rural poverty are San Juan de la Costa and Quinchao, 32.3% and 30.4% respectively.

Chile has one of the highest rural electrification rates in Latin America, reaching around 86% of rural households in year 2002³. Around 77,000 households remained unconnected as of 2009. The lowest rural electrification rates are located in regions XI (Aisén). XII (Magallanes) has coverage of around 74%, but low absolute population levels. Regions IX (Araucanía) and X (Los Lagos) present some of the highest fractions of rural population, in particular of indigenous people. This population also lacks access to natural gas and fuel wood is their main energy carrier for thermal uses. Forest biomass is generally very abundant in these four regions. Projects for rural electrification have a strong focus on grid extension.

Despite Chile's extensive agricultural and forestry resources, the use of biomass for generating electricity is still in its infancy⁴. Current steam, biogas and electricity projects are related mainly to residues from forestry exploitation. The country has an installed capacity (thermal steam generation for the year 2007) of 73 MW (nominal) using black liquor as energy source and 118 MW from wood and forest residues. In that year, 744 GWh were generated, mainly from self-production of energy in industries.

Existing policies

Based on the availability of forest resources, poverty levels and unelectrified populations, the main niche for bioenergy cogeneration in Chile is located in regions IX and X, and to a lesser extent in regions XI and XII. In Chile, biofuel commercialisation was authorised (by Decreto Supremo N°11, of Ministerio de Economía, Fomento y Reconstrucción – January, 2008) in blends of 2% or 5% (volume basis) for both ethanol (with gasoline) and biodiesel (with diesel). In April 2008, National Law 20257 was enacted, mandating that 5% of the electricity provided would be generated from renewable sources, an obligation that binds commercialisation agents.

The country has a national support program implemented through CORFO for the development of advanced biofuels from forest biomass (and other renewables)⁵. Furthermore, in 2008 a national program for developing renewables (as a component of energy policy planning) was implemented and included the design and implementation of a "Renewable Energies Centre".

³ Comisión Nacional de Energía, 2003.

⁴ For example in each of Regions VII and VIII Energía Verde S.A., a subsidiary of the power producer AESGener, operates an 8.7-MW combined heat and power plant fired with waste wood. <http://www.energiaverde.cl>

⁵ CORFO, 2008.

V.1.3. Paraguay

Production and use of bioenergy

Paraguay has very similar conditions to those prevailing in the Formosa province of Argentina, low electrification rates and lack of access to either LPG or natural gas. About 40% of rural households lack access to electricity. Rural electrification mainly aspires to grid extension when economically feasible and to a lesser extent off-grid/mini-grid solutions powered by stationary generators or small-scale renewables for remote rural areas⁶. The number of rural electrification projects carried out with renewable energies has been rather small, Puerto 14 de Mayo, Acaray Mi, Yacac Vash, Punta Diamante. In relation to biomass resources, the traditional use of fuel wood in Paraguay has been very intensive in the past few decades. This has led to an important reduction and degradation of forest stands and an increasing pressure over the remaining forests.

In Paraguay, it is not considered suitable to propose energy supply niches based on the use of forest biomass. This does not imply that there are not specific situations where this could be recommended. It could then be preliminarily concluded that the most promising niches in Paraguay would lie in the production and use of vegetable oil, biogas and eventually biodiesel for self-consumption. This is reinforced by the fact that 67% of rural households have some kind of agricultural production⁷.

On the other hand, if reforestation is considered, Paraguay presents very interesting precedents that may indicate the feasibility of establishing multi-purpose community reforested areas for biomass energy supply. Among other main biomass resources for Paraguay there are vegetable residues such as coconut, cotton and dung residues.⁸ The use of fuel wood is very important in Paraguay, which is related not only to the high share of rural population, but also to the production of charcoal for residential and industrial use.

Existing policies

Paraguay has implemented a promotion system for ethanol and biodiesel, but the country still faces supply and quality problems.

⁶ ESMAP, 2004.

⁷ Ramírez, Julio y González, Cynthia. Crisis y pobreza rural en América Latina: el caso de Paraguay. Documento de trabajo N° 48 Programa Dinámicas Productivas Rurales. RIMISP Centro Actividades Productivas Rurales. Santiago de Chile, 2009.

⁸ Sub Secretary of Mines and Energy of Paraguay Mines <http://www.ssme.gov.py/VMME/VMME.htm>

V.1.4. Uruguay

Production and use of bioenergy

In Uruguay, where the departments with higher rural poverty incidence are located to the North of the country (Tacuarembó, Rivera, Artigas, Salto, Cerro Largo, and Paysandú), biomass accounts for 1.4% of electricity inputs. Following the National Decree 77/06 for biomass-based electricity promotion, three projects of about 10 MW each were recently selected (using wood residues, rice residues and sawdust as inputs). Another project of 140 MW of electricity generated from black liquor (40MW already dispatched from Botnia pulp and paper plant), completes the current framework⁹. In the country, "other biomass" consists mainly of sunflower, corn and rice residues and black liquor (residues from pulp and paper industry production).

