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Summary

From 28th November to 1st December 2022, we hosted our second fully-virtual Annual Conference, RSB’s flagship event, sponsored by The Boeing Company and Gevo, Inc.

It was another huge success!

From expert panels to public debates, industry insights to collaborative action, and everything in between, this year was the most eventful Annual Conference yet.

We were joined by 428 attendees from all across the world, representing 84 RSB member organisations (and 115 non-RSB member organisations).

We shared the online stage with 58 speakers (29 men, 29 women), representing every continent on Earth (except for Antarctica).

Over 300 messages were sent on the public chat forum, and 285 responses were given on the event game (congratulations to winners: Danielle Dunn, Hui Zhen Tan and Mila Strikova).
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Attendees:
- 428

RSB member organisations:
- 84

Non-RSB member organisations:
- 155

Speakers:
- 58

Women speakers:
- 29

Men speakers:
- 29
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We started with a keynote address from Elizabeth Wathuti, whose powerful speech was an example of the vision, leadership and courage required to push for meaningful and sustainable change.

We reviewed what it meant to innovate towards a circular bioeconomy, as part of “The world we’re in: And the promise of the bioeconomy”, in which a new RSB membership initiative was also announced: The RSB Sustainable Biomass Policy Platform.

We looked at the mix of ingredients needed to ensure emerging tech benefited both people and the planet, during the session, “Magic ingredients: Making emerging tech work for people and planet”, sponsored by Airbus.

And we learnt about how to successfully fund decarbonisation activities that ensured broader positive social and environmental, in “Funding futures: How financing can advance the bioeconomy”.
We started with a keynote address from Suzanne Simard, who provided the perfect basis from which we could explore the amazing power of collaboration that we experience across the RSB network.

We reviewed the challenges and opportunities of the Horizon Europe programme – the EU's key funding programme for research and innovation – from the perspective of RSB’s multi-project contribution, during “Horizon Europe: Advancing sustainability in diverse projects”.

We built on the progress of the RSB Power-to-X Working Group and made future plans for the platform’s next iteration, as part of “Power to PtX: Building towards sustainable scale”, sponsored by Sasol.

And we learnt about the value of bioplastics, overcoming barriers in the biomaterial industry, and discussed how to accelerate the shift away from virgin fossil material, in “Full circle for plastics: The biomaterial revival”, sponsored by Neste.
We started with a keynote address from Andres Roberts, who focused on the conditions and new leadership mindsets needed to create a sustainable and circular bioeconomy.

We reflected on what is needed to scale an Impact Alliance during “Critical mass: What an Impact Alliance looks like in practice”, in which it was announced that a MoU has been signed between RSB and CertifHy to accelerate the development of a sustainable hydrogen economy.

We discussed Brazil's potential to lead on SAF production, showcased RSB and Boeing's partnership in the region, and also launched the ‘Fuelling the Sustainable Bioeconomy’ report, as part of “Scaling impact: The sustainable future of Brazil’s aerospace industry”, sponsored by The Boeing Company.

And we learnt more about the RSB Book & Claim System pilots in the aviation sector, and how the shipping sector will be tackled next, in the session, “Book and claim: Where to next?”, sponsored by World Energy.
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At the members-only RSB Formal Assembly of Delegates, the multi-stakeholder community elected two new board of directors: Adam Klauber and James Onchieku. In addition, three of RSB’s existing Directors have been elected for additional terms: Maiju Helin, Laurel Harmon and Andrew Pozniak.

**RSB’s revised Principles & Criteria (P&C) were approved** for a one-year pilot period. During this period, RSB participating operators will be invited to pilot the revised requirements, provide feedback and further refine these revisions to RSB’s foundational sustainability requirements.

On behalf of its membership platform, the RSB Power-to-X Working Group, RSB officially launched the newly approved sustainability guidance and requirements for Power-to-X (PtX) technologies.
“No one company can solve this problem alone – we need deep collaboration.”

“Exciting to see all the big idea projects RSB and partners are working on.”

“We need an extended family of partners to be credible to policy makers.”

“Thank you for the opportunity to participate, I had a constructive experience with lots of ideas and thoughts on how to think differently, broadly and more holistically about the problems facing society. Information was rich, learnt a lot.”

“We need 'stable' sustainable supply chains with consistent feedstock outputs.”

“Thanks so much to everyone for a great session on P2X. Hugely important.”

“This session was an excellent example of collaboration.”

“Thank you all very much for this very rich and enlightening discussion.”

“We have to try bold solutions to learn faster. That's where RSB can play a really pivotal role.”
If you were unable to attend the RSB Annual Conference 2022, or if you missed any of the public sessions, don’t worry!

Until 1 January 2023, anyone who registered or registers from now watch all public sessions on the virtual platform – for free!

Click here to watch!