

Our analysts work around the clock to compile a comprehensive list of all the events and conferences in the development sector that you will not find anywhere else. Below are some of the most noteworthy events in the sector.

Upcoming Events

OCTOBER



EU Green Deal: Research and Innovation as a driver towards climate neutrality | United Arab Emirates and Virtual

The European Commission is holding the “EU Green Deal: Research and Innovation as a driver towards climate neutrality” event during the Expo 2020 Dubai. The event is organized by the EC (official Expo 2020 participant), and is hosted in the Expo 2020 pavilion of Sweden. This EU event, which is a hybrid event aims to highlight the EU excellence in research and innovation as a tool towards climate neutrality and sustainability, and the EU's ambition of cooperating with partners toward the achievement of this global goal, for example through multilateral partnerships such as Mission Innovation.

Date and location: **3 - 4 October, 2021** | United Arab Emirates and Online

Registration information: <https://www.developmentaid.org/link/8jam3>



Fifteenth session of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD 15) | Virtual

Building on the theme of the UNCTAD14 conference, which emphasized the need to move from decision to action, UNCTAD's 15th quadrennial conference, UNCTAD15, seeks a concrete decade of action in pursuit of the Sustainable Development Goals. The conference is focused on reducing inequality and vulnerability by ensuring trade works for all and that development remains high on the global agenda. The theme, “From inequality and vulnerability to prosperity for all”, is a clarion call to work to fix the fractures across the world in favour of prosperity for all. UNCTAD15 takes place online, hosted by Barbados, from 3 to 7 October, 2021.

Date and location: **3 - 7 October, 2021** | Online

Registration information: <https://www.developmentaid.org/link/U0uhr>



Third UN World Data Forum 2021 | Bern, Switzerland

The UN World Data Forum brings together data and statistical experts and users from governments, civil society, the private sector, donor and philanthropic bodies, international and regional agencies, the geospatial community, the media, academia, and professional bodies. Data experts and users gather to spur data innovation, mobilize high-level political and financial support for data and build a pathway to better data for sustainable development.

Date and location: **3 - 6 October, 2021** | Bern, Switzerland

Registration information: <https://www.developmentaid.org/link/XaLko>



Putting the OECD AI Principles into practice: progress and future perspectives | Virtual

The OECD and signatory countries of the OECD AI Principles have been making great progress: Speakers in the event will take stock of developments such as the June 2019 G20 AI Principles that draw from the OECD AI Principles; the OECD.AI Policy Observatory and its Network of Experts; the establishment of the Global Partnership on Artificial Intelligence (GPAI) in June 2020; the European Union proposed AI regulation of April 2021 and other national and international initiatives.

Date and location: **4 October, 2021** | Online

Registration information: <https://oecd.ai/mcm>



Sustainable use of pesticides - third remote stakeholder event | Virtual

In follow-up to the Sustainable use of pesticides - first remote stakeholder event and the Sustainable use of pesticides - second remote stakeholder event, the Commission have organized this third and planned final remote stakeholder event to update, consult and receive input to the planned work. The meeting is organized in cooperation with Slovenia's Council Presidency and will be held exclusively in English; translation will not be provided in the context of this virtual meeting.

Date and location: **5 October, 2021** | Online

Registration information: <https://www.developmentaid.org/link/Ylque>



60 years of Development Co-operation | Virtual

The OECD Development Assistance Committee held its first meeting on October 5th, 1961. Sixty years later, leading figures in global development co-operation are sharing their views on its achievements, and the work ahead.

Date and location: **5 October, 2021** | Online

Registration information: <https://www.developmentaid.org/link/fc6Ua>



2021 European Covenant of Mayors Ceremony | Virtual

In April 2021, the Covenant of Mayors initiative has entered a new phase, officially launching its renewed ambition of a fairer and climate-neutral Europe. The event is organized to celebrate this new phase, the achievements of the Community, and debate how to commit, engage, act and network towards a fairer, climate-neutral Europe, the first online Covenant of Mayors Ceremony! The European Commissioner for Energy Mrs Kadri Simson and the Executive Vice-President for the European Green Deal Frans Timmermans will join Mayors, local leaders, Presidents of Regions, and representatives from municipalities of all sizes, in this celebration.

Date and location: **7 October, 2021** | Online

Registration information: <https://www.developmentaid.org/link/sqPBs>



Transitioning to new energy systems: What impact will it have on society and on our lives? | Virtual

The energy transition is not just about new technologies and innovation. Our current lifestyles are also contributing to our energy and climate problems, and the move to different energy systems will impact every one of us in society. Change has to be fair and inclusive. It requires public engagement and active participation across the whole of society. What works, and how should it be done? Join the panel of experts to discuss these critical issues, as it looks towards the COP26 conference. The audience will have the opportunity to pose questions and be part of the debate. The webinar is free and open to all.

