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Biogas can drive economic and environmental development – new report

The newly founded World Biogas Association (WBA) has launched its first biogas advocacy report which presents the evidence to support the need for wide adoption of anaerobic digestion and biogas technologies in order to meet the UNFCCC COP 21 Commitments and UN Sustainable Development Goals. With the ability to reduce global greenhouse gas emissions by close to 20%, the potential of these technologies to contribute to a sustainable and carbon-neutral future is immense.

Launching the report, WBA President David Newman said

"The WBA report clearly illustrates how biogas capture and use can contribute an enormous amount to economic and environmental development globally. Whether we consider energy production, agriculture, public health or cleaner air in our cities, biogas can become a driver for positive change in our communities. Now is the time to increase the tempo of biogas uptake and bring these benefits to a wider, global community."

"The WBA aims to be a platform for collaboration, knowledge and best-practice sharing. We look forward to participation from companies, associations, universities, professionals, intergovernmental and other organisations from across all sectors of the economy."

The report highlights:

- The global variation in scale of implementation of anaerobic digestion (from four cow micro-digesters to multiple megawatt landfill gas capture);
- Feedstocks used (food waste and industrial effluents, sewage and wastewater, livestock manures, crops and crop residues);
- Uses of biogas/landfill gas and by-products (electricity, heat, biomethane, digestate); and
- The other benefits derived from the technology.

The report demonstrates the numerous social, economic and environmental benefits of capturing biogas from organic substrates via anaerobic digestion and landfill gas capture.

The report is available for free via the WBA website, www.worldbiogasassociation.org/wba-publications.

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World Biogas Association (WBA)

The World Biogas Association is dedicated to facilitating the adoption and growth of biogas and anaerobic digestion technologies worldwide and to maximise their contribution to the UNFCCC Commitments on Climate Change and the UN's Sustainable Development Goals.