



A Status of the Global Bioeconomy

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World BioEconomy Forum

• Founded: 2018

WORLD bioeconomy

- **Mission:** A global platform to drive the circular bioeconomy, focusing on sustainable solutions for climate change and resource preservation.
- Four-Pillar Structure:
 - The Bioeconomy: People, Planet, Policies
 - Corporate Leaders and Financial World ٠
 - **Bioproducts Around Us** ٠
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- Activities: Online roundtables, conferences, and the **Annual Declaration** to outline future directions.

• Founded: 2023

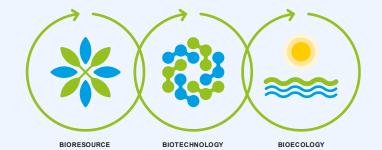
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- **Mission:** A hub uniting stakeholders to grow the ٠ bioeconomy across sectors and regions.
- **Bioeconomy concept**: ٠
 - **Bioresource Vision**: Enhancing research and technology for biomass conversion from agriculture, marine, and forestry sectors.
 - **Biotechnology Vision:** Promoting biotechnology and biomanufacturing research for diverse industrial applications.

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- **Bioecology Vision:** Optimizing ecological processes to promote biodiversity, strengthen crops, and protect soil quality.
- Activities: Engages in knowledge sharing, public outreach, advocacy, and collaborative research to promote responsible use of global resources





Bioproducts around us

Looking to the Future





Global trends



- The shift from *globalisation to polarisation* could fragment the bioeconomy, making international collaboration more difficult and leading to more regionally focused bioeconomic strategies.
- Rising divisions threaten international collaboration, slowing progress on global challenges like climate change and biodiversity.

Did you know? Today's global bioeconomy is estimated to be valued at US\$4 trillion, with growth potential to US\$30 trillion by 2050.

3rd Industrial Revolution Digitalisation 4th Industrial Revolution Biorevolution

Opportunities in the *bio-revolution*:

- **Biotechnology advancements**, like genetic engineering and synthetic biology, are driving new markets and business models.
- Ethical and regulatory challenges may arise in a polarised world.

Success and growth in the bioeconomy hinges on navigating these global dynamics.





Landscape of the bioeconomy



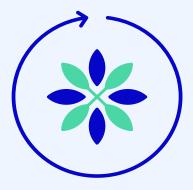
- Current global economy is ≈ US\$ 100 trillion
- Bioeconomy US\$ 4 trillion to US\$ 30 trillion
- Bio Revolution looming
- BioEconomy is everywhere, but nowhere (not known by big audience)
- Bioeconomy rises on global agendas
- Financing mechanisms under review

- 24 dedicated national bioeconomy strategies some examples
 - Japan Bioeconomy Strategy update (June 2024)
 - Namibia Bioeconomy Strategy (June 2024)
 - Ireland National Bioeconomy Action Plan 2023-2025 (October 2023)
 - Circular Bioeconomy Roadmap of Estonia (August 2023)
 - EU Bioeconomy progress report (June 2022) 10th anniversary Bioeconomy Conference (October 2022)
 - The Bioeconomy Initiative from the USA (EO on National Biotechnology and Biomanufacturing September 2022)
 - The China Biostrategy launch (May 2022)



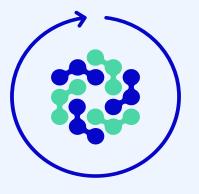


The concept of the bioeconomy



Bioresource vision

A bioresource vision, focusing on the role of research, technology development and upscaling, needed for conversion and valuechain-valorisation of biomass feed stocks, from agriculture, marine, and forestry sectors.



Biotechnology vision

A biotechnology vision, emphasising the importance of biotechnology and biomanufacturing research, for application and commercialisation in different sectors.



Bioecology vision

A bioecology vision, highlighting the importance of ecological processes that optimise the use of land, energy and nutrients, giving space for promoting biodiversity, strengthen crop plants by outphasing pesticides and protect soil quality against degradation.



G20 High-Level Principles of the bioeconomy were launched on 11 September 2024







G20 High-Level Principles on Bioeconomy

Recognizing the remarkable potential of the bioeconomy to contribute to building a sustainable future and fostering economic growth for all, the G20 Initiative on Bioeconomy (GIB) has initiated the international debate on this innovative, complementary productive paradigm. Its members have decided on ten voluntary, non-binding High-Level Principles on Bioeconomy, according to which bioeconomy activities are expected to:

- 1. **Integrate and promote sustainable development** across its economic, social, and environmental dimensions, contribute to eradicating hunger and poverty, and improve health and well-being, while ensuring global food security and nutrition.
- 2. **Be inclusive and equitable**, uphold the rights of all persons, including Indigenous Peoples and members of local communities, promote gender equality, and ensure the participation of all stakeholders.
- 3. Advance mitigation and adaptation efforts against global climate

change, in line with applicable multilateral climate agreements.

