

Agenda

Facilitator: Gabrielle Ferguson, OMAFRA

- 9:30 – 9:45** **Welcome and Introduction**
- John Kelly, Chair – Business Case Working Group, Steering Committee
- 9:45 – 10:30** **“Assessment of Business Case for Purpose-Grown Biomass in Ontario” – discussion of findings (please review [the report](#) in advance to enhance discussion)**
- John Kelly, Erie Innovation and Commercialization
- Aung Oo, Western University Research Park
- 10:30 – 10:45** **Refreshment Break**
- 10:45 – 12:00** **Panel: Domestic Biomass Energy Opportunities (focus on heat)**
Moderator: Ian MacDonald, OMAFRA
- Charlie Lalonde, Ontario Federation of Agriculture – key opportunities
- Bill Greenizan, Ontario Ministry of Energy – natural gas access across Ontario
- Jamie Fisher, Ontario Biomass Producers Co-operative – biomass heating opportunities in the Ontario agriculture, residential and ICI sectors
- Fernando Preto, Natural Resources Canada – combustion units suitable for agricultural biomass
- 12:00 –12:15** **Business Risk Management for Biomass Producers: Advanced Payments Program**
- Mark Earle, Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada
- 12:15 – 1:15** **Lunch**
- 1:15 – 2:15** **Panel: Business Models and Investment Capital**
Moderator: Jennifer Stevenson, OMAFRA
- Jennifer Stevenson – business models and project stages
- Dave Smardon, Bioenterprise Capital Ventures
- Bryan Watson, National Angel Capital Organization
- Craig Bremner, TD Bank
- 2:15 – 2:30** **GRO Summit (March 4-5, 2013, London, ON) – Building on today’s forum**
- Jake DeBruyn, OMAFRA
- 2:30 – 2:45** **Highlights of the OMAFRA-OPG Project to Commercialize Agricultural Biomass for Combustion Energy**
- 2:45 – 3:45** **Panel: Export Opportunities for Biomass Energy Products**
Moderator: George Mandrapilias, Ministry of Economic Development & Innovation
- Bob Seguin, George Morris Centre – the agri-economic landscape
- Ian Moncrief, Canadian Biofuel Inc. – biomass pellets for EU markets
- Dean Tiessen, New Energy Farms – new global ventures
- 3:45 – 4:00** **Wrap-Up**

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