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# Bioenergy & Sustainability: bridging the gaps

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**Primary energy  
use at 550 EJ  
87% not  
renewable**

**Emissions at  
32 Gt  
CO<sub>2</sub>/yr**



**1.2 billion  
people  
without  
regular energy  
access**

**Oceans are  
acidifying  
Loss of  
biodiversity**

**1 billion  
cars in  
the world**

**Extreme  
weather  
events  
Loss of  
ecosystems**

**Climate change is arguably the biggest environmental and developmental challenge facing humankind. Urgent action is needed to limit future warming to 2°C, and the longer such action is delayed the more difficult it becomes.**



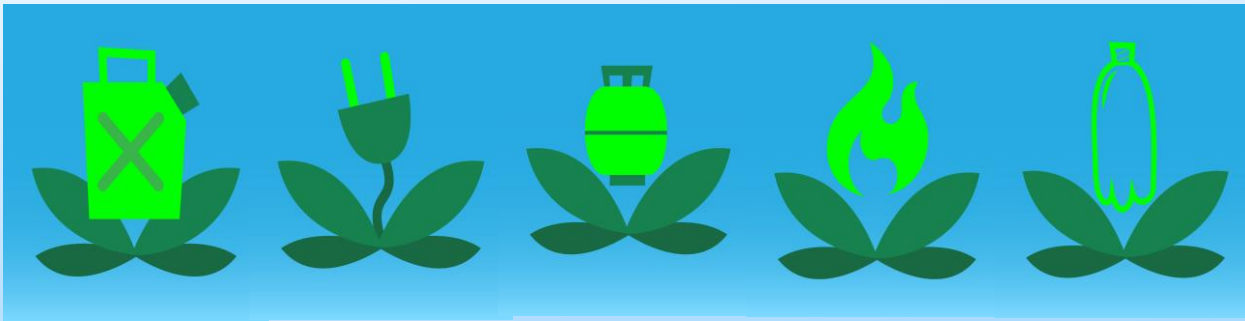
**“Double the share of renewable energy, double efficiency improvement rate, and give universal access to modern energy by 2030.”**

**SE4ALL: Sustainable Energy for All (United Nations Program)**

Bioenergy now: only 4% of primary energy use, just under 2% of oil equivalent for the globe as a whole but expect it to grow to 25-30% by 2035-2050.

## Our low carbon future

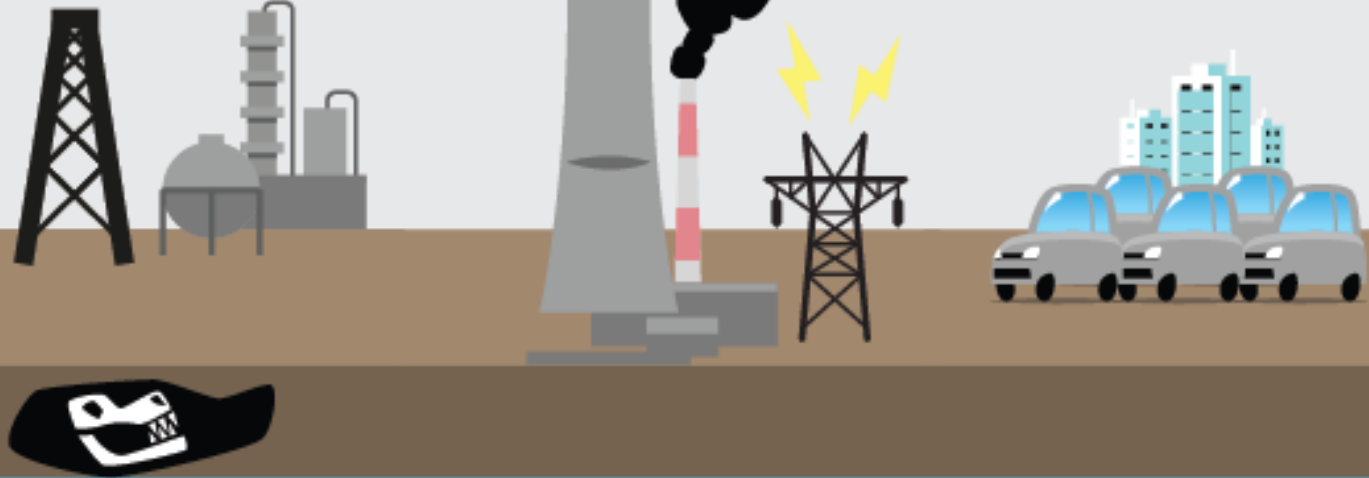
Today mankind has at its disposal an astounding variety of new applications and technology platforms for transforming biomass into efficient and valuable energy services across most end-use sectors.