Uruguay has an ethanol blending mandate of up to 5% by 2015 and a minimum of 5% from that year on. The blending mandate will be completed by 2010. For biodiesel, the blending mandate started at 2% in 2009 and will reach 5% by 2012. Uruguay aims to have a diversified feedstock supply for both biodiesel and ethanol production. The main target is local market supply. Also, Uruguay has a policy (the mentioned National Decree 77/06) for developing electricity generation from biomass, including its connection to the national grid.

Existing policies

Regarding biofuels, an agro-fuels law ("Ley de agrocombustibles", N. 18.195 of 14/11/07) indicates blending percentages of 5% of alcohol (bioethanol) in gasoline by 2015 and a progressive incorporation of 2 % biodiesel as of 2009 to 2011, and 5% as from 2012. In spite of lacking national biofuel technology production, Uruguay is developing a well-planned comprehensive strategy, including long-term contracts between the State Oil Company ANCAP and cooperative producers, affording higher cost of crop production in order to foster the local development of depressed rural areas, while guaranteeing locally provided biofuel crops. The sugar/alcohol project in Uruguay consists of sugar cane harvesting promotion in the North of the country, Bella Union, Artigas department. It is aimed at providing sugar to the domestic market and ethanol production for blending with gasoline.

⁹ DNETN, Ministerio de Industria, Energía y Minería del Uruguay, 2008. This plant provides currently 40MW of capacity to the National Grid. By the end of 2009, 38MW will be bought by the UTE to renewable energy producers. ALUR (Alcohol from Uruguay) will provide 4 MW, while another 8MW will be used for self consumption; Fenirol (Tacuarembó) will provide 8.8 MW from rice husk and forest industry residues; Bioener (Rivera) will provide 12 MW and Weyerhaeuser another 2MW both from forestry industry residues; and Galofer (Treinta y tres) will contribute 14MW generated from rice husk. La República, Uruguay, 26/10/2009 and El País, Uruguay, 23/10/2009.

V.1.5 Findings common to Argentina, Chile, Paraguay and Uruguay

Although information regarding agricultural, cattle raising and forestry production is available for the chosen countries, the employment of biomass for energy purposes is not easily identifiable. Similarly, information regarding all sorts of biomass projects under development, but not already implemented, is not available, as it is very difficult to address the real situation of the implementation stage.

The introduction of some proposed technologies for the region (gasification; anaerobic digestion; small-scale biodiesel; pure plant oil and steam turbines) could only help poor rural people if they were integrated into a comprehensive development strategy.

This must include basic infrastructure to facilitate rural population mobility and wellbeing, such as the use of trains as an alternative means of transport, schools and health centres. Firms and institutions working on and benefiting from rural areas could be called in to contribute their commitment to this development.

Similarly, the probability of successful long-term implementation is rather low if the proposals are only conceived as rural renewable energy projects. The technologies involved generally require a very good organisational level, a minimum level of infrastructure, income and knowledge. This may mean that a significant portion of the poor rural population will not be a suitable target for the introduction of these technologies.

Current bionergy use is far from reaching its potential and, as case studies prove, more basic information is needed in order to employ geo-reference tools for comprehensive land planning. In particular, surveys on specific productive rural activities, as well as on energy needs and level of satisfaction of energy services, are needed.

V.2. CENBIO/CentroClima

V.2.1. Brazil

Production and use of bioenergy

Brazil has a huge experience on biofuels and bioenergy in general since its Alcohol Program is more than 30 years old. The lessons learned can be shared with other DCs, aiming to collaborate for local development of biofuel programs. Brazilian experience is not only for sugarcane ethanol but also for biodiesel and can be shared with other DCs.

The perspectives of the Brazilian bioethanol market are different from other countries because of the maturity of its biofuel program and the large expansion observed in bioethanol consumption and production capacity. Brazil produced 27.5 billion liters of sugarcane ethanol in 2008/2009, being the second largest producer in the world, using an area of 6.8 Mha (million hectares), corresponding to 1.5% of total arable land in the country (from this area around 50% is for alcohol

production and the other 50% for sugar production) and 1.6 billion litres of biodiesel in 2009 (www.anp.gov.br).

For the 2012- 2013 season, a potential of 38 billion litres is forecasted, using an area of 10.3 Mha. It must be noted that this expansion (as well as the one for biodiesel) can be done in a sustainable way. Estimates for future scenarios are not an easy task because of the intense dynamics observed in the bioethanol agroindustry, where new projects are frequently implemented to meet the growing internal demand. However, some conservative production and consumption estimates are obtained for the period of interest.