Date and location: **11 October, 2021** | Online

Registration information: <https://www.developmentaid.org/link/ehvt0>



Global Deal Annual High-Level Social Dialogue Forum | Virtual

The 1st edition of the Global Deal Annual High-Level Social Dialogue Forum will bring together a wide range of policymakers, practitioners, and experts in social dialogue to explore how a strong process of dialogue, consultation and negotiation between governments and social partners can help in addressing the longer term issues brought about by the pandemic. It will also examine how to manage the accelerated introduction of digitalisation and automation in the workplace generated by the COVID-19 crisis.

Date and location: **211-14 October, 2021** | Online

Registration information: <https://www.developmentaid.org/link/2amqc>



Towards 61 GW of offshore energy by 2030: sharing experiences throughout the EU | Virtual

The Commission organises this online conference to bring together representatives from various EU country ministries and selected stakeholders to share experiences, with a vision to reach an installed capacity of 60 GW of offshore wind and 1 GW of ocean energy in the EU by 2030.

The event opens with a keynote speech from the Commissioner for energy, Kadri Simon, followed by 3 panel sessions: investments, public engagement and permitting, infrastructure and grid planning.

Date and location: **12 October, 2021** | Online

Registration information: <https://www.developmentaid.org/link/Q5l0i>



Clear writing for Europe 2021 | Virtual

Clear writing for Europe will be a chance to exchange ideas for ways to communicate more clearly in writing with the citizens of Europe, to share experiences and to learn about the EU institutions' work in this area. This conference is being hosted by the team within the Commission's Directorate-General for Translation behind the clear writing campaign. The team is working in partnership with other EU institutions to showcase EU efforts on clear and effective written communication with EU citizens.

Date and location: **13 - 14 October, 2021** | Online

Registration information: <https://www.developmentaid.org/link/sNKnv>



Public consultation on the revision of the EIB's Transport Lending Policy - informational online event | Virtual

As part of the public consultation on the revision of the EIB's Transport Lending Policy the EIB will be organising an informational event for interested stakeholders on Thursday 14 October from 09:15 to 17:00 (CEST). Kris Peeters, Vice-President of the EIB, will open the event. Following introductory remarks by Hakan Lucius, Head of Corporate Responsibility, the day will be divided into several sessions covering transport sectors (morning) and general themes (afternoon). In these sessions, stakeholders will be invited to exchange directly with EIB staff about the issues at stake within the review. The day will end with a summary of the discussions, chaired by Gavin Dunnett, Director of Mobility, and closing remarks will be made by Kris Peeters, Vice-President of the EIB.

Date and location: **14 October, 2021** | Online

Registration information: <https://www.developmentaid.org/link/lhQY7>



GOVERNMENT BEYOND RECOVERY

Towards a future-fit
public sector

Government Beyond Recovery | Virtual

This conference will gather political leaders, policy practitioners, regulators, representatives of civil society, private sector actors and innovators to explore public governance possibilities as the world emerges from a period of crisis. Panel discussions will explore how governments can leverage behavioural insights, co-creation, regulation, mission-oriented innovation, anticipatory innovation and strategic foresight to explore possibilities and steer towards better futures.

Date and location: 18-19 October, 2021 | Online

Registration information: <https://www.developmentaid.org/link/iCZps>



CEDEFOP

European Centre
for the Development
of Vocational Training

2021 joint Cedefop/OECD symposium: Apprenticeships for greener economies and societies | Virtual

The joint Cedefop/OECD symposium on apprenticeship brings together policy-makers, practitioners and researchers from around the world to consider new research or analysis of practices exploring the links between apprenticeships and the transition towards greener economies and societies, as well as the implications for policy-making.

Date and location: 21-22 October, 2021 | Online

Registration information: <https://www.developmentaid.org/link/xWNwe>



Global Green Growth Week 2021 (GGGWeek2021) | Virtual

GGGWeek2021 will feature high-level panel discussions, keynote speeches, interactive sessions and debates that will highlight examples of solutions and best practices to green COVID-19 recovery, develop Green New Deals to accelerate the implementation of the Paris Agreement, engage with global green growth leaders and practitioners, forge partnerships, and provide participants with learning and sharing opportunities across a range of sectors and topics to advance the global efforts to build back better.

Date and location: 25 - 27 October, 2021 | Online

Registration information: <https://www.developmentaid.org/link/LPKjb>



EU Sustainable Energy Week (EUSEW) 2021 | Virtual

The EU Sustainable Energy Week (EUSEW) will take place on 25-29 October 2021 under the theme: 'Towards 2030: Reshaping the European Energy System'. The event will comprise a 3-day digital policy conference, the EUSEW Awards, the second European Youth Energy Day as well as various networking activities. Participants will also have access to online side events and Energy Days, digital events taking place all over Europe.