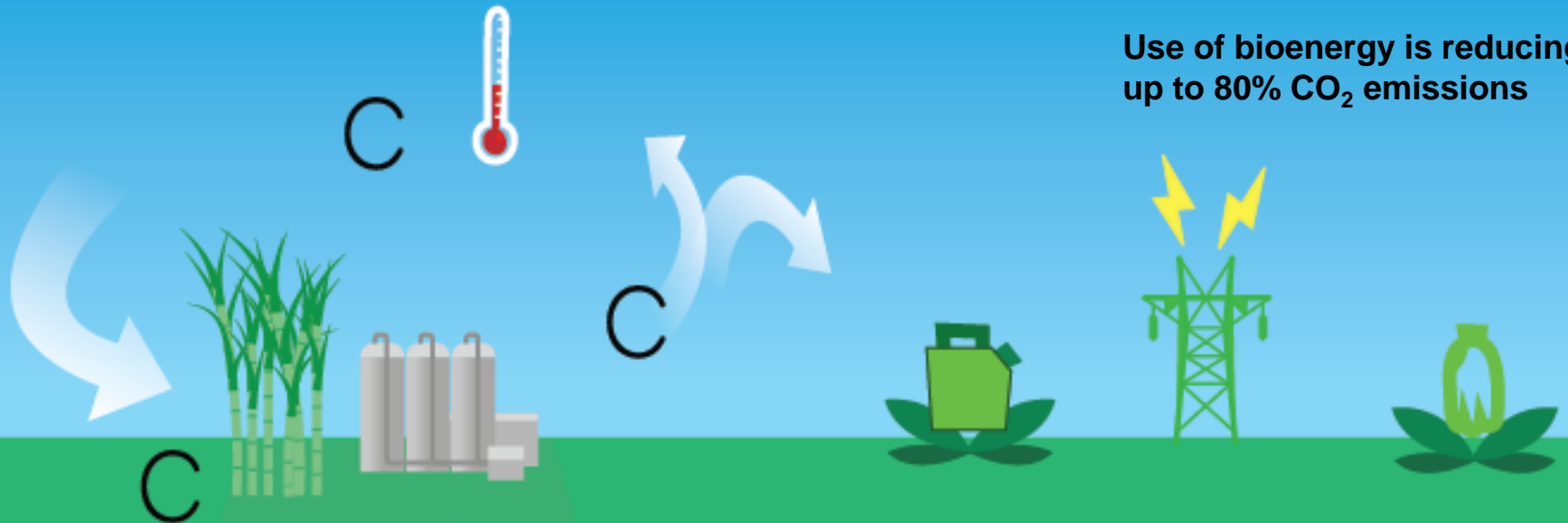
### Large-scale displacement is possible within major markets

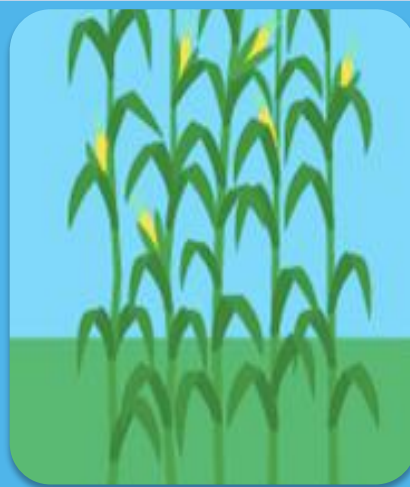
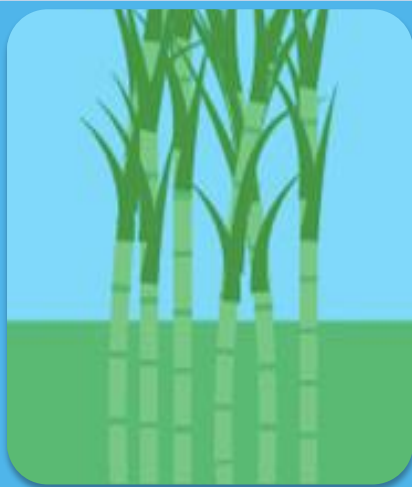
- 50 countries, including many developing countries, now have biofuels mandates, many driven by climate change.
- USA: biofuels represent almost 10% of the volume of gasoline used in vehicles
- Brazil: biofuels represent almost 40% of the volume of gasoline used in vehicles
- Scandinavia: 20% of the total energy supply in Sweden.

**Carbon intensive  
economy:  
478 EJ fossil and nuclear**



**Use of bioenergy is reducing  
up to 80% CO<sub>2</sub> emissions**





Biofuels - over 100 Billion L – 4.2 EJ - less than 1% of our primary energy use

**Sugarcane Ethanol**  
Up to 7,200 L/ha

**GHG emissions 80% lower than gasoline**

Conventional Ethanol  
83 Billion L  
3.1 EJ  
6.8 Million Ha of land

**Maize Ethanol**  
Up to 3,900 L/ha

**GHG emissions 35-52% lower than gasoline**

**Oil Palm, soy, rape Biodiesel**  
Up to 5,700 L/ha

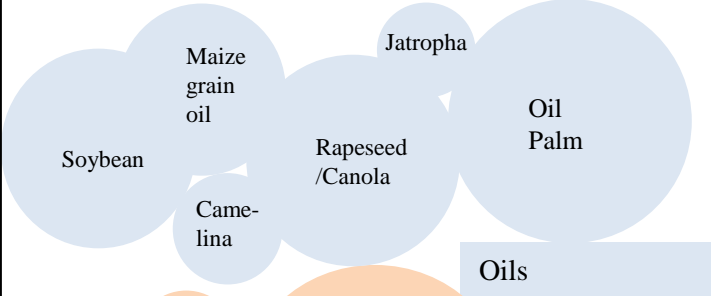
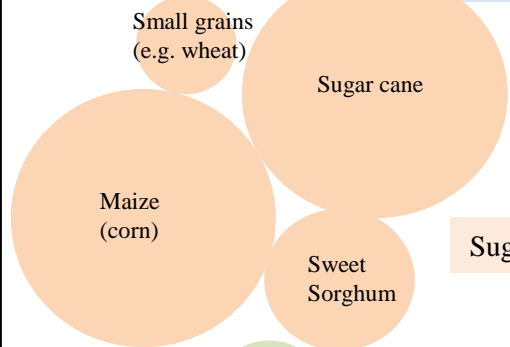
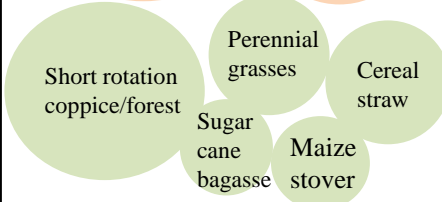
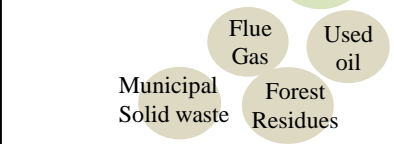
**GHG emissions 29-65% lower than diesel**