Presently, there are no subsidies for anhydrous or hydrated ethanol production. Hydrated ethanol is sold for 60–70% of the price of gasohol at the pump station, due to significant reductions in production costs. These results show the economic competitiveness of ethanol when compared to gasoline. Recent increase in 2010-11 prices of ethanol in the pump stations were due to the high prices of sugar in international market, produced to the significant decrease on Indian sugar production. This interest of sugarcane industry for producing more sugar in fact occurred during the off-season (November 2010-April 2011), when the supply of ethanol in the country is generally reduced. However there was no significant impact for consumers since most of the current light vehicles fleet is based on the flex-fuel vehicles (engines running with any blend of ethanol-gasoline). During this period, consumers' choice was directed to gasoline consumption, returning to ethanol when ethanol prices decreased.

Existing policies

Among different programs for renewables in Brazil, together with Proalcool, the most important policy has been the National Program for Production and Use of Biodiesel (Programa Nacional de Produção e Uso do Biodiesel). The goal of this program is to introduce a new fuel in the Brazilian energy mix from self-sustained projects that combine good price, quality, supply guarantee and social inclusion policies. The addition of biodiesel to diesel, together with the ethanol program, is the main sustainability program for the transport sector.

From July 1st, 2008 onwards, all the diesel fuel sold in Brazil must contain 3% of biodiesel. Resolution N.2 of the Brazilian Energy Council (CNPE), published in March 2008, established the increase in the mandatory blend of biodiesel in diesel from 2 to 3%. However, due to the high production of biodiesel, the government anticipated the timetable and established the B5 blend to January 2010. In order to meet the B5 goal, studies show that around 2.3 billion litres of vegetable oil will be necessary. Therefore, it is unrealistic to consider a single species of oleaginous plant to supply raw material to fulfil such goals (CAMARA, 2006).

The Federal Government is making efforts to stimulate more renewable sources of energy. With respect to electricity generation, Brazil has invested in projects of renewable energy, distributed by the Program of Incentive to Alternative Sources of Electric Energy (*Programa de Incentivo às Fontes Alternativas de Energia Elétrica - Proinfa*) in 63 small hydroelectric power plants, 54 wind parks and 20 thermal units (for investments in energy through biomass).

Environmental and social impacts

Brazil has currently quite strong legislation in both the social and environmental sectors. In the social sector it is important to note recent initiatives from the government of São Paulo to avoid unemployment due to the introduction of the mechanical harvesting of green sugarcane. Several initiatives were implemented, including special capacity building not only to operate the sophisticated computerised machines but also to create opportunities for jobs in other sectors such as construction and industry.

Considering environmental issues, significant improvements were made in several government levels (Federal, State and Municipal ones) with the introduction, in September 2009, of the Federal zoning of sugarcane in the country, aiming to protect fragile ecosystems (*Amazonian rain forest, Pantanal wetlands, Brazilian savannah – “cerrado”, Atlantic Rain Forest*) and biodiversity.¹⁰ Previously, State initiatives dominated, the most important one being from Sao Paulo State.¹¹

The creation of such zones by the Federal Government and by the states of São Paulo, Minas Gerais and Mato Grosso do Sul aim to define which areas are adequate for sugarcane crop without pressure against fragile biomes. Also, a recent study from ICONE (NASSAR et al, 2010) shows that LUC (Land Use Change) and ILUC (Indirect Land Use Change) are not considered a problem in Brazil. Also, more strict limits for vehicles emissions were introduced, not only for gasoline and diesel engines, but also for alcohol and flex fuel ones.¹²

V.2.2. Colombia

Production and use of bioenergy

Colombia is starting a biofuel program and local perspectives are quite positive. Considering the production of biofuels, 327.2 million liters of ethanol were produced in 2009, 26% more than in 2008 and 350 million liters of biodiesel in 2008, mainly from palm oil, in an area of 337,000 hectares (FEDEPALMA, 2008).

Existing policies

Colombia started in 2004 a National Program of Biofuels, with a mandatory blend of sugarcane ethanol in gasoline in 2005 and, in 2007, its Biodiesel Program, aiming to produce and use biodiesel from palm oil (with a mandatory blend of 5 % biodiesel in diesel oil in 2008).

After launching the ethanol program with the goal of achieving 10% blend of bioethanol in gasoline, Colombian ethanol output grew steadily, as shown in Table 5. All five plants dedicated to

¹⁰ EMBRAPA - Brazilian Agricultural Research Corporation (www.embrapa.br)

¹¹ São Paulo State Environment Secretariat (www.ambiente.sp.gov.br)

¹² CETESB - Environmental Agency of São Paulo State <http://www.cetesb.sp.gov.br/Ar/emissoes/proconve2.asp>

anhydrous ethanol concentrate 90% of the national output, fully dedicated to the domestic market (RIEGELHAUPT et al, 2009). Nowadays in Colombia most gasoline is blended with 10% of ethanol (83% of Colombian territory). There are excellent conditions to grow sugarcane in Colombia and since 2001 there is legislation regarding the production and blending of bioethanol (CIEMAT, 2008, and ASOCAÑA, 2009).

