

Webisode 57DHYYP October 21 2025 International Day of Action on Big Biomass

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1 The International Day of Action on Big Biomass is a global initiative aimed at raising awareness about the environmental and social impacts of the biomass industry Organized by various groups this day encourages participants to organize online or offline actions events or activities to highlight the issues The main message is to stop giving massive subsidies tax breaks and incentives to the biomass industry which are fueling its proliferation and destructive impacts globally The day coincides with the start of the United Nations Biodiversity Conference CBD COP16 in Cali Colombia emphasizing the importance of protecting forests to tackle both the nature crisis and the climate emergency On October 21 2025 groups all around the world are taking part in a day of action to raise awareness of the impacts of the biomass industry and you are invited to join them! You can still join our Social Media Action! Everything you need to take part is in our I D O A Toolkit This year our main message to governments is to stop giving massive subsidies tax breaks and incentives to the biomass industry which are fueling its proliferation and destructive impacts all around the globe Please download and share our publicity banner pictured above on your website and social media platforms Do not forget to tell us what you did by emailing Sophie at environmental paper dot org and on the 21st of October 21 2025 follow and post to hashtag Big Bad Biomass The E P N Biomass Action Network is coordinating an international day of action to expose the environmental and social impacts of big biomass globally It is a collaborative effort between organizations all around the world who are organizing online and offline activities October 21 2025 More background information is available in ENG ES PT How to Join In Share our Publicity Banners Access from this folder in multiple languages Share the images on your website and social media and throughout your networks and email lists You can also use this call out text to mobilize groups via email Organize an online or offline activity There is still time to organize an online or offline event or action! Be sure to let us know what you are planning and add your activities to the program of events here Take social media action Write out the unifying message of this year Cut Subsidies Not Forests or print a copy of our banner Take a picture of yourself or friends or colleagues with the message You could include a tree or an iconic landmark to show where you are Post your picture on the 21st of October with a caption see examples below on social media with the hashtags # Big Bad Biomass If you cannot post directly upload your image to this folder Use our new biomass subsidies visual resources To mark October 21 B A N will release a new series of graphics which illustrate the biomass subsidies issue These can be used on the day for social media posts and by our B A N members in their work Access the folder of visuals Post to hashtag Big Bad Biomass Help us to unify all of the actions and events around the world by using hashtag Big Bad Biomass! We will host a live photo stream on the I D O A webpage under this hashtag Please also tag the Environmental Paper Network IG LinkedIn Twitter Facebook in your posts - this allows us to keep track during the day Amplify the B A N Burning Billions for Biomass report To mark the I D O A B A N is releasing a report which brings together a series of case studies from key consumer and producer countries and provides a snapshot of the subsidies provided to the biomass industry The report is a collaboration between several B A N members Send our Press Release to your media contacts Help to distribute our press release highlighting the shocking amount of money governments around the world are giving to the biomass energy industry in the form of subsidies Please note it is under embargo until midnight of October 21 2025 It will be available online

here with the report from midnight October 21 2025 <https://environmentalpaper.org/2025/10/burning-hyphen-billions-hyphen-for-hyphen-biomass/> Share our readymade social media posts Major Economies Spent Almost 250 Billion US dollars on Subsidies for Burning Biomass new BAN report finds by Biomass Action Network B A N October 20 2025 Biomass Media Release A report released today shows that a handful of major economies spent nearly 250 billion US dollars on biomass subsidies over 22 years from 2002 to 2024 This is likely an underestimate it does not cover all years does not include all subsidies that might benefit biomass due in part to flawed reporting and a lack of transparency and has not been adjusted for inflation Much of this money will have been given to energy companies burning trees for heat and electricity The report shows that there is a direct link between biomass subsidies and increased logging of forests The report is being released on October 21 2025 the International Day of Action on Big Biomass The authors of the report say that as the world approaches the COP30 climate summit burning millions of tons of wood every year from forests will undermine climate and nature goals The findings released by the Biomass Action Network show that governments are funneling billions into burning trees at the expense of real renewables These figures are incomplete and only cover a handful of major economies meaning the true scale of global biomass subsidies is likely far bigger Lack of transparency plus incomplete and inconsistent reporting in the various jurisdictions covered is also problematic Add to this the fact that burning trees for energy provides no climate benefit biomass is labelled as carbon neutral only based on future potential regrowth of trees But first it increases atmospheric carbon dioxide for decades and leads to clearcutting and forest degradation of some of the most important forests for nature in the world Hundreds of countries have signed up to Target 18 of the Global Biodiversity Framework which is to phase out billions of subsidies that harm nature This goal will never be achieved while tree-burning power plants are still receiving subsidies Industrial biomass production is turning areas around the world such as the rural southern US and the rainforests of Indonesia into sacrifice zones From pollution to forest degradation communities in regions such as these are burdened by an industry backed by billions of dollars in subsidies globally The billions spent on biomass could be far better spent on real renewables and energy efficiency which would genuinely cut emissions protect forests and be far cheaper than woody biomass which is a highly expensive energy technology In contrast to wind and solar power which thrived when subsidized and progressively reduced their costs biomass energy has failed to innovate or reduce unit costs is now being seriously outcompeted by them and relies on subsidies for mere survival In addition there is a direct link between providing biomass subsidies to the energy industry and increased logging of the forests of the world Since the analysis only covers five major economies the true extent of global biomass subsidies is likely much bigger The estimate is also likely to be conservative since it is not adjusted for inflation and only covers years for which there is publicly available data on subsidies that could definitely be identified as for biomass

Quotes Peg Putt Coordinator of Policy and Campaigns for BAN Biomass Action Network said We call on governments to cut subsidies not forests This call is sounding around the world on the International Day of Action on Big Biomass as we collectively recognize that our forests are more valuable to the climate communities and web of life when left standing not as burnt sacrifices Matt Williams Senior Advocate for NRDC Natural Resources Defense Council said Countries have promised to spend billions on helping the most vulnerable in the world adapt to climate change and on restoring nature Instead it is clear that some of the wealthiest countries in the world are wasting hundreds of billions of