Biodiesel  
23 Million tonne  
1.1 EJ  
6.3 Million Ha of land

**Waste Oil Renewable Diesel (HVO)**

**GHG emissions 45-70% lower than diesel**

HVO  
6 Million tonne  
0.1 EJ  
<0.1 Million Ha of land

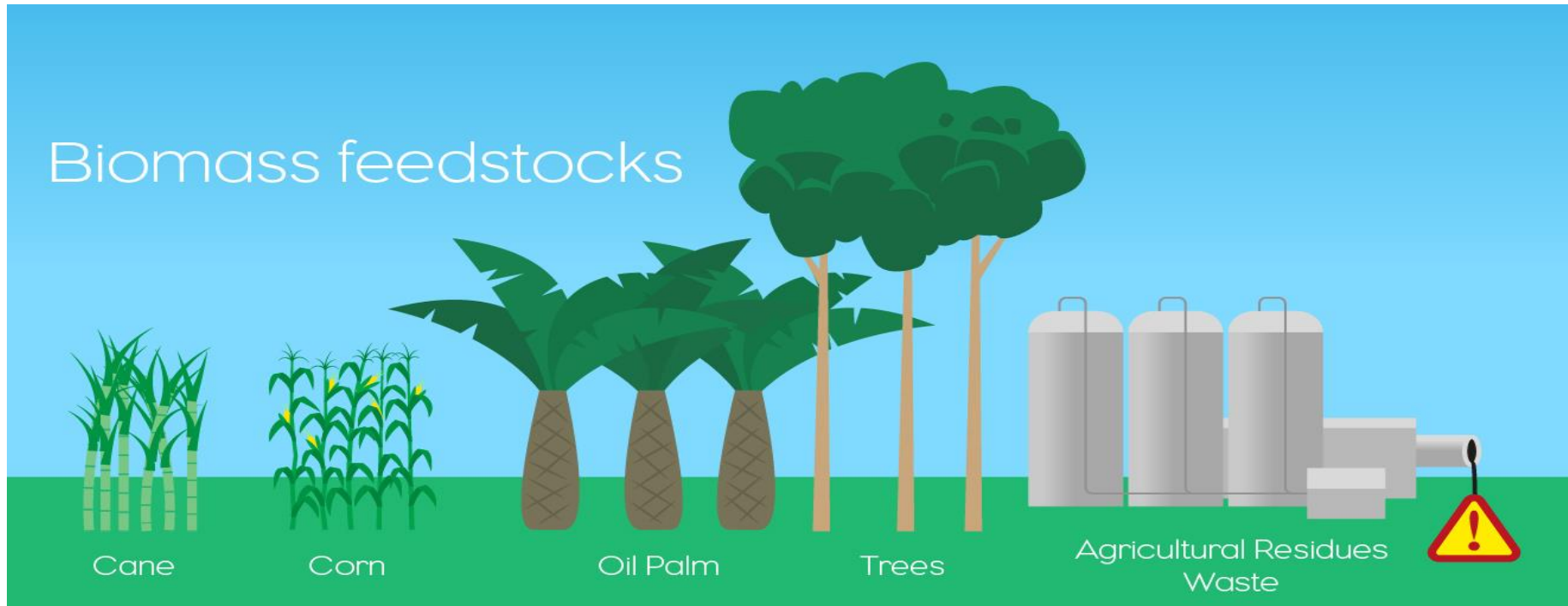
	Usage	Technical costs	Development time	Sustainability
 <p>Oils</p>	Transport Fuels	L	L	L-M
 <p>Sugars and starches</p>	Transport Fuels	L	L	L-H
 <p>Lignocellulosics</p>	Heat & Power Transport Fuels	L H	H H	M-H M-H
 <p>Wastes &amp; Residues</p>	Heat & Power Transport Fuels	L H	L L	M-H M-H

**Promoting high yielding bioenergy crops that are more efficient in their use of water and soil nutrients**

**Expand bioenergy production synergistically with food production, by encouraging the diversification of farmed landscapes that provide multiple environmental benefits**

**Long, Karp et al, Chapter 10, Feedstocks**

# Agroforestry integration



Integrated food/forest/energy systems, i.e. growing energy crops and food or fiber crops in synergy, can be accomplished with:

- spatial approaches (strategic placement on the landscape)
- temporal approaches (crop rotations and succession plantings)
- at a system level, with residue recovery, nutrient and energy recycling and waste reduction addressing sustainability challenges of our conventional food and energy systems.