Environmental and social impacts

The negative aspects of these crops are mainly due to concerns related to water use in crop and when its cultivation occurs in areas of native forests. Sources show that Colombia has a large territory for the cultivation of palm oil, but currently these areas are focused on raising cattle extensively. Through an adequate organization of the region, making cattle raising more intensive, it is possible the sustainable production of palm oil in Colombia.

New legislation is being introduced in the country to incentivate biofuels, as well as to guarantee their sustainable production, without having to cut down native forest areas and are built in regions which were once used for farming, adopting a range of good practices which allow them to maintain a competitive edge and promote sustainability, while complying with international standards.

Policy recommendations

The main reason for Colombian investment on biofuels (as, in an ample vision, for other Latin American countries) is the Brazilian experience.

Programs such the Brazilian Proálcool in the 1970s for bioethanol and the 'National Program for the Production and Use of Biodiesel' require an official commitment from the government in addition to a comprehensive system of obligations, subsidies, incentives, and big investments in infrastructure and development. If similar programs are intended to be launched in Colombia, many challenges would have to be faced. Primarily, political stability to guarantee long-term governmental support is fundamental.

VI – Conclusions - Common Key Recommendations

An effective way of alleviating poverty is through the energisation of productive activities in order to improve life quality and income. The studies driven by the GNESD centers show that the technologies focused in expanding the use of bioenergy require high organisational efforts, a minimum level of infrastructure, income and knowledge, elements that must be developed in most of the rural sector. Additionally, lack of small-scale electricity generation is found in all the countries analyzed. Finally and most importantly, the introduction of these technologies could only help poor rural people if they were integrated into a comprehensive development strategy.

The table presented in Annex I presents a summary of the main findings on the reports from the centers of excellence, not only showing current production/consumption of bioenergy in each country but also existing and proposed policies in favor of bioenergy, as discussed above in details.

The main barrier to the use of biomass as fuel in commercial or industrial sector, as well as for power generation is its high investment cost, low conversion efficiency, difficulties in transportation, seasonal dependency, and moisture content. To mitigate the above barriers, countries need to consider not only technologies development of biomass utilization by increasing conversion efficiency, but on technologies know-how and transfer to the operators. Moreover, policy/measures, raw material supply, demand side management and users' awareness, and financial support are to be well thought-out.

Based on the findings from the reports from GNESD centers, the following policy recommendations are proposed for consideration:

- To develop and implement national bioenergy policies; such policies should set clear and realistic targets for bioenergy in the national energy mix and develop strategies, including proper incentive mechanisms to help achieve set targets.
- To set up supporting regulatory frameworks to insure sustainable production and use of bioenergy at the environmental, economic and social levels.
- To institute sustainability approaches to help insure a sustainable production and use of bioenergy. This will safeguard the livelihood systems of the vulnerable and poor people.
- To implement sustainability approaches that should primarily target in-country productions, processing and uses of bioenergy and insure the improvement of local populations' livelihood, energy and food security.
- To insure transparency in bioenergy financial resources allocation. To put in place supporting measures to enhance capacities to implement the sustainability of bioenergy and promote environmentally and socially friend bioenergy markets

On the other hand, for the biofuel industry to be consolidated as an energy commodity in the international market and, therefore, have their production and marketing increased, some barriers must be overcome:

- It is necessary to have several countries as suppliers and consumers. However, currently the high costs of raw materials hinder the production diversification, because only the biofuel production from sugarcane is considered economically viable without subsidies, and it is unlikely that this situation can be changed in the 5 or 10 years, unless in the ethanol from cellulose will be obtained in large scale and competitive prices, what seems to be no so possible.
- End of subsidies and protectionism (ie, the shares imports) that produces distortions on international trade, preventing the free flow of products and limiting the market to occasional transactions, when there are deficiencies in supply.
- It is also necessary that the ethanol has quoted prices in a transparent world market. Therefore, it is important to develop a futures market, and that "hedgings" are applied (a good start was the launching of ethanol contracts on the New York Board of Trade in 2004 and contracts of corn ethanol on the Chicago Board of Trade in 2005).
- Bioethanol is sometimes considered impractical because of low demand and the large-scale investment needed to produce it, the costs involved in converting filling stations and vehicles. However, gasoline engines can be adjusted to ethanol and its blends. Besides, flex-fuel vehicle technology has become available with no extra costs to consumers.

