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KEY TAKEAWAYS

GLOBAL BIOECONOMY SUMMIT 2026

Empowering Primary Producers: Creating Value through Circular Bio-based Value Chains and Nature-Positive Systems

Number of participants	Around 130
Type of audience	Primary producers, advisors, researchers, industry, policymakers and civil society from agriculture, forestry, fisheries and aquaculture

MAIN TAKEAWAY

Successful bioeconomy initiatives start with producers' needs, provide tangible economic benefits and involve them as equal partners. Long-term commitment, practical support and realistic market opportunities are essential to turn innovation into lasting change.

3 KEY MESSAGES

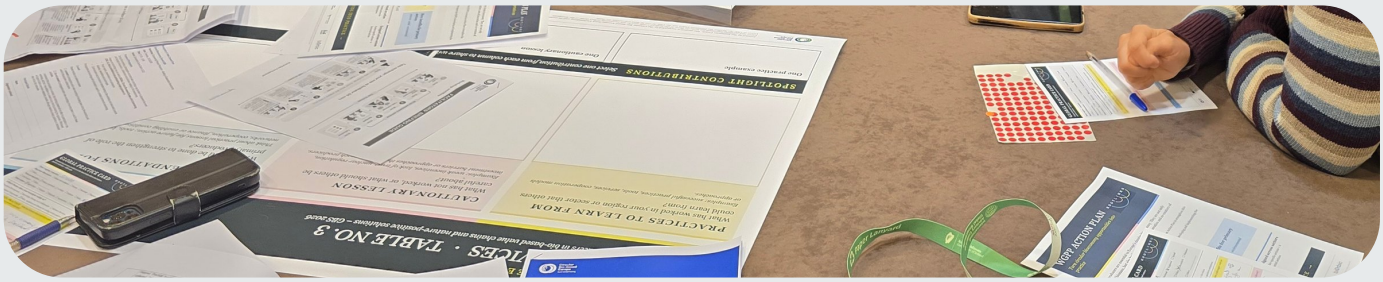
Market demand must come before scaling up: promising technologies and biomass resources alone do not create viable businesses.

Demonstration is more convincing than promises: producers need to see practical results, including economic benefits and risks.

Producer involvement must go beyond consultation: real ownership means having a say in decisions, business development and the distribution of benefits.



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WHAT PARTICIPANTS CALLED FOR

Make participation worthwhile: recognise producers' expertise, respect their time and ensure fair economic returns.

Start from local realities: adapt solutions to regional conditions and producers' needs.

Think long-term: ensure continuity beyond individual projects, funding periods and policy cycles.

Connect the right actors: bridge gaps between producers, industry, research and policymakers.

5 THEMATIC SPOTLIGHTS

1. **Business development** → assess the whole value chain, prove profitability and stimulate demand.
2. **Knowledge sharing** → recognise producers as experts and demonstrate financial benefits.
3. **Advisory services** → co-design advice with producers and strengthen advisors' facilitation skills.
4. **Organisational cooperation** → build producer-led structures with fair sharing of risks and benefits.
5. **Policy and finance** → ensure long-term support, results-based payments and more flexible regulation.

PRACTICAL INSIGHTS

Start from the market: secure customer demand before investing.

Make access fair: cut barriers that exclude smaller producers.

Show the numbers: share real costs, returns and risks.

Connect existing support: link advisory services instead of duplicating them.

Look beyond technology: plan for logistics, infrastructure and market access.

Provide long-term certainty: offer stable market signals and finance.

Reward nature: pay producers for ecosystem services.