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# 1st Bioeconomy Economics Workshop: Economics and governance of the global bioeconomy

09<sup>th</sup> & 10<sup>th</sup> October 2024 at the University of Passau

Theme: "Bioeconomy: The Road to Sustainable Development?"

We are excited to announce the inaugural Bioeconomy Economics Workshop, dedicated to exploring the economics and governance of the global bioeconomy. We invite you to contribute to this significant event by submitting your abstracts and joining the Bioeconomy Economics network.

**About the Workshop:** The bioeconomy transition describes the sustainable restructuring of the world's industrial production and consumption systems. We define the bioeconomy as a transformative process that encompasses technological, institutional, and social innovations related to the production of food, materials, and energy. This transition aims to 1) Foster the replacement of non-renewable resources with renewable biological resources and 2) Support the development of entirely new bio-based products and processes.

Circularity is inherent to the sustainable bioeconomy concept. The circular economy is the goal; the bioeconomy is the "how". Circularity replaces the 'end-of-life' concept in production, distribution and consumption by promoting the reduction, re-use, recycling, and recovery of materials.

As developing countries strive to balance economic growth with environmental regulations, the bioeconomy and circularity present a potential pathway to sustainable industrialization. However, the transition to a bioeconomy also raises concerns about sustainability, inequality, and resource pressures.

We invite contributions on a range of topics related to the bioeconomy, including but not limited to:

- Definition, measurement, and narratives of the bioeconomy
- Innovation systems and transition management
- Regulatory, economic, and information policy instruments
- Governance of global value chains
- Modelling pathways, risks, and scenario analysis
- Economic, social, and environmental impact assessments
- Biodiversity, justice, and marginalized groups

This workshop will facilitate exchanges among potential network members, laying the groundwork for future activities such as the organization of annual workshops, shared research papers, special sessions at conferences, junior researcher exchanges, and special issues in academic journals.

**When:** October 9, 2024 (12:00 PM) to October 10, 2024 (15:00)

**Where:** University of Passau, Passau, Germany

**Who:** We welcome contributions from early-career researchers (doctoral students, postdoctoral researchers, junior scientists). **To apply, please submit an abstract (max. 500 words) by August 31st, 2024, to [BioEcon@uni-passau.de](mailto:BioEcon@uni-passau.de).**

**Financial support:** We will provide travel stipends (up to 200€ per person) for attendance to a limited number of contributors. In your application, please state whether you need financial support.

**Online Participation:** We regret to inform that online participation for presenters is not possible, as we seek active engagement and in-depth discussions during the workshop. However, those interested in listening are invited to join. You will have the opportunity to engage by asking questions live.

To register as a listener, please use the following Zoom registration link: <https://uni-passau.zoom-x.de/meeting/register/u5coceihqT4jHde5p9jOUmzeluaBSIHEoLhy>

We look forward to your participation!

[Bioeconomy Economics Research Group](#)