- The strategic nature of bioethanol implies the existence of some degree of protectionism in almost any producing country. Protectionism is especially acute where energy security is equated with self-sufficiency or where biofuels are promoted to help domestic farmers in high-cost producing countries (DUFÉY et al., 2007).
- Subsidies are a key concern. In industrialised countries, government support for the domestic production of energy crops, the processing or commercialisation of biofuels seems to be the rule (DUFÉY, 2006). Amounts involved are enormous. In the United States, Koplow (2006) estimated that subsidies to the biofuels industry to be between US\$ 5.5 billion and US\$ 7.3 billion a year.
- The use of tariffs to protect domestic biofuel industries is a common practice and, as the impacts these policies have on developing countries competitiveness and potential for poverty reduction needs to be understood as domestic support in these countries is likely to be very limited. Moreover, subsidies impacts on environmental sustainability are also questionable as they promote bioethanol industries based on the less efficient energy crops and with the least greenhouse gases reductions such as maize and wheat (DUFÉY, 2006).
- In addition to tariff barriers, non-tariff barriers also exist, considering: Technical and sanitary requirements; Quality standards; Public Health policies; Labor regulation; Rules on competition; Consumer's protection; Corporative policies; Social and environmental policies.
- Biofuels must have specifications (standardisation) and possibly also be required for production certification, but adapted to the real conditions of each region. Adequate capacity building and funding are fundamental issues to collaborate to biofuels programs in Least Developing Countries (LDC's).
- Certification issues, despite the fact that they are important to guarantee the sustainability of biofuels production and use, can also be a non-tariff barrier. For Least Developing Countries (LDC), where the lack of funding and adequate capacity building is a matter of fact, this is a huge barrier against biofuels exports to industrialized countries (UNCTAD, 2008). In these cases a waiver related to certification schemes could be a significant collaboration for the economic development of such countries, not only considering the local supply but also the export of biofuels. Considering that in many cases local demand is quite low due to economic conditions, export of biofuels could allow a higher production, in a scale which allows economic competitiveness of biofuels with fossil fuels.
- Such waiver could include more time for capacity building in these developing countries to allow adequate adaptation, as well as for the introduction of modern technologies such as mechanical harvesting of green cane.

Considering all these issues, further discussions are needed about the environmental and social concerns, with a wider dissemination of the current results obtained with the use of biofuels, making a consistency of reporting and not considering uncertain issues, that make a barrier for the market of producer countries.

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ANNEX I – Results from Reports

Main findings of the Bioenergy countries reports - Africa					
Block of countries studied	Existing biomass	Country	Proposed case studies	Production data	Main specific characteristics
Ethiopia, Kenya, Sudan, Tanzania and Uganda	Wood fuel, ethanol, biodiesel, biogas	Block of countries			Most African farmers are subsistence farmers; and low agricultural productivity is one of the major problems in poor rural areas. Biofuels are agricultural crops, which countries hope will stimulate agricultural productivity of smallholder farmers not only for bioenergy crops but also for food production. In the past cash crops such as tobacco, tea, cotton, were thought to stimulate agricultural productivity and rural development but they generally failed to do so. The challenge is to make sure that a more suitable agricultural development model is adopted for growing and processing the new biofuel crops for both smallholder farms and agribusiness plantations. The challenge for the new biofuel industry is to strengthen support for smallholder farmers, so as to enable them to be the engine of agricultural growth and poverty reduction in sub-Saharan Africa. The vast majority of the population depends on traditional biomass such as wood fuel, charcoal and agricultural residue for their energy needs. The development of biofuels in Africa should not only fill the cars in the industrialised world but should primarily alleviate energy poverty in the country where the feedstock is grown.
		Kenya	a) Biomass cogeneration – bagasse (molasses)	Over the past 10 years, bagasse production in the country has increased by nearly by 30%. In 2008, the sugar factories in the country crushed over 5 million tonnes of sugarcane thereby producing just above 2 million tonnes of bagasse.	Relatively well endowed with biomass resources. In summary there are three main potential sources of modern bioenergy, namely: use of naturally occurring biomass such as wood from trees and other plants to produce modern energy; conversion of biomass waste from processes of agro-industries into modern energy; and, commercially grown crops solely grown for modern energy production. In 1998, close to 25% of the country's electricity was generated from the sugar industry, largely using the by-product bagasse. By 2001, electricity generation from sugar estates stood at 40% (half of it from bagasse) of the total electricity supply in country.
			b) Electricity from sugarcane factories	With current sugar production levels, assuming that all sugar factories had efficient high pressure boiler technology installed, sugar factories in Kenya have the potential to generate nearly 80 MW of electricity	
			c) Biogas - Landfill gas	Number of installed biogas digesters is about 500	
			d) Bioethanol – molasses and sugarcane	It is estimated that about 41 million litres of ethanol could be produced annually based on the existing production of molasses from the sugar production process. Like other aspects, the Kenya Bioenergy Report merely shows potential, not production data	

