

**Bioenergy and Water:**

# **Important (International) Reference Frameworks?**

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- **No UN-level** framework (e.g., “Water Convention”), but **MDG** (for drinking water); **no** inter-Agency group (as for energy)
- **UNCCD**: drought, use of semi-arid land  
At COP8 (2007) and COP9 (2009) bioenergy-water link discussed + side-events; no explicit follow-up (yet)
- **UN SDG** process: OWG addressed issue, many suggestions on targets & indicators; **no** explicit link to bioenergy (yet) but to land (some)

- **GBEP** as intergovernmental “platform” to meet, discuss and agree: water part of sustainability indicators → input Michela
- Some **multilateral donors** address water in **bioenergy** project finance (GEF, IADB ...)
- **(Bio)energy-Water Nexus**: some conferences to raise awareness & exchange views
- **IEA Bioenergy**: Tasks 40 (Trade/Sustainability) and 43 (Resources) explore issue

- **ISO/PC 248** Sustainability criteria for bioenergy, includes water (under negotiation)
- **World Water Week:** informal “platform”
- Water **Footprint** (Alliance for Water Stewardship, ISO 14046, WASH Sustainability Charter): **voluntary** standard coming up → Winnie
- **EU Water Framework Directive** (no explicit link to bioenergy) + **EU RED** (reporting on biofuels & water) + EU resource efficiency strategy (LCA...) → Jean-Francois

- **Bioenergy-Water** nexus still needs “framing” to develop international governance
- **Nexus** discussion was fruitful, but limited in consequence; some private sector interest (SEFA HIO on **bioenergy** - possible water link?)
- **Reference systems:** GBEP (national indicators), ISO standards, possibly EU LCA (food...); some certification work (RSB...)
- “Push” for bioenergy/water in **SGD**?

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