



Conference 2012

**Growing the Bioeconomy:
Social, Environmental and Economic Implications**

October 2-5, 2012 in Banff, Alberta, Canada

<http://www.ales.ualberta.ca/Bioeconomy.aspx>

With an ever expanding Bioeconomy, **decision-makers need up-to-date knowledge** to develop strategies to manage this growth. Scientific leaders and economist are invited to work together in a meeting of minds to understand the **implications** of the growing Bioeconomy. This is a unique opportunity for sociologists, environmentalists and policy makers to pool their collective experience from Europe and North America to assure the **sustainability** of the developing Bioeconomy.

The 2009 [OECD Report](#), *the Bioeconomy to 2030: designing a policy agenda* provides an overview of the major challenges, and opportunities, associated with the expected growth of the Bioeconomy sector over the next two decades. The report documents that agriculture could account for about one third of the growth in this sector, however, most of the current investment is in health.

Conference Program

During four half-day sessions, Growing the Bioeconomy will address the environmental, social and economic implications of the growth in this sector, following an initial scene setting overview of the latest technical developments in this sector. The final day will examine what our next steps should be.

Presentation and Poster Proposals due May 31
Graduate Student Proposals due May 31
Early registration deadline June 30

Expected outcomes

The conference will develop a shared understanding of the issues of growing the Bioeconomy in Europe and North America, and the shared viewpoints of natural and social scientists, economists, and environmental scientists.

Conference location

The conference will be held at the Rimrock Hotel in Banff, Alberta in the foothills of the Canadian Rockies. It is the ideal setting for calm reflection and stimulating discussion.



For questions or further details please see the website <http://www.ales.ualberta.ca/Bioeconomy.aspx> call 780-492-3236 or 780-492-8126 or email bioeconomy2012@ales.ualberta.ca.