Main findings of the Bioenergy countries reports - Africa

Block of countries studied	Existing biomass	Country	Proposed case studies	Production data	Main specific characteristics
Mali, Ghana, Senegal	Traditional wood fuel and charcoal	Block of countries	Biodiesel - jatropha	West Africa recently began the commercial production of biodiesel. It has declared 10 metric tons of biodiesel produced from its 650 hectare jatropha plantation	
South Africa, Malawi, Mozambique	Traditional wood fuel	Malawi	a) Bioethanol – sugarcane		
			b) Biodiesel – Jatropha, soya		
			c) Improved wood fuel (?)		
		South Africa	a) Bioethanol: sugarcane and sugarbeet		
			b) Biodiesel: sunflower, canola, and soya beans		
			c) Pulp and paper mills		
			d) Landfill gas		
			e) Sugar bagasse: high pressure boilers, tops & trash		
		Mozambique	a) -Bioethanol- Sugarcane and sweet sorghum		
			b) Biodiesel - Jatropha curcas and coconut		
c) Pellets					

Main findings of the Bioenergy countries reports - Asia

Block of countries studied	Existing biomass	Country	Proposed case studies	Production data	Main specific characteristics
Thailand and Indonesia	Traditional biomass, agricultural residues for electricity production	Thailand		Residue available for energy (Mt, in 2005): 64.80 (including: Sugarcane, Paddy, Oil palm, Coconut, Cassava, Maize, Groundnut, Cotton, Soybean and Sorghum)	Biomass, which has been mostly used as fuel in rural households and industries, is now playing a greater role as fuel in power generation and as an energy source for bio-liquid fuel production for vehicles. The key factors for the successful promotion of bio-energy programmes are: priority of renewable energy in the national energy policy, authorised government institutions for promoting and implementing renewable energy policy and actions, and continuous and strong support from the government and other financing schemes.
			a) Bioethanol: sugarcane and others	As of March 2010, there were 19 ethanol plants in Thailand with a capacity of 2.93 million liters per day	
			b) Biodiesel – oil palm	As of March 2010, there were 14 biodiesel production plants with the total capacity of (B100) 5.9 million liters/ day	
			c) Biogas – rural areas	In 2008, total production capacity was 300 million m ³ of biogas per year, and this is used for heat and power generation. The installed capacity of biogas for electricity generation in Thailand is about 10.6 MW	
			d) Biomass power – bagasse, biogas, residues	Thailand's Ministry of Energy estimates that the potential of power generation in Thailand from biomass, municipal solid wastes (MSW) and biogas is 3,700 MW by 2011	
		Indonesia		Installed Capacity (biomass) = 445 MW (in 2007)	-
a) Biogas – palm oil and other residues	The country has a history in domestic biogas, with about 6,000 units constructed. Before the year 2000, mostly fixed dome digesters were used, but in more recent years the plastic bag digester has become more popular. By the end of December 2009, 50 plants had been installed through partner organisations in Bandung, Garut, Pasuruan, Malang and Solo and a NGO Programme which aims to install 8,000 biogas plants, including 2,000 units outside of Java by		There is a vast potential to implement biomass power generation and cogeneration projects in Indonesia using agro-industrial residues, which still remains untapped. Biomass is one source of renewable energy that has the potential to substitute petroleum-based fuel. The government has issued policies to increase its usage, including mandates and incentives to promote biomass energy projects.		

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			b) Biomass power – palm oil residues, rice husks c) Bioethanol – palm oil, jatropha, coconut oil d) Biodiesel – corn, molasses, cassava	the end of 2012 Existing plants include 10.3 MW palm oil residue plant in Pangkalanbrandan, Sumatra, 10.5 MW palm oil residue plant in Riau, Sumatra, and 3MW rice husk plant in Lampung, Sumatra. The production of ethanol in 2008, was 144 million liters The production of biodiesel in 2008 was 1,238 million liters	
China	Agricultural residue, forestry residue, municipal solid waste and livestock waste, biogas, ethanol	China	a) Biopower: agriculture and forestry/forest product wastes b) Biogas – rural/urban residues c) Biomass for heating – pellets; residues gasification d) Bioethanol – grain; molasses; cassava; sweet sorghum and others; cellulosic ethanol . FFV e) Biodiesel – waste oil	It is estimated that exploitable biomass resources in China total about 700 Mtce By 2010, the installed capacity of biomass power based on agricultural and forestry waste and energy crop plantations (bagasse included) will be 4 GW 14 billion cubic meters. Biopower from biogas: By 2010, the installed capacity of power generation based on MSW is expected to be 500 MW By 2010, the annual consumption of biomass pellet fuels around the country are expected to reach 1 million tons 1.65 million tons (2008) 100 thousand tons (2008)	Bioenergy resources are scattered, mainly located in rural regions. Traditional use of biomass through direct combustion still accounts for about 98 percent of total bio-energy in the rural areas, resulting in serious waste of resources and environmental pollution. Utilisation of bioenergy with different biomass conversion technologies producing various types of high-grade, high-quality and low-polluting energy products, could meet the pressing demand of energy in rural areas, and also could improve biomass thermal efficiency to 35~40%. There are other benefits such as saving resources, improving farmers' standard of living. Will develop bioenergy in a wide range of forms, hopefully focusing on biofuel for transport in the long term.

