

Unraveling the Policy Issues and Development Challenges on Biofuels

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RATIONALE

- ⌘ Governments and the private sector in the developing world are joining the world's biofuel producers for energy and environmental security**
- ⌘ Calls for rational decision and policy-making and program planning informed by greater familiarity with the technology of biofuel production and its social, economic, environmental, and political implications.**

OBJECTIVES

- 1. Update on global and regional trends and patterns in biofuel production, consumption, and policy;**
- 2. Analyze and discuss the policy issues and development challenges of biofuel development programs and its emerging industry; and**
- 3. Formulate informed recommendations related to action programs, industry plans, regulations, and/or research on biofuels as applicable to participants' respective areas of influence.**

PARTICIPANTS

Senior and mid-level decision and policy makers in government agencies, academe, research institutions, and the private sector in energy, science and technology, agriculture, engineering, forestry, economics, and other relevant fields to biofuel production, processing and distribution

CONTENT

1. **Overview of global and regional trends and patterns in biofuel production, promotion, and consumption and their social, environmental, and economic implications;**
2. **Technical aspects about biofuel production, processing, trade and use;**
3. **Experts' analyses of needed actions and decisions for rational, science-based biofuels programs in Southeast Asia; and**
4. **Country situations on biofuel programs of selected Southeast Asian countries.**

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