The key factors for the near future are:

1. To introduce measures to keep the global temperature increase below 2°C
2. To increase the bioenergy utilization in a sustainable way
3. To increase the business to business opportunities by meeting the request for technology transfer
4. To spread knowledge of bioenergy by capacity building
World Bioenergy Association’s message to COP 16

Certification Criteria for Sustainable Biomass for Energy
-Necessary to develop global trade.

• WBA has shown that there is a potential to mobilise enormous quantities of biomass for energy worldwide. A strong development of the sector will require trade in biomass and in fuels, like liquid biofuels and pellets.

• But you can’t drastically increase the exploitation of biomass for energy without any guarantee for sustainability.

• The industry, both suppliers and buyers, urgently need a set of criteria on a global level for developing trade.

• WBA criteria cover sustainability counting environmental, social and economic issues and cover biomass from forestry, agriculture, waste and others.
BioenergyConnect - a web based communication platform — a business and research network for technology transfer and capacity building

The premier forum for bioenergy professionals to make contacts
Biomass for Energy versus Food

Biomass production on surplus agricultural land represents the largest contribution to the potential of biomass for energy.

Why don’t farmers grow food crops on this land? **Because they have no market access.**

The driving force for improving infrastructure enough to reach the markets could be the demand for biomass for energy. **Which then is a prerequisite for an increased food production.**

And if the demand for biomass for energy results in irrigation systems. **They will of course benefit even food production.**