Training Course on Bioenergy and Biofuel Production from Agricultural Residues

Professional Development Training Course Outline

Category	Agriculture	**Duration**	10 Days
Base Fee	$3,000 USD	**Delivery Mode**	Online / On-site Hybrid

Course Introduction

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Programme Curriculum

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Course Objectives

1. Understand the fundamentals of bioenergy systems and sustainable biomass utilization.
2. Identify key types of agricultural residues suitable for biofuel production.
3. Explore advanced bioconversion technologies for biofuel extraction.
4. Analyze economic and environmental impacts of bioenergy projects.
5. Examine biochemical and thermochemical conversion pathways.
6. Learn about anaerobic digestion and biogas production techniques.
7. Develop competence in bioethanol and biodiesel production processes.
8. Assess the role of bioenergy in rural development and energy access.
9. Explore bioenergy policy, regulations, and carbon credit frameworks.
10. Apply life cycle assessment (LCA) in evaluating biofuel sustainability.
11. Integrate digital technologies and IoT in bioenergy systems.
12. Design business models for bioenergy entrepreneurship.
13. Conduct feasibility analysis of biofuel ventures using real data.

Target Audiences

1. Agricultural Extension Officers
2. Renewable Energy Engineers
3. Environmental Scientists
4. Rural Development Practitioners
5. Agribusiness Entrepreneurs
6. University Students in Environmental Studies
7. Government Energy Policymakers
8. NGO and Development Agency Staff

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Course Modules

Module 1: Introduction to Bioenergy

- Definition and importance
- Global bioenergy trends
- Types of biomass resources
- Energy conversion pathways
- Environmental benefits
- **Case Study**: India's National Bio-Energy Mission

Module 2: Agricultural Residues as Feedstock

- Residue types and classification
- Residue availability assessment
- Seasonal availability challenges
- Storage and preprocessing techniques
- Feedstock cost-benefit analysis
- **Case Study**: Rice Straw to Biogas in Vietnam

Module 3: Biochemical Conversion Technologies

- Fermentation basics
- Enzyme-based hydrolysis

- Pretreatment of lignocellulose
- Yield optimization techniques
- Scale-up considerations
- **Case Study**: Bioethanol from Sugarcane Bagasse in Brazil

Module 4: Thermochemical Conversion Technologies

- Pyrolysis principles
- Gasification processes
- Combustion methods
- Reactor design essentials
- Emission management
- **Case Study**: Biomass Gasifiers in Kenya

Module 5: Biogas Production from Residues

- Anaerobic digestion overview
- Digester design and operation
- Co-digestion strategies
- Slurry management
- Biogas upgrading
- **Case Study**: Smallholder Biogas in Nepal

Module 6: Bioethanol Production

- Feedstock selection
- Saccharification process
- Fermentation optimization
- Distillation and purification
- By-product management
- **Case Study**: Corn-based Bioethanol in the USA

Module 7: Biodiesel Production

- Oilseed crop selection
- Transesterification process
- Catalyst use and recovery
- Glycerol separation
- Quality standards
- **Case Study**: Jatropha Biodiesel in Tanzania

Module 8: Bioenergy and Climate Change

- GHG reduction potential
- Emission comparison with fossil fuels
- Soil carbon dynamics
- Climate-smart agriculture link
- Carbon credit opportunities
- **Case Study**: Carbon Financing in Uganda's Bioenergy Projects

Module 9: Waste Management and Circular Economy

- Biomass waste valorization
- Closed-loop systems
- Composting and digestate use
- Resource efficiency strategies

- Integration in agro-ecosystems
- **Case Study**: Zero-Waste Sugarcane Plant in Mauritius

Module 10: Economic Viability and Financing

- Cost structure analysis
- Return on investment (ROI)
- Funding sources and grants
- Market linkage strategies
- Public-private partnerships
- **Case Study**: PPP Biogas Plants in Germany

Module 11: Bioenergy Policy and Regulations

- International frameworks
- National energy policies
- Incentive mechanisms
- Licensing and compliance
- Community-based policy integration
- **Case Study**: EU Renewable Energy Directive and Biofuels

Module 12: Life Cycle Assessment (LCA)

- LCA framework
- Energy input-output ratios
- Environmental indicators
- Software and tools
- Impact minimization
- **Case Study**: LCA of Palm Oil Biodiesel in Malaysia

Module 13: Innovation and Digital Technologies

- Smart sensors in biogas systems
- Automation in fermentation
- Data-driven feedstock management
- IoT in temperature control
- Remote monitoring platforms
- **Case Study**: Digital Bioenergy Farms in the Netherlands

Module 14: Community-Based Bioenergy Projects

- Participatory planning
- Gender-inclusive models
- Cooperative management
- Skill development programs
- Long-term sustainability
- **Case Study**: Women's Biogas Cooperative in Rwanda

Module 15: Entrepreneurship and Startups in Bioenergy

- Business model innovation
- Market research and product design
- Legal and operational setup
- Branding and marketing
- Scaling strategies
- **Case Study**: Youth-Led Biofuel Startup in Ghana

Training Methodology

- Interactive lectures and presentations
- Group-based residue assessment exercises
- Hands-on simulation with bioenergy models
- Real-world case study analysis and discussion
- Expert guest speakers from the bioenergy industry
- Field visit recommendations for practical exposure

Register as a group from 3 participants for a Discount

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Certification

Upon successful completion of this training, participants will be issued with a globally- recognized certificate.

Tailor-Made Course

We also offer tailor-made courses based on your needs.

Key Notes

a. The participant must be conversant with English.

b. Upon completion of training the participant will be issued with an Authorized Training Certificate

c. Course duration is flexible and the contents can be modified to fit any number of days.

d. The course fee includes facilitation training materials, 2 coffee breaks, buffet lunch and A Certificate upon successful completion of Training.

e. One-year post-training support Consultation and Coaching provided after the course.

f. Payment should be done at least a week before commence of the training, to Fineskill Training Center account, as indicated in the invoice so as to enable us prepare better for you.

Upcoming Scheduled Sessions

Start Date	End Date	Location	Price
23 Nov 2026	04 Dec 2026	Online	$2,000
23 Nov 2026	04 Dec 2026	Physical	$3,000
23 Nov 2026	04 Dec 2026	Physical	$6,000
23 Nov 2026	04 Dec 2026	Physical	$6,000
23 Nov 2026	04 Dec 2026	Physical	$12,000

Start Date	End Date	Location	Price
23 Nov 2026	04 Dec 2026	Physical	$9,000
23 Nov 2026	04 Dec 2026	Physical	$12,000
23 Nov 2026	04 Dec 2026	Physical	$12,000

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