Date and location: 25 - 29 October, 2021 | Online

Registration information: <https://www.developmentaid.org/link/T3lNy>

Doing Business with ADB: Procurement Guidelines and Best Practices | Webinar

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Date and location

14 October 2021 | Virtual | 2 PM (Brussels Time)/
8 AM (Washington DC Time)

Program Link:

<https://www.developmentaid.org/link/jPylE>

DevelopmentAid invites you to attend an exciting webinar on “Doing business with Asian Development Bank: procurement guidelines and best practices”.

During the webinar, attendees will learn about ADB's profile, operations, portfolio, and procurement policy. Moreover, our speaker will share several tips on how to prepare correctly for upcoming bids and win projects funded by ADB.



Speaker:
Stephane Y. Bessadi, | Senior Procurement Specialist
at ADB

Stephane joined ADB in 2017. Currently, he is leading and supporting a portfolio of \$ 800 M sovereign and non-sovereign infrastructures projects, within Procurement, Portfolio, and Financial Department. He is also responsible for preparing strategic procurement plan for quality of infrastructures, operational capacities, digital and high-level technology. Before joining ADB, Stephane spent 15 years working for private water companies, primarily Suez Environment. He obtained a BA in Economics from McGill University in Montreal, a Master as Engineer Economist at the University of Aix-Marseille II, and a Master in Water Management at the National School for Rural Engineering and Forestry in Montpellier.



Speaker:
Ion Ilasco | External Relations & Events,
DevelopmentAid

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The World BioEconomy Forum goes to Brazil – live from Belém!

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Date and location
18–20 October 2021

Program Link:
<https://wcbef.com/>

The World BioEconomy Forum is pleased to announce that its Forum 2021 will be held in Belém, in the State of Pará, Brazil from 18 - 20 October 2021. Belém is located in the Amazon region of Brazil and will give the Forum the opportunity to highlight the region as of fundamental importance to the global circular bioeconomy. The event will bring together high-level speakers and experts from around the world highlighting Belém and the Amazon region for essential debate on sustainable development.

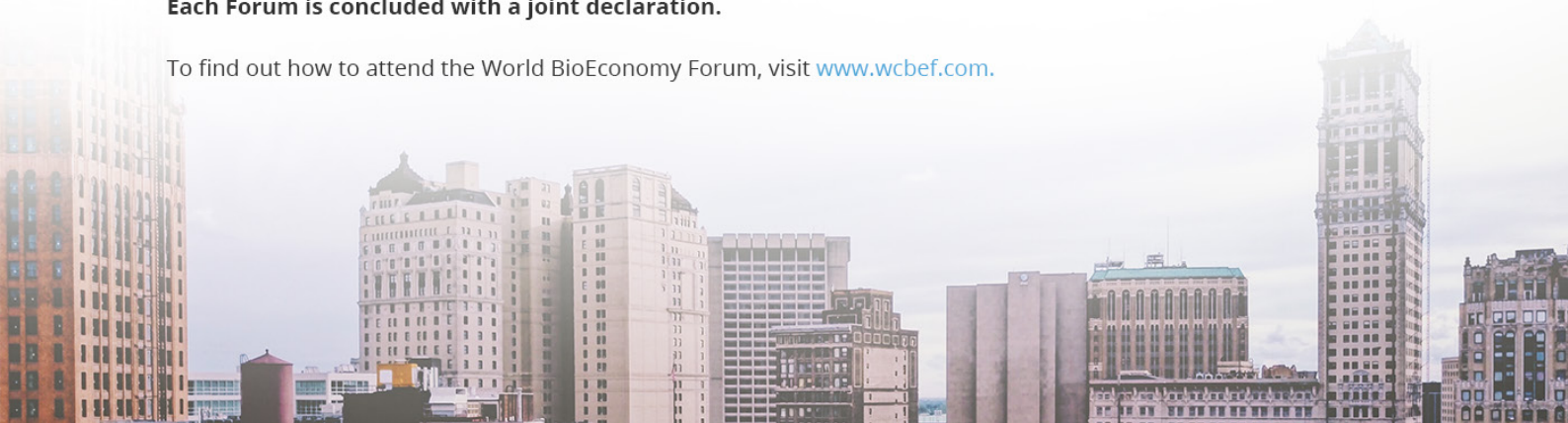
This is the first time that the World BioEconomy Forum has left its usual location in Ruka, Finland. The Forum's advisory board is clearly aware that there is no bioeconomy that fits all, but several bioeconomies built to operate within their own regional economic systems. Therefore, the decision was made to move the Forum periodically to various locations around the world, and particularly in regions where the bioeconomy is at the centre of attention. Belém, in the state of Pará, in Brazil, is a perfect example of this.

Planning of the Forum is well under way and it will follow the agenda of the World BioEconomy Forum. The agenda consists of four thematic areas, which will be covered during the event:

- The Bioeconomy: People, Planet Policies
- Global Leaders and the Financial World
- Bioproducts around us
- Looking to the Future

Each Forum is concluded with a joint declaration.

To find out how to attend the World BioEconomy Forum, visit www.wcbef.com.



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