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## WBA joins IRENA Coalition for Action

The World Bioenergy Association (WBA) is pleased to announce that we have joined the IRENA (International Renewable Energy Agency) Coalition for Action.

*About the Coalition for Action:* In January 2014, the International Renewable Energy Agency (IRENA) and 35 industry and civil society organisations in renewable energy from around the world signed a Joint Statement on Forming a Coalition for Action to Bolster Public Support for Renewable Energy. In 2018, the Coalition for Action has 77 members (Link) including private companies, industry associations, civil society, research institutes and international organizations. The Coalition forms a key international network to discuss industry trends, share knowledge and exchange best practices for the global energy transformation.

Currently, the Coalition for Action operates through the following work streams:

- Business & Investors Working Group Scaling up RE Investments
- Sub Group Community Energy
- Communication Working Group
- Towards 100% Renewable Energy

"By joining the coalition, WBA and IRENA can work more closely in promoting bioenergy and to address the various techno socio and economic issues related to bioenergy and renewables development." – says Bharadwaj Kummamuru, Executive Director, WBA.

Bioenergy is the largest renewable energy source globally and WBA is the leading global voice for the bioenergy community. By teaming up with IRENA CoA, WBA can increase the prominence of bioenergy and communicate the multiple benefits of sustainable bioenergy development effectively.

Link for Coalition for Action: Homepage

For further information, please contact WBA (info@worldbioenergy.org)

## About WBA

The World Bioenergy Association (WBA) is the global organization dedicated to supporting and representing the wide range of actors in the bioenergy sector. Our members include national and regional bioenergy organizations, institutions, companies and individuals. WBA mission is to promote the increasing utilization of sustainable bioenergy globally and to support the business environment for bioenergy.

Since its foundation in 2008, WBA has been working to address a number of pressing issues including certification, sustainability criteria, bioenergy promotion and the debates about bioenergy's impact on food, land use and water supply. For more information, visit <u>www.worldbioenergy.org</u>