



Nigeria

1 Which bioeconomy-related policy strategies exist?

With a view to diversifying fuel feedstock and to encouraging agro-industrial development, the government of Nigeria released a national “**Biofuel Policy and Incentives**” in 2007.

2 Is the term “bioeconomy” or “biobased economy” used in the strategy documents?

Yes No

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Biofuels are defined as fuel ethanol, biodiesel and other fuels made from biomass and used for transport, thermal and electricity generation.

3 Who is the author of the strategies?

The government mandated the Nigerian National Petroleum Corporation NNPC to develop the biofuel policy.

4 What are the key goals of the strategies?

The biofuel program should substitute imported fossil fuels and contribute to a “greener” fuel sector. For this purpose, the strategy seeks to involve the Nigerian petroleum industry in the broader development efforts of the country. By linking

the energy sector with the agro-industrial sector (including biofuel companies), it seeks to promote job creation, rural and agricultural development as well as technology transfer.



5 What are the priority areas of the strategies?

The government identifies priorities in the area of market development (phase 1) and biofuel production (phase 2). Market development should be fostered through a mix of political measures, such as blending mandates, purchase guarantees, biofuel import facilitation, integration of biofuel in gas stations. Biofuel production support focuses on agricultural R&D, plantations and support to biofuel companies (e.g. pioneer status). Although biomass

is defined broadly in the policy, the focus is mainly on first generation biofuels. Furthermore, the policy intends to create attractive framework conditions for foreign biofuel investors. Policy coherence and inter-ministerial coordination are also mentioned as important pillars of the strategy, specifically, the creation of a Biofuels Commission under the purview of the Ministry of Petroleum.

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