**Harmonizing forestry and agriculture policies is fundamental for the implementation of integrated approaches to sustainable production and supply of bioenergy.**



# Integrated new biorefinery systems are on the way: no carbon waste!

Wood pellet production as of 2011 has grown to 22 million metric tons (1 EJ)

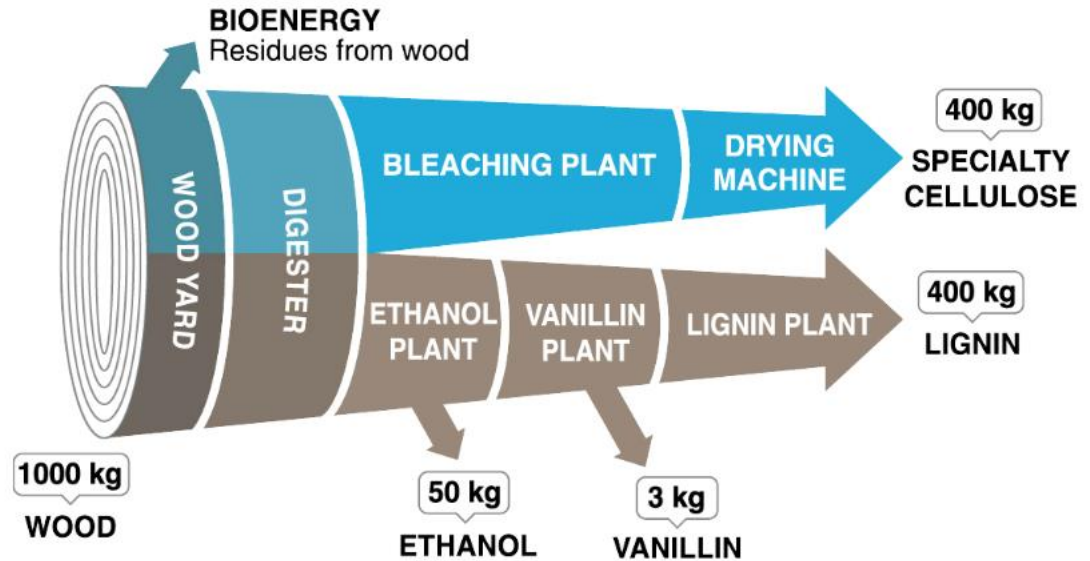
Lignocellulosic biofuels are going through first commercialization stages

Production of biobased chemicals and co-products may help decrease costs of advanced biofuels production

Bio/thermo/chemical catalytic conversion integrated processes to produce renewable transportation fuels

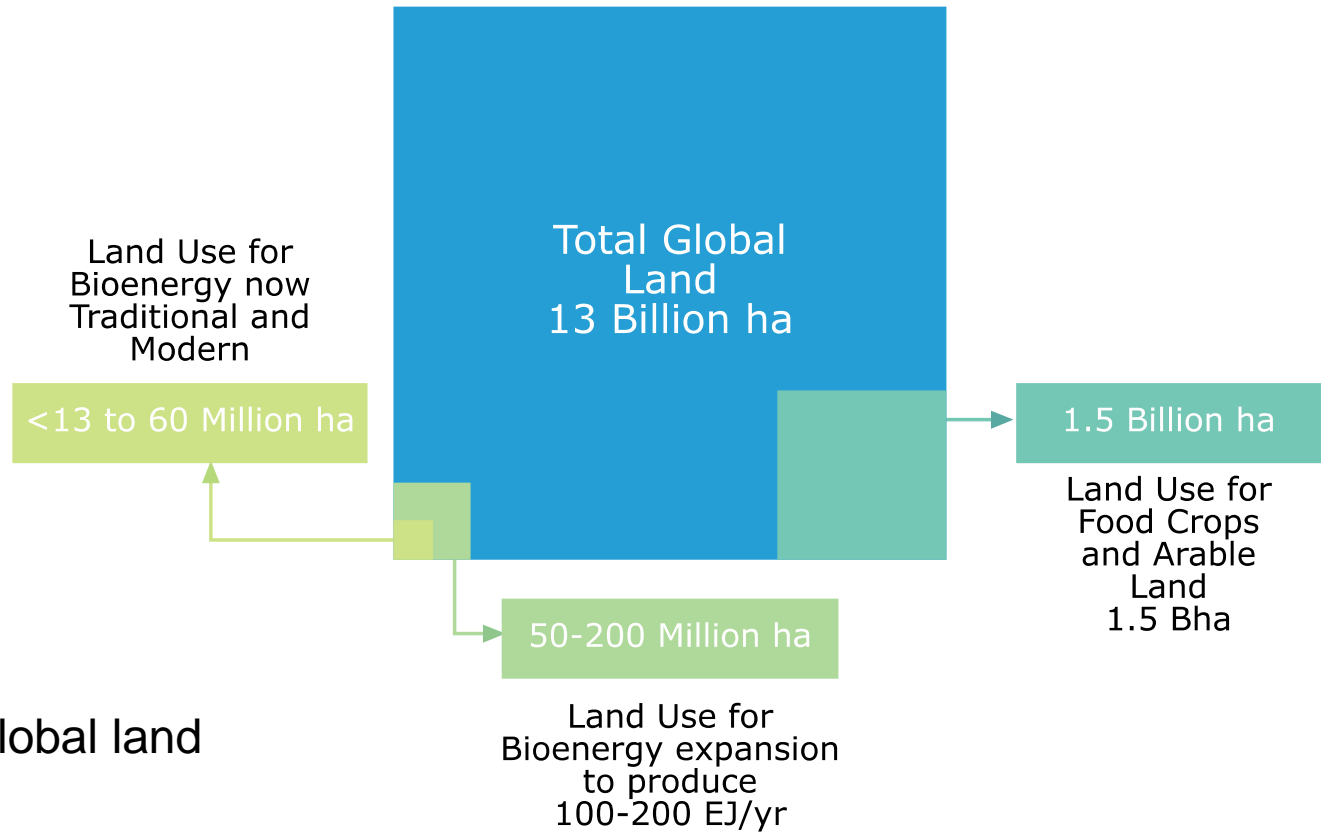
If high throughput plants can be mass produced at small to medium scales, their environmental footprints could become smaller and the cost may be reduced sufficiently for chemicals applications.

