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RECAP OF THE 1ST AND 2ND GIB MEETINGS

3rd GIB Meeting, CSIR ICC, Pretoria

18 September 2025

Journey To The 3rd GIB Meeting

The 1st meeting took place in the University of the Free State in Bloemfontein, Free State Province.

February

24 & 25 February 2025

The 2nd meeting took place at the University of Mpumalanga in Mbombela, Mpumalanga Province.

May

26 - 28 May 2025

The May meeting will focus on two priority areas:
Examining the common needs, opportunities and challenges in bioeconomy development support in an African context

The May meeting focussed on:

- Financing Bioeconomies; and
- Establishing Global Bioeconomy Standards and Metrics.

GIB Issue Note

GIB Context

GIB 2024 established High Level Principles on bioeconomy

Orchestrating an Equitable, Sustainable Global Bioeconomy

- 1. Global South - with a special focus on Africa - participates meaningfully and benefits from the potential development of the Global bioeconomy*
- 2. Promote business and market developments, infrastructure and technologies, equitable international financial arrangements, development of skills along the value chain, and strengthening regional and international cooperation.*

Now is the time to translate such vision, potential, and principles into action

GIB Meetings in 2025

GIB 1: *Examining the common needs, opportunities and challenges in bioeconomy development support in an African context [SETTING THE SCENE]*

Session 1: GIB Issue Note

Session 2: Bioeconomy Development in the Global South: A Focus on Africa

Session 3: Effective Opportunities for Bioeconomy Development in the Global South

Session 4: Cost Effective Intervention Programmes for Supporting Bioeconomy Development in Africa and the Global South

GIB 2: * *Financing bioeconomies*

*** *Towards establishing global bioeconomy standards and metrics***

26 – 28 MAY 2025; UNIVERSITY OF MPUMALANGA; MBOMBELA.

29 MAY 2025;

GIB 3: *Framing a platform for delivering on bioeconomy developments in Africa*

22 - 23 SEPTEMBER 2025; Council for Scientific and Industrial Research International Convention Centre (CSIR-ICC), Pretoria, Gauteng Province.

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GIB1 – Setting the scene

1. Issue Note
2. Bioeconomy opportunities & challenges - Focusing on Africa
 - The African context;
 - Catalytic opportunities;
 - Programme examples

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GIB2 - Key requirements

1. Metrics & Standards

Country metrics – progress on bioeconomy; Metrics to support trade in bioeconomy goods;

- Presentation of FAO & partners on study on bioeconomy metrics, including mapping of metrics onto the HLPs.
- G20 engagement on suitability/appropriate to Global North *and* South/sophistication/coverage of HLPs, and relevance to country metrics and trade metrics: gaps and weaknesses.

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GIB2 - Key requirements (continued)

2. Financing Bioeconomies

Overview of existing and newer financial instruments relevant to developing bioeconomies – with special relevance to Africa.

- Debt instruments (loans, bonds)
- Incentive instruments
 - Carbon credits
 - Biodiversity Credits
 - Venture Capital
 - Public sector / Philanthropic grants
 - Trade incentives

New thinking!

Galvanizing global interest/‘responsibility’ for developing bioeconomies: ‘Managing’ the biomass premium? Coordinated multinational instruments? Investor Partnerships? Non-financial support? Non-financial Bioeconomy incentives suitable for the Private Sector?

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GIB3 – Implementation - *a platform for delivering on bioeconomy developments in Africa*

Exploring the role and expectations of a global platform to develop bioeconomies with an initial focus on Africa (...)

Leadership

- *Coordination of stakeholders*
- *Global financial, trade, and investment incentives*
- *Thought leadership*
- *Honest broker*

Implementation

- *Catalytic bioeconomy projects*
- *Repository of information*
- *Support of critical research, incl Climate Change risks*
- *Coordination of roleplayers*

Including governance, reporting, financing, project/innovation management, targets, etc

- *FAO & partners to present initial thinking for its Bioeconomy Platform.*

GIB 2025: Achievements

- a. G20 support for an implementation agenda - following Brazil's leadership on HLP's – GIB1
- b. Established the need and opportunity for bioeconomy development in/for Africa. (9% of biomass value is realized in Africa – creating a huge opportunity for bioeconomy development) GIB1
- c. Launching the private sector's Concept Note on Bioeconomy Financing Hub for Africa (GIB 2).
- d. Engaging FAO on their new study on Bioeconomy metrics ("Can't manage what you can't measure") to start the global discussion on how to measure bio-economies and bioeconomy trade (GIB2) - ultimately to lead to incentives on bioeconomy trade.
- e. Providing G20 guidance to FAO and related UN Agencies on implementing Bioeconomies (GIB3)



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Thank you