

The global oil and gas industry association for environmental and social issues

Biofuels and water workshop

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Catalyzing the debate on developing global standards for the production of sustainable biofuels is central to IPIECA's role. We examine the state of the science, document the policies that are being applied by regulators and assess the implications for the fuels industry. Past biofuel workshops have looked at the need for chain of custody systems (2008) and indirect land-use change (2009).

The IPIECA 2010 Biofuels workshop will examine the implications for water use and water quality of increasing biofuels use, uncertainties in estimating water consumption, and look forward to techniques and technologies that can reduce water use in Biofuel production. The objective of the workshop is to raise awareness of the biofuels and water issue, provide context in the greater water / agriculture landscape, and improve coordination and knowledge sharing with key stakeholders.

Invited speakers include representatives from the United Nations, regulators from the European Commission and the UK, as well as representatives from academia and industry. Attendance is free but space is limited and you must register.

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08:00	Registration
08:30	 Welcome and introduction Richard Sykes – IPIECA Martina Otto - UN Environment Programme
08:50	 2. Contextualising Water – Impacts and Issues The intersection of water and agriculture – Jean-Marc Faures, FAO – Keynote Speaker Water impacts of biofuels – across regions and along the value chain – Kevin Fingerman, UC Berkeley – Keynote speaker) Water impacts of biofuels – across feedstocks - Daphne Lorne Discussion and Q&A
10:50	Break
11:10	 3. Water governance Regional/Asia perspective – Upali Amarasinghe, IWMI Engaging local communities – Stefano Barchiesi, IUCN Discussion
12:00	Lunch
13:00	 4. Panel: Biofuels and Water Scarcity Implications of biofuels expansion on water - Laszlo Mathe, WWF Economic/ Techology/Global perspective – Mike Hightower, Sandia National Laboratory (Invited) Panel Discussion – What are the implications of increased biofuels production on water resources and scarcity? Is widespread biofuels use sustainable from a water perspective? What actions/technological advances should be implemented to minimize risks/negative impacts? And what are the areas for potential collaboration?
15:20	Break
15:45	 5. Water in biofuel certification schemes (RSB organised session) Alwin Kopse – RSB Overview of how various certification schemes address water Discussion and Q&A
16:30	 6 Discussion: Gaps and priorities in the context of increasing production of biofuels How will policy and governance adapt to increases in the production of biofuels? What are the gaps in knowledge to improve the management of water resources? What is role of business? National governments? NGOs? Policy makers?
17:30	Meeting close