Lignin conversion to chemicals and materials also offers potential additional value streams for an integrated biorefinery, with a range of possible renewable aromatics, which are common building block molecules produced currently from fossil fuels.



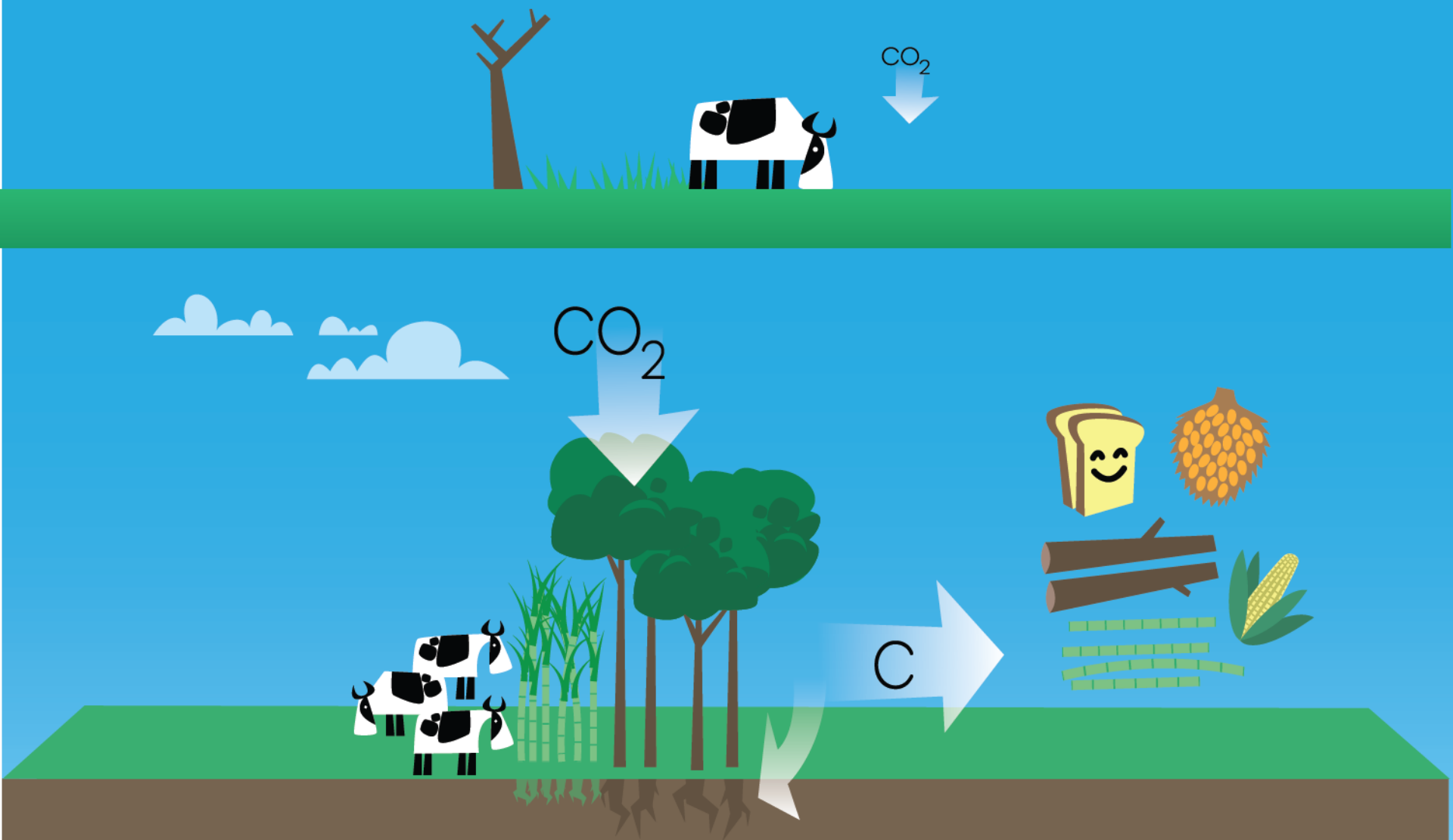
Specialty cellulose	Lignin	Vanillin	Bioethanol
Construction materials	Concrete additive	Food	Car care
Cosmetics	Animal feed	Perfumes	Paint/varnish
Food	Agrochemicals	Pharmaceuticals	Pharmaceutical industry
Tablets	Batteries		Biofuel
Textiles	Mining		
Filters	Oil field chemicals		

At a global level, land is not a constraint but availability is concentrated in two main regions, Latin America and Sub-Saharan Africa. This land is being used predominantly for low intensity animal grazing.



0.4 to 1.5% of global land  
or  
5 to 20% of rainfed land (no irrigation)

**Existing pastureland could support almost four times the numbers of animals. Bringing the poorest-performing pastures up to 50% of their maximum attainable density would more than double the global stock of grazing animals.**



Actions to improve pasture conditions, along with livestock production intensification, can effectively make large amounts of land available for alternative uses.

