

**For partners to the project Bioenergy Promotion:  
Invitation to workshop 2  
in  
Sustainable bioenergy production**  
*Defining criteria and development of policy guidance*

**25th November 2009 in Helsinki, Finland**

**The workshop is arranged by the Swedish Board of Agriculture and the Swedish Forestry Agency with support of the Finnish Forest Development Centre Tapio.**

As part of the Bioenergy Promotion project the Swedish Board of Agriculture and the Swedish Forestry Agency are leading a project with the aim to define criteria for sustainable bioenergy systems. The goal is to compile identified criteria and formulate a guidance document that can be used by producers of biomass or energy to establish sustainable systems and by authorities in the respective countries to develop guidelines and recommendations for national activities in the area of bioenergy. The criteria could also serve as a base to construct a certification system.

A set of common conclusions about criteria for sustainable production should be reached through the following process:

At a first workshop, which took place in Jönköping, Sweden in May 2009, we defined key areas that have relevance for sustainability. The workshop focused on major sustainability criteria for various bioenergy production systems and the conclusions from the workshop has been compiled in a draft paper. After being circulated among the participants at the first workshop the draft paper will be revised and an updated version will form the basis for the second workshop the 25<sup>th</sup> November 2009.

The objective of the second workshop is to formulate and adopt a final policy guidance, which then can be used at the country level for development of e.g. activity plans or recommendations for sustainable bioenergy production.

**Venue:**

The workshop will be held at the Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry situated in the centre of Helsinki approx. one kilometer from the venue for the conference Renewable Energy Action Plans in the Baltic Sea Region - Status and Development.

**Registration:** Via the Bioenergy Promotion website

<http://www.bioenergypromotion.net/project/news/renewable-energy-action-plans-in-the-baltic-sea-region-status-and-development-conference#>

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