- 4. **Contribute to the conservation of biodiversity**, the sustainable use of its components, and the fair and equitable sharing of benefits arising from the utilization of genetic resources and associated traditional knowledge, subject to national laws and in line with applicable international agreements and instruments.
- 5. Advance sustainable consumption and production patterns and the efficient and circular use of biological resources, while promoting the restoration and regeneration of degraded areas and ecosystems.
- 6. Be developed through safe, secure, and responsible use of science, technology, innovation, and traditional knowledge, with potential benefits, risks, and impacts assessed scientifically.
- 7. **Benefit from robust and coherent policy frameworks** that foster trade for bioeconomy products and services, market conditions, sustainable business models, decent jobs, local value creation, and private sector and civil society participation.
- 8. Utilize transparent, comparable, measurable, inclusive, science-based, and context-specific criteria and methodologies to assess their sustainability throughout the value chains.
- 9. **Be fostered by international collaboration and cooperation** that addresses global challenges, leverages complementary strengths, innovation, and entrepreneurship, and promotes financing, capacity building, and sharing of best practices.
- 10. Be based on country-specific approaches and implemented in line with national priorities

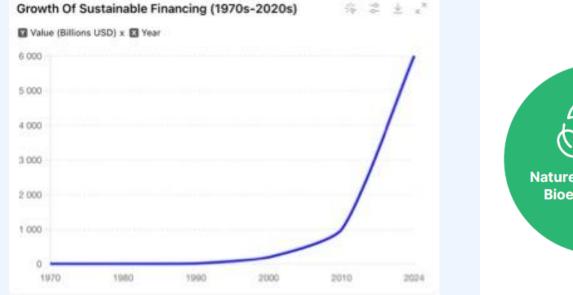
and regional and local circumstances.

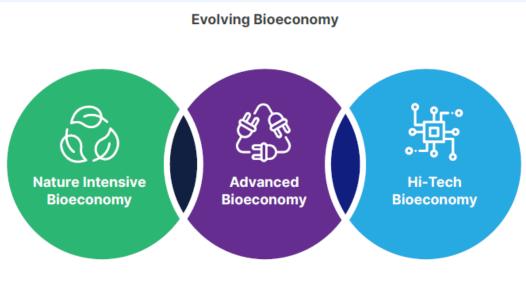
The applicable multilateral climate agreements referred to in Principle 3 include, but are not limited to, the Paris Agreement. The applicable international agreements and instruments referred to in Principle 4 include, but are not limited to, the Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework (KMGBF).





Sustainable Financing today





- Sustainable financing has developed since 1970s
- Primary focusing on Climate Change Mitigation and Biodiversity

The Bioeconomy concept is evolving

- No concrete global understanding
- Missing metrics and harmonised standards
- Financing on commercial terms

Spectrum of investable bioeconomies

Financing a Sustainable Global Bioeconomy





Nature Intensive Bioeconomy

DESCRIPTION

world **bioeconomy**

STAGE AND LEVEL OF INVESTMENT and principles to produce goods and services. Encompasses agriculture, forestry, fisheries, food, and bioenergy. Aims for sustainable growth and reducted environmental impact.

Utilizes biological resources, processes,

Mature stage, significant investments, linked to traditional industries.



Advanced Bioeconomy

Evolves traditional practices using innovative technologies and advanced biological processes. Provides sustainable alternatives to fossil-based products and enhances production efficiency and sustainability.

Evolving stage, continuous innovation, increasing investments from public and private sectors.



Hi-Tech Bioeconomy

Focuses on high-value, specialized, and technologically sophisticated bioproducts. Characterized by advanced functionalities and higher market value.

Dynamic stage, subtantial R&D investments, significant funding for cutting-edge projects from both public and private sectors.

Full report. https://wcbef.com/wp-content/uploads/2024/09/financing-a-sustainable-global-bioeconomy_report_092024.pdf





Competitiveness landscape



Annual use ≈ 1 billion ton

Sentiment is to constrain use of biomass.

Scenario on 40–70% biomass gap by 2050.

A balanced approach, integrating

biotechnology innovations to support

sustainable bio-based industries.

Stricter regulatory frameworks compared

to the USA and China.



Bioresource vision



Biotechnology vision



The EU emphasizes <i>responsible resource</i>	Fc
management, aiming to stabilise	
sustainable biomass use and advocate for	
circular economy principles.	H

ocus is minimal on ecological sustainability principles compared to the EU.

The USA primarily adopts

a biotechnology vision in its bioeconomy

strateay, prioritising technological

innovation and industrial application in

their bioeconomy strategies

However, *efforts are underway to promote sustainable practices* for resource optimisation Beginning to incorporate ecological approaches, but the focus remains less pronounced compared to technological innovation and resource-intensive strategies.



Increasing sustainable use of biomass. Targeting **1** Billion tons of biomass annual use. (DOE 2023)



Biomassa capacity up 3,5 billion tons.

China's annual biomass production will approach 3.8 billion tons by 2030 and surpass 5.3 billion tons by 2060.

China predominantly embraces a biotechnology vision, similar to the USA

Bioecology vision





Key Takeaways

- The bioeconomy is gaining momentum in global forums
- G20 High-Level Principles are aligning global understanding of the bioeconomy
- Bioeconomy financing mechanisms were introduced in Rio de Janeiro on 12 September
- The EU faces competition in the bioeconomy





Thank you!

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