## Land IS available to produce bioenergy

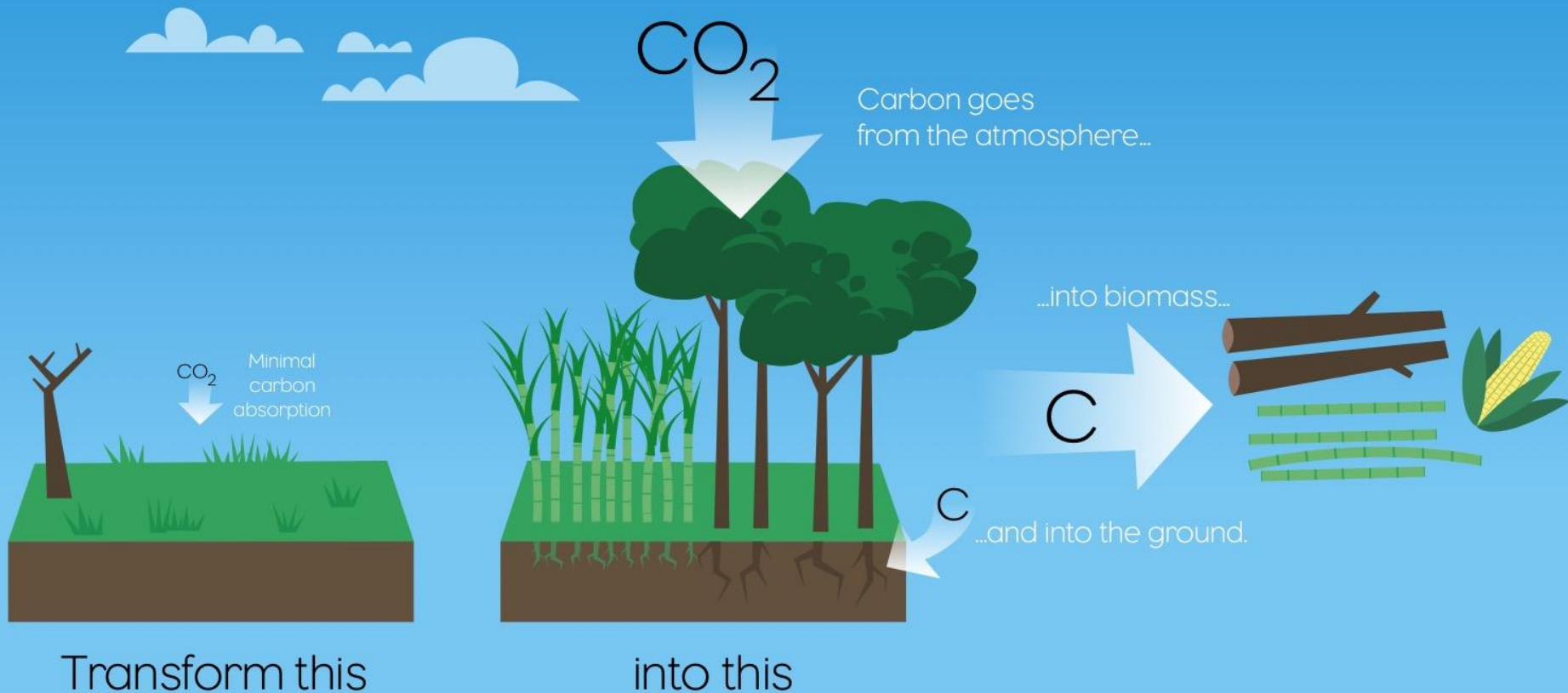


**The future of food security involves many aspects.**

**Productivity, efficiency, reduction of waste, agriculture modernization play a central role. Lack of land is not one of the main concerning points.**

