Global Bioeconomy Partnership

Joint Charter of the Global Bioeconomy Partnership

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Preamble

The global bioeconomy is in transition, and moving fast. Across continents and sectors, it is maturing in real time, as it adapts to geo-economic and environmental realities, technological breakthroughs, and shifting social expectations. What a decade ago was a set of national strategies is today a dynamic, planet-spanning movement, taking root in an ever-growing number of contexts and communities.

This vitality is a sign of strength. But its full promise - for people and for the planet - will only be realised if the many initiatives now shaping the bioeconomy join forces at decisive moments, agree on a common language, and act together on the policy agendas that will define the coming decades. This is all the more urgent as the multilateral order that has long supported the sustainability agenda comes under strain, and as the frameworks that will follow the Sustainable Development Goals after 2030 are being prepared. A bioeconomy that speaks with one voice can claim its place in the Post-SDG era; a fragmented one will be spoken for.

It was in this spirit that, at the 2024 Global Bioeconomy Summit in Nairobi, high-level leaders issued a clear call to establish a Global Bioeconomy Partnership, and several institutions signed a Statement of Intent with the International Advisory Council on Global Bioeconomy (IACGB) to bring it to life. With this Joint Charter, the founding partners of the Global Bioeconomy Partnership (GBP) answer that call — committing not merely to build a network, but to achieve together what none can achieve alone: to secure the bioeconomy's place in the Post-SDG era, to build a common understanding across its many visions, and to power the private-sector transition.

Our vision and mission

The GBP works towards a global bioeconomy that advances human well-being, planetary health, and inclusive socio-economic development. It understands the bioeconomy not as a narrow green agenda but as a transformation pathway — mobilising science, indigenous knowledge, and innovation to address food insecurity, climate change, biodiversity loss, and pollution, while generating livelihoods, jobs, value addition, and opportunity across regions and communities. Taking the G20 High-Level Principles on Bioeconomy as a shared compass, it recognises that the bioeconomy is understood and pursued along diverse regional and sectoral pathways — and sets out to connect them, not to flatten them into one.

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To move from vision to impact, the Partnership connects the world's leading bioeconomy networks into a robust "network-of-networks" and directs their combined weight at three Bold Bets.

The GBP understands Bold Bets in the global bioeconomy as wicked problems that no single network can tackle alone. Bold Bets are high-risk, high-reward: they have the potential to deliver significant, transformative change towards a global bioeconomy and a highly positive impact on quality of life.

1. **Positioning the bioeconomy for the Post-SDG era** — securing the bioeconomy as an integral part of the global policy and economy agendas that follows the Sustainable Development Goals. This bet includes bioeconomy foresight and it may take up the IACGB initiative of developing Bioeconomy Vision and Goals for 2040.
2. **Growing a common understanding** — the bioeconomy is understood and practised differently across regions and sectors; rather than imposing a single definition, this Bet grows a common understanding that recognises this diversity of visions and pathways and connects them, including through capacity and skills development across the community.
3. **Powering the private-sector transition** — turning bioeconomy ambition into investment, financing, markets, and implementation, engaging not only large companies and investors but also SMEs, cooperatives, producers, and biodiversity-based businesses.

Our guiding principles

- **Collaborative:** amplifying existing initiatives rather than replacing them.
- **Intersectoral:** spanning all sectors of the bioeconomy to build coherence and mutual understanding.
- **Equitable and inclusive:** encouraging the meaningful participation of all world regions and stakeholder groups, with particular attention to perspectives and sectors under-represented in global frameworks.

What unites us

We share a commitment to:

- speak with one voice where we find common ground, and bring the bioeconomy into the policy and economy agendas that will shape the Post-SDG era;
- work towards a common understanding of the bioeconomy that connects its diverse visions and pathways;
- contribute to the Partnership's common endeavours: its Bold Bets and related deliverables;
- convene and exchange around the Global Bioeconomy Summit as our shared stage;
- amplify one another, extending reach and visibility that no single network commands alone.

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The character of this Charter

This Charter is a shared declaration of intent. It expresses shared commitment and common purpose. It creates no legally binding obligations, no financial obligations, and no liability of any kind, and each partner retains its full autonomy and independence. Its purpose is to make commitment easy and visible; and to give expression to the ambition and momentum of the global bioeconomy community as it comes together.

Founding Partners & Membership

The Global Bioeconomy Partnership was initiated and is led by the IACGB — an independent, internationally recognised bioeconomy think tank that convenes the Global Bioeconomy Summit and secured the resources to launch the Partnership — together with the first signatories of the Nairobi Statement of Intent and a number of leading bioeconomy networks. The following initiatives endorse this Joint Charter:

International Advisory Council on Global Bioeconomy

Latin American Bioeconomy Network

Circular Bioeconomy Alliance

International Bioeconomy Forum

European Bioeconomy University

Partnership for Bioeconomy Advancement in Africa[1]

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[1] PABA is a joint undertaking by icipe/BioInnovate Africa, the East African Science and Technology Commission (EASTECO), AKADEMIYA2063 and Stockholm Environment Institute (SEI). These organisations are collaborating to form an African bioeconomy network with the aim to realise a shared vision of a sustainable, competitive and resilient bioeconomy that benefits people across Africa and around the world.