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India		India		<p>The total potential of non-fodder crop residues available for energy is currently estimated to be 319 MT for 2009-10.</p>	<p>With huge urban-rural disparity in terms of access to commercial energy forms such as grid electricity and LPG, bioenergy has an important role to play in not only contributing to the supply to meet future demand, but also in reducing the existing energy access in-equity. As biomass as a resource is more equitably distributed than other energy sources and also can be procured locally from a variety of sources, it addresses energy security (a relevant concern in a country that is already dependent on energy imports). Bioenergy contributes to nearly 90% of energy used in rural households and about 40% of energy used in urban households use. At the level of policy, a multi-pronged strategy for leveraging bioenergy for poverty alleviation and rural development was adopted : i) improving efficiency of the traditional biomass use (e.g. improved cook-stove programme), ii) improving the supply of biomass (e.g. social forestry, wasteland development), iii) technologies for improving the quality of biomass use (e.g.biogas, improved cook-stoves), iv) introduction of biomass based technologies for heat and electricity generation to deliver services provided by conventional energy sources, and v) establishing institutional support for programme formulation and implementation (formation of separate government wing to exclusively deal with non conventional energy sources).</p>
			Improvements on the use of traditional biomass	<p>Cumulative Achievements (as of 30-Sep-2006): Power generation from Surplus biomass = 466.5 MW; Power generation from sugar cogeneration = 571.83 MW; Waste to Energy = 34.95 MW; Bioenergy from Cattle dung = 1.12 billion m³/year; Ethanol for transport = > 1 MTOE/year</p>	
			a) Biomass power for remote village – combustion and gasification	<p>A variety of biomass gasifier based power generation systems using woody and non-woody biomass and capacities varying in the range of 5 to 1000 kWe have been developed indigenously for electrical applications. An aggregate capacity of 100 MWe of biomass gasifier systems (including both dual fuel and 100% producer gas mode systems) have been deployed in the country as on 31st August 2008 under various programmes.</p>	

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			b) Biogas – animal waste	<p>In addition to the biomass combustion and gasifier programme, MNRE also started a scheme called Biogas Based Distributed/Grid Power Generation Programme from 2005-06 onwards with a view to promote biogas based power generation, specially in the small capacity range, based on the availability of large quantity of animal waste, waste from forestry, rural based industry waste (agro / food processing), kitchen waste, etc. Under the programme MNRE provides CFA at a maximum of Rs.30,000 to 40,000 per kW depending upon capacity of the power generating projects in the range of 3 kW to 250 kW of different rating limited to 40% of the plant cost. The projects could be taken up by any village level organisation, institution or private entrepreneur in rural areas.</p>	

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Block of countries studied	Existing biomass	Country	Proposed case studies	Production data	Main specific characteristics	
Brazil, Colombia, Bolivia and Ecuador	Ethanol, biodiesel, wood fuel, charcoal, biogas and agricultural and forestry residues	Brazil	a) Bioethanol - sugarcane	Brazil produced 27,5 billion litres of sugarcane ethanol in 2008/2009	Huge experience in biofuels and bioenergy in general. Existing zoning from Federal Government and from some states define which areas are adequate for sugarcane crops without putting pressure on fragile biomes. Key players in the international market (and context) of bioenergy.	
			b) Biodiesel – soya, animal fat, palm oil, ...	1.6 billion liters of biodiesel in 2009		
			c) Electricity production from bagasse	In 2007, the electricity production from sugarcane bagasse contributed with 3% of the total electricity production in Brazil. The installed capacity of electricity production at the sugarcane mills is estimated as about 3,400 MW (ANEEL, 2008), being about 1,800 MW the capacity of surplus electricity production.		
		Colombia (similar to Brazil, smaller scale)	a) Bioethanol – mainly from palm oil	327.2 million liters of ethanol were produced in 2009		Starting a biofuel programme and local perspectives are quite positive. New legislation is being introduced to incentivise biofuels, as well as to guarantee their sustainable production.
			b) Biodiesel – palm oil	350 million liters of biodiesel in 2008		
Argentina, Chile, Paraguay and Uruguay	Biodiesel, wood fuel, agricultural residues	Block of countries		Biomass Electricity Generation, kTOE, in 2007: Argentina = 271; Chile = 534 ; Paraguay = 0; Uruguay = 1		
		Argentina	a) Gasification, anaerobic digestion, small scale biodiesel, PPO, biomass steam cycles	The estimated production of biodiesel in Argentina is of 2.3 million tons for 2010	The most abundant biomass resources are located in the north east and north central part of the country, mainly associated with forest biomass	
			b) Forest biomass		Enforced a national biofuels programme, which includes biodiesel, bioethanol and biogas	
			c) Agricultural residues	The number of agricultural and livestock exploitations with poverty profiles in Argentina was around 130,000 in year 2002		