Osseweijer et al. Chapter 4, Food Security

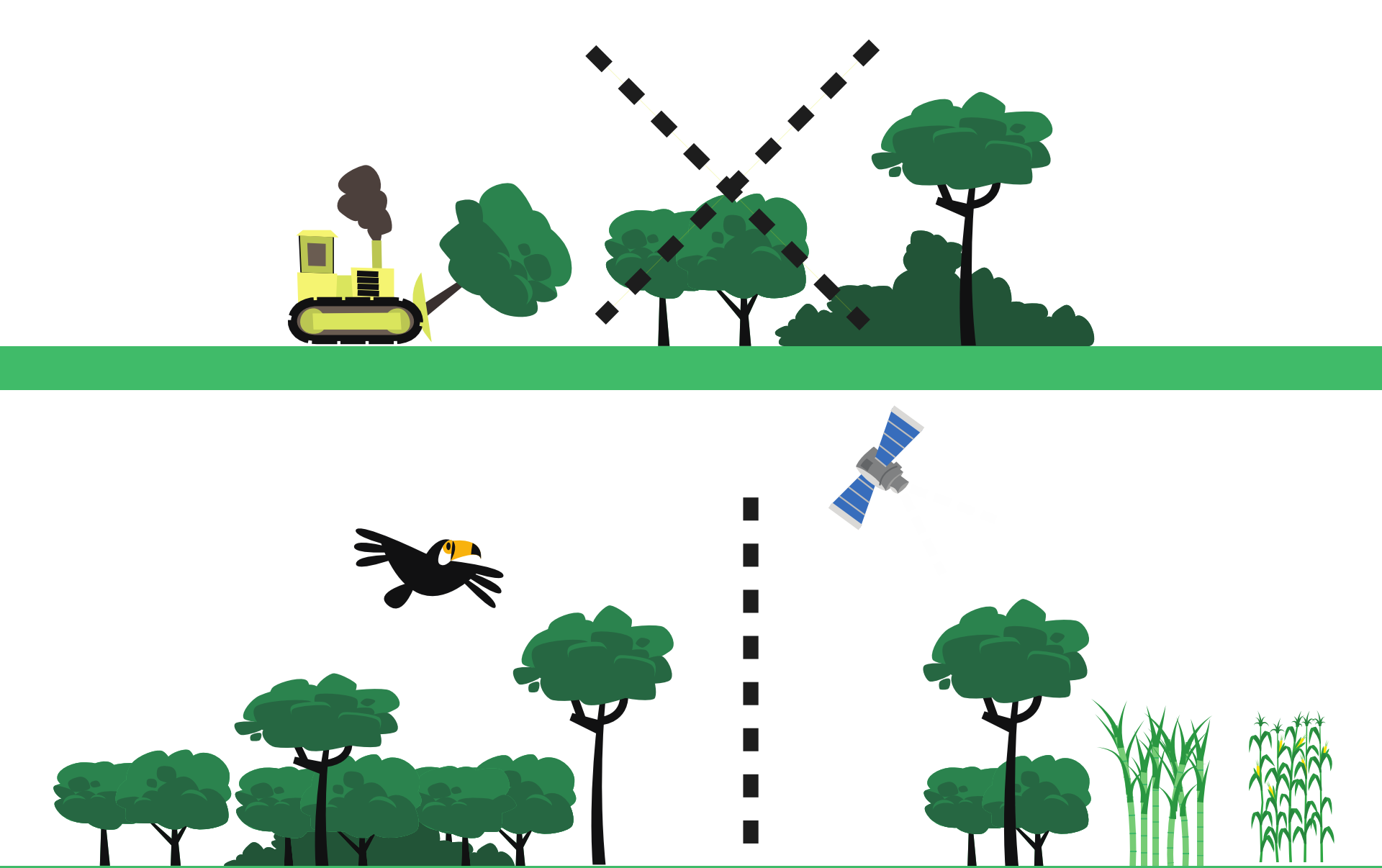
Integrated Food-Energy production



**Gross estimates of the potential for energy crops on possible surplus good quality agricultural and pasturelands range from 140 to 290 EJ/yr.**

**The potential contribution of water-scarce, marginal and degraded lands could amount to 80 EJ/yr.**

**Breeding for “future-climate” resilience and extensive testing of feedstocks in expansion areas is needed.**



**Conservation of biodiversity is paramount**

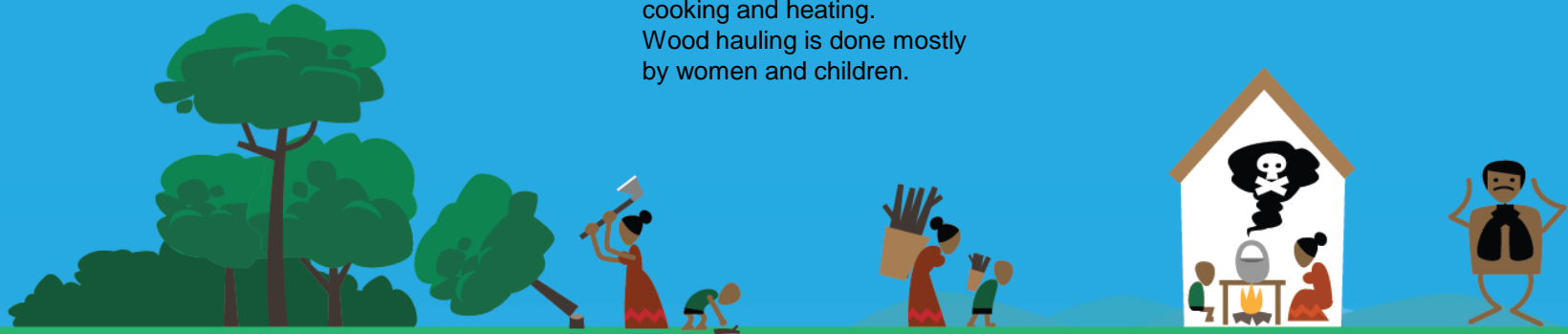
## TRADITIONAL BIOENERGY

Most of the renewable energy we use today comes from inefficient burning of biomass to produce heat

Around 30% of the biomass used in traditional inefficient bioenergy comes from native vegetation.

Around 2.8 billion people in the world rely on direct inefficient burning of “biomass” (wood and agricultural residues) for cooking and heating. Wood hauling is done mostly by women and children.

Inefficient indoor cooking causes respiratory illnesses and close to 1.6 million deaths per year, of mainly women and children.



## MODERN BIOENERGY

In rural areas, bioenergy can bring access to energy and contribute to poverty reduction

Landscape level planing and agroecological zoning can contribute to conservation efforts of pristine ecosystems. In Kenya, 1.4 million improved cooking stoves saved 75 thousand Ha of forest.

With an adequate choice of feedstocks, integration of food and energy crops, or use of agricultural residues, minigrids, liquid biofuels and biogas production can generate jobs and improve livelihoods.

Modern bioenergy practices can improve human health reducing indoor pollution with improved cooking stoves and communities can be spared the burden of wood gathering freeing up time for education.

Biogas is used in 5 million homes In India and 15 million homes In China.



