



WBA POSITION ON COVID19: IMPACTS AND OUTLOOK FOR BIOENERGY

BIOENERGY AS ESSENTIAL SERVICE. Bioenergy (including solid biomass, liquid biofuels and biogas) has provided clean, on demand energy and its role in meeting end use of electricity, heating and transport fuels should be recognized as essential product and service in times of crisis.



A BIOENERGY FUTURE. Policy makers should assure investors and the wider bioenergy community of their support to bioenergy and its crucial role in reducing fossil fuel use, generating jobs, local economic development and combating climate change.



DIS-INCENTIVIZE FOSSIL FUELS. Low oil prices, low cost of renewable energy sources and the momentum towards a clean energy future provide the opportunity for policy makers to disincentivize fossil fuels development by eliminating subsidies, implementing carbon pricing policies and developing fossil fuel exit strategies.



BUILD BACK BETTER WITH BIOENERGY. Recognizing the crucial role of bioenergy in the global energy mix, governments should include support to sustainable bioenergy technologies and pathways as key themes at the centre of economic recovery packages. No more fossil fuel support.



TIME FOR AMBITION AND ACTION. Recognizing that we face a climate urgency, national governments must increase their climate ambition by setting long term, ambitious and stable targets for bioenergy and renewable energy.

