

Roundtable on Sustainable Biomaterials (RSB) Event Programme  
**Fostering Partnerships for a Sustainable Bioeconomy in East Africa**

26<sup>th</sup> October

Safari Park Hotel, Nairobi



<i>Fostering Partnerships for a Sustainable Bioeconomy in East Africa</i>		
<b>Time</b>	<b>Session</b>	<b>About</b>
8.30am-9am	<b>Registration and welcome coffee</b>	
9am-9.10am	Welcoming Remarks	<b>Julius Ecuru (PhD)</b> –Principal Scientist and Manager, BioInnovate Africa <b>James Onchieku</b> – Board Member, RSB  MC – Yitatek Yitbarek
9.20am-9.35am	<i>The Case for a Bioeconomy Transition</i>	<b>Mary Njenga (PhD)</b> – Research Scientist - Bioenergy, Centre for International Forestry Research – International Centre for Research in Agroforestry (CIFOR - ICRAF)
9.35am-10.30am	<i>Opportunities for bioeconomy in the region and current status</i>	<i>Sustainable bioeconomy: The just transition opportunity</i> - <b>Hannah Walker</b> , Outreach and Engagement Director, Roundtable on Sustainable Biomaterials (RSB) <i>Feedstock Availability – and opportunities for a just transition to a bioeconomy</i> - <b>Farai Chireshe</b> , Energy Analyst and Project officer, WWF South Africa

		<p><b>Case Study:</b> <i>Pre-feasibility study on Brassica carinata feedstock for production of Sustainable Aviation Fuel (SAF) in Ethiopia - Yitatek Yitbarek</i> , Regional Manager, Africa, Roundtable on Sustainable Biomaterials (RSB)</p> <p><i>Opportunities and challenges of implementing the bioeconomy strategy for Eastern Africa - Fortunate Muyambi</i>, Deputy Executive Secretary(Head of Programs and Projects), East African Science &amp; Technology Commission(EASTEKO)</p>
10.30am-11am	<b>Coffee Break</b>	
11am-12.45pm	<p><i>Civil society and its key role in driving just transition</i></p> <p><b>Panel Discussion</b></p>	<p><i>Bioenergy and Climate Change: Its Strategic Repositioning in Driving Climate Change Mitigation</i>  <b>James Onchieku</b>, RSB ; <b>Norman Wachira</b>, Kenya Forestry Research Institute(KEFRI); <b>Charles Njoroge</b>, PhytoMedia; <b>James Makini</b>, Kisii University</p> <hr/> <p><i>Lessons learned from sustainable value chains practices in East and Southern Africa</i>  <b>Molly Kwamah</b>, Regional Business development and partnership engagement Manager, Solidaridad</p> <hr/> <p><i>How civil society can play a role in securing a just bioeconomy transition in the Global South</i>  <b>Benson Ireri</b> , Africa Lead - Energy Access, World Resource Institute (WRI)  <b>Nonsikelelo Nkomo</b> , Business Development Coordinator, Solidaridad  <b>Hope Okuthe</b>, Project Officer, Africa Energy transition Initiative, Pan Africa Climate Justice Alliance (PACJA)  <b>Farai Chireshe</b>, Energy Analyst and Project Officer, WWF</p>

		<b>Alez Odendaal</b> , Membership and Events Officer, RSB – Moderator
12.45pm-1.45pm	<b>Lunch</b>	
1.45pm-3.45pm	<i>Tour of BioInnovate Africa facilities at Icipe</i>	Tour of BioInnovate Africa supported projects at the International Centre of Insect Physiology and Ecology (Icipe) compound
3.45pm-4.15pm	Tea & Coffee	
4.15pm-4.30pm	<b>Closing Remarks</b>	Discussion on next steps