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## Technical Summary

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Meeting demand: biomass  
supply at the scales needed

High costs and technological  
complexities of developing  
sustainable biorefinery  
systems

Competition  
with food  
production

Integrated policy  
to maximize  
bioenergy  
benefits and  
positive  
synergies

Certification  
and social  
aspects

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expansion

Financing  
the  
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# Bioenergy Numbers

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# Integration of Sciences for Bioenergy to Achieve its maximum Benefits

Research on biomass production to increase yields	Research on biomass mobilization and fuels distribution	Research on conversion to energy, chemicals and co-products	Research on impacts
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Biotechnology for energy crops	Harvest	Full biomass utilization	Land use changes
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## Integrated Policy

Cropping intensification	Transportation	Biochemical conversion	Carbon and nutrient cycles
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## Sustainable Biomass Supply

Breeding	Storage	Thermochemical conversion	Biodiversity
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Agro-forestry Integration	Densification	Hybrid systems	Emissions
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## Feedstocks

Integrated food-energy systems	Pre-processing	Scaling-up	Pollutants
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## Logistics

Pasture intensification	Matching feedstock to conversion process	Mills and Plants	Ecosystem services
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## Technologies

Landscape level planning	Fully renewable processes	Resource use water energy	Livelihoods
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Resource use water nitrogen	Infrastructure	Recycle or use of co-products	Policy
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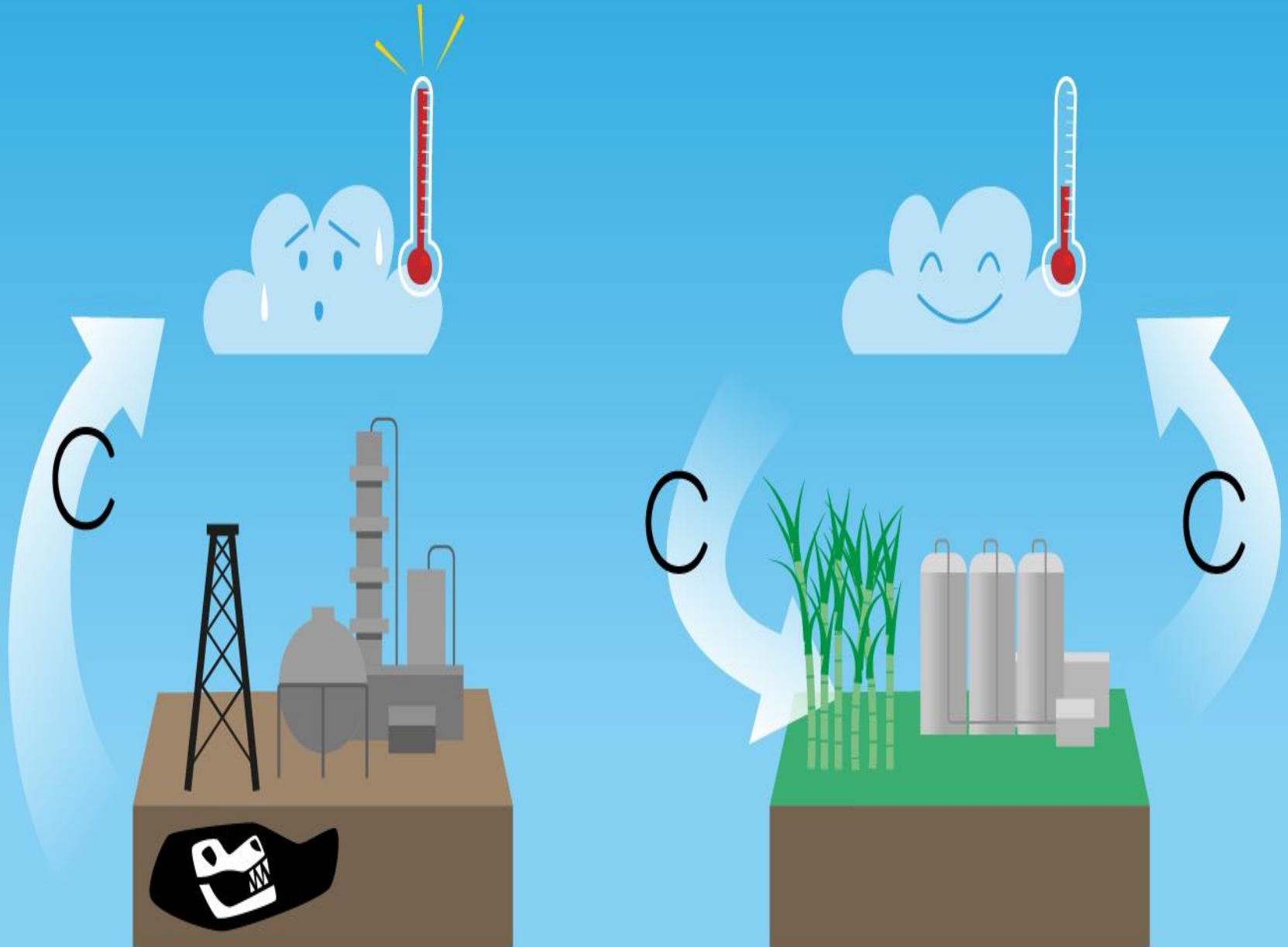
## Exploring Social and Environmental Benefits

Logistics	Integrated systems	Costs
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Biorefineries	Financing
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Engines	Trade
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**Bioenergy is advancing sustainability across the planet in pollutants reduction, energy efficiency, recycling, water use, development of a bioeconomy, reduction of emissions**



**It is time to get the bioenergy wagon rolling!**

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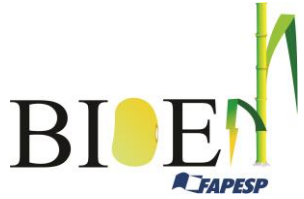
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