



Media Information

Global Bioeconomy Summit 2018

19.–20. April 2018

Telekom Forum, Berlin

Global Bioeconomy Summit

Venue:

Telekom-Forum (HSR)
Französische Straße 33 a – c, 10117 Berlin

Participants:

About 800 bioeconomy experts from more than 70 countries

German Government Representation:

Anja Karliczek, Federal Minister of Education and Research (19. April, Opening)
Julia Klöckner, Federal Minister of Food and Agriculture (20. April)

Program Facts

- | 6 plenary session
- | 14 expert workshops
- | 100+ speakers

<http://gbs2018.com/program/>

Program Highlights & Press Opportunities

Two exhibitions:

- › Bioeconomy World Exhibition: innovative biobased products from around the world (exhibition catalogue available)
- › Media Corner: bioeconomy outreach and training materials from around the world

Bioeconomy Art Competition:

- › Exhibition of paintings/images: presentation of 3 competition winners during the evening reception on 19. April

Expert-Workshops:

- › initiated & organised by societal initiatives, scientists and experts from industry and finance

Publications:

- › Bioeconomy Council will publish an update report on bioeconomy policies around the world
- › Bioeconomy Council will publish the findings of an expert survey on the future developments of bioeconomy
- › OECD will publish a new book: "Meeting Policy Challenges for a Sustainable Bioeconomy"

Press and interview enquiries can be addressed to the team at the Conference Secretariat (Office of the German Bioeconomy Council)

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Key Themes & Speakers GBS2018

Selection

BIOECONOMY POLICY GLOBALLY

Anja Karliczek, Federal Minister of Education and Research, Germany

Julia Klöckner, Federal Minister of Food and Agriculture, Germany

Suvit Maesincee, Minister Science & Technology, Thailand

Lino Barañao, Minister of Science, Technology & Productive Innovation, Argentina

Helena Semedo, Deputy DG, UN FAO

Yin Li, Deputy Director-General of Bureau of International Cooperation, Chinese Academy of Sciences

Klaus Töpfer, former DG UNEP, former Federal Minister of Environment

John Bell, Director Bioeconomy, European Commission, DG Research & Innovation

Ben Durham, Chief Director Bio-Innovation, Department of Science & Technology, South Africa

Mary Maxon, lead author of the Bioeconomy Blueprint, Berkley Biosciences Laboratory, USA

Yoshihide Esaki, Deputy Director General & Secretary Cabinet, METI, Japan

Dirk Pilat, Deputy Director, Science & Technology, OECD

Frank Rijsberman, Director-General, Global Green Growth Institute

Bjørn Tore Erdal, Senior Adviser, Nordic Council of Ministers

NATURE CONSERVATION, PROTECTION OF BIODIVERSITY & NATURAL RESOURCES

Tarsico Granizo, Minister of Environment, Ecuador

Ameenah Gurib-Fakim, former President, Mauritius

Nachilala Nkombo, WWF, Zambia

Maritta Koch-Weser, Founder and President, Earth3000

POTENTIAL OF LOW & HIGHTECH INNOVATION IN THE BIOECONOMY

Ian Goldin, Founding Director, Oxford Martin School, Author: Age of Discovery)

Juan Carlos Castilla-Rubio, Space Time Ventures, Brasil

Mauricio Lopes, President, Embrapa

Navi Radjou, Author & Strategist (e.g. Frugal Innovation, Jugaad)

Julius Ecuru, Head, Biolnnovate Africa Programme



INVESTMENT IN THE BIOECONOMY

Rob Carlson, Managing Director, Bioeconomy Capital

Alix Zwane, CEO, Global Innovation Fund

Dirk Carrez, Executive Director, Biobased Industries Consortium, Europa

Kimberly Samaha, CEO, Synthesis Venture Fund Partners and Born Global

Martin Langer, Executive Vice President Corporate Development, BRAIN AG

Adrian Percy, Global Head of Research & Development, Bayer Crop Sciences

BIOECONOMY AS AN ECONOMIC DRIVER

Thomas Videbaek, Executive Vice President & COO for Research, Innovation & Supply, Novozymes

Hiroaki Ishizuka, Chairman NEDO, Chairman Japan Bioplastics Association, former President Mitsubishi Chemicals

Steve Csonka, Executive Director Commercial Aviation Alternative Fuels Initiative (CAAFI)

Maarten van Dijk, CEO, SkyNRG