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		Chile	Black liquor wood and forest residue.	The country has a 73 MW (nominal) installed capacity (thermal steam generation for 2007) using black liquor as energy source; and 118 MW from wood and forest residues.	Biofuel commercialisation was authorised in mixtures of 2% or 5% (volume basis) for both ethanol (with gasoline) and biodiesel (with diesel). In April 2008, a National Law, was enacted, mandating that 5% of the electricity generated be renewable, an obligation that binds commercialisation agents
		Paraguay	Biodiesel –, animal fat	In Paraguay, in 2007, 1.6 million litres of biodiesel from bovine fats were produced	The most promising niches in Paraguay lie in the production and use of vegetable oil, biogas and eventually biodiesel for self consumption
		Uruguay	Forest biomass	Forestry Industry Residues in Uruguay (2003) = 260.000 cubic meters	Has an ethanol blending mandate of up to 5% until 2015 and minimum 5% from that year on. Blending mandate will be completed during 2010. For biodiesel the blending mandate started at 2% in 2009 and will reach 5% in 2012. Has a policy (National Decree 77/06) for developing electricity generation from biomass, including its connection to the national grid

ANNEX II – Previous Results from Inception Reports

Centers	Countries studied in the Inception Phase	Existing biomass	Proposed case studies
AFREPREN (Kenya)	Ethiopia, Kenya, Sudan, Tanzania and Uganda	Wood fuel, ethanol, biodiesel, biogas	Kenya - Biomass cogeneration – bagasse - molasses - Biogas - Landfill gas - Bioethanol – sugarcane
AIT (Thailand)	Thailand and Indonesia	Traditional biomass, agricultural residue for electricity production	Thailand - Bioethanol: sugarcane and others - Biodiesel – oil palm - Biogas – rural areas - Biomass power – bagasse, biogas, residue Indonesia - Biogas – palm oil and other residues - Biomass power – palm oil residue, rice husks - Bioethanol – palm oil, jatropha, coconut oil - Biodiesel – corn, molasses, cassava

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CENBIO/CentroClima (Brazil)	Brazil, Colombia, Bolivia and Ecuador	Ethanol, biodiesel, fuel wood, charcoal, biogas and agricultural and forestry residue	Brazil - Bioethanol - sugarcane - Biodiesel – soya, animal fat, palm oil, ... - Bagasse cogeneration Colombia (similar to Brazil, smaller scale) - Bioethanol – sugarcane - Biodiesel – palm oil - Bagasse cogeneration
Enda (Senegal)	Mali, Ghana, Senegal (West Africa)	Traditional fuel wood and charcoal	Mali - Biodiesel - jatropha Ghana - Biodiesel - jatropha Senegal - Biodiesel - jatropha

Centers	Countries studied in the Inception Phase	Existing biomass	Proposed case studies
ERC (South Africa)	South Africa, Malawi, Mozambique	Traditional wood fuel	<p>Malawi</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Bioethanol – sugarcane - Biodiesel – Jatropha, soya <p>- Improved wood fuel (?)</p> <p>South Africa</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Bioethanol: sugarcane and sugarbeet -Biodiesel: sunflower, canola, and soya beans -Pulp and paper mills -Landfill gas - Sugar bagasse: high pressure boilers, tops & trash <p>Mozambique</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Bioethanol - Sugarcane and sweet sorghum - Biodiesel - Jatropha curcas and coconut

Centers	Countries studied in the Inception Phase	Existing biomass	Proposed case studies
ERI (China)	China	Agricultural residue, forestry residue, municipal solid waste and livestock waste, biogas, ethanol	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Biopower: agriculture and forestry/forest product waste <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Biogas – rural/urban residue - Biomass for heating – pellets; gasification residue - Bioethanol – grain; molasses; cassava; sweet sorghum and others; cellulosic ethanol (?), FFV - Biodiesel – waste oil
Fundación Bariloche (Argentina)	Argentina, Chile, Paraguay and Uruguay	Biodiesel, fuel wood, agricultural residues	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Gasification, anaerobic digestion, small scale biodiesel, PPO, biomass steam cycles Forest biomass Agricultural residues Livestock waste
MEDREC (?) (Tunisia)	Tunisia	Woody biomass, biogas and biodiesel	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Pellets Biogas <i>Jatropha curcas</i>

Centers	Countries studied in the Inception Phase	Existing biomass	Proposed case studies
TERI (India)	India	Fuel wood, agricultural residues, biogas, biodiesel and ethanol.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Improvements on the use of traditional biomass - Biomass power for remote village – combustion and gasification - Biogas – animal waste