

Drivers for Successful and Sustainable Biogas Projects: International Perspectives Symposium Agenda

Thursday, March 26th 9:00 am – 12:00 pm EST
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International speakers from a number of countries with well-developed biogas sectors will share their biogas and renewable natural gas (RNG) experience. Participants will learn about the history of, and lessons learned in, the biogas/RNG industry in specific countries and include for future perspectives. This symposium is made possible by the International Energy Agency (IEA) Bioenergy Task 37 Group and is hosted by the Canadian Biogas Association and Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada.

9:00am – 9:10am: Welcome & Opening Remarks – Jennifer Green, Canadian Biogas Association
An introduction to the symposium and warm welcome to the attendees, speakers and supporters.

9:10am – 9:15am: Introduction to IEA Bioenergy Task 37 - Maria Wellisch, Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada

9:15am – 10:00am: Where it All Begins – Feedstock

Successful biogas and RNG facilities rely on a steady, secure supply of feedstock. Reflecting on past, present and future practices – what feedstocks work and what doesn't – this session will give Canadian developers a unique perspective of how to move forward for a sustainable future.

- Agro-Industrial Wastes Matching technology with feedstock – **Bernadette McCabe, National Centre for Engineering in Agriculture, University of Southern Queensland, Australia**
- Sustainability of grass biomethane according to RED2 – **Saija Raisa, Natural Resources Institute Finland (Luke)**

10:00am – 10:45am: Policy Landscape for Biogas/RNG

Setting the right policy framework is an important driver for biogas/RNG markets. Learn about what policy drivers have propelled biogas/RNG in other jurisdictions to strike the right environmental and economic balance and examples where policies may have contradicted or counteracted each other.

- Netherlands Roadmap – **Wouter Siemers, Netherlands Enterprise Agency**
- Sweden Roadmap – **Jonas Ammenberg, IEI - Dept of Management and Engineering, Linköping University, Sweden**

10:45am – 11:30am: Technology – Friend or Foe?

Biogas/RNG projects are complex systems that require balancing a host of technical elements (biological, mechanical, electrical). Technology is ever-changing and adaptation can prove challenging and costly. Hear from a number of biogas/RNG experts and learn from their biogas/RNG journey to understand how technology has evolved in different places around the world to make sustainable advancements in biogas/RNG operations.

- Efficiency of the biogas process - results of a monitoring program - **Dr.-Ing. Jan Liebetrau, Ryttec Germany**

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- Digester Types – **Guenther Bochman**, *University of Natural Resources and Life Science, Vienna, Institute for Environmental Biotechnology, Austria*

11:30am – 11:50am: Circular Economy and Digestate

Managing all aspects of a biogas/RNG project – biogas/RNG/digestate – is mission critical for individual and industry growth and end-markets are imperative to driving successful biogas/RNG development. Learn how leading jurisdictions around the world are supporting best management practices in biogas, RNG and digestate.

- Advanced gaseous biofuel produced by integrating biological, thermo-chemical and power to gas systems in a circular cascading bioenergy system – **Jerry Murphy**, *MaREI Centre, Environmental Research Institute, University College Cork, Ireland*

11:50am – 12:00pm: Closing Remarks

Special words of thanks imparted to attendees and presenters.

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