

Feedstocks of the Future for a Circular U.S. Bioeconomy

AGENDA

March 28-29, 2023 | Embassy Suites La Jolla – Embassy Ballroom

This event is hosted by the [Foundation for Food & Agriculture Research](#) (FFAR), a research funding organization, in partnership with [Schmidt Futures](#), a philanthropic initiative founded by Eric and Wendy Schmidt.

The overarching objective is to identify three to four promising lines of inquiry that:

1. Are currently unfunded or underfunded,
2. Could yield actionable results within a five-year timeframe and
3. Would require interdisciplinary collaboration.

Day 1 – Tuesday, March 28

8:00 | **Breakfast**

8:30 | **Welcome & Introductory Remarks**

- Dr. Genevieve Croft, Schmidt Futures
- Ms. Liz McNally, Schmidt Futures
- Dr. John Reich, FFAR

8:45 | **Agenda & Expectations**

- Ms. Gina Bartlett, Consensus Building Institute

8:55 | **Introductory Talk on Circular Feedstocks & Bioproduction**

- Dr. Mary Maxon, Schmidt Futures

9:15 | **Future Renewable Chemical Industry Landscape**

- Dr. Bala Subramaniam, University of Kansas

9:35 | **Panel 1 - Future Feedstocks Challenges & Opportunities**

- Dr. Nichole Fitzgerald, US DOE Bioenergy Technologies Office, Moderator
- Prof. Tristan Brown, SUNY College of Environmental Science & Forestry
- Dr. Jeffrey Lacey, Idaho National Laboratory
- Mr. Andrew Held, Virent, Inc.

Day 1 – Tuesday, March 28

- 10:20 | **Small Group Discussion**
- 10:30 | **Large Group Q&A / Discussion**
- 10:50 | **Break - Snacks Provided**
- 11:10 | **Panel 2 - Transformational Technology Challenges & Opportunities**
- Dr. Sarah Richardson, MicroByre, Moderator
 - Dr. Gregg Beckham, National Renewable Energy Laboratory
 - Dr. William Gong, Origin Materials
 - Dr. Erik Hagberg, Archer Daniels Midland (ADM)
 - Dr. Deepti Tanjore, Lawrence Berkeley National Laboratory
 - Dr. Luca Zullo, Agricultural Utilization Research Institute (AURI)
- 12:00 | **Q&A & Discussion**
- 12:30 | **Lunch**
- 1:30 | **Reconvene & Review Plans for the Afternoon**
- 1:35 | **Discussion Workshop – Part 1**
- 3:30 | **Break – Snacks Provided**
- 3:45 | **Discussion Workshop – Part 2**
- 4:45 | **Reflections, Next Steps, Adjourn**
- 5:00
- 6:00 | **Reception at the Embassy Suites Indulge East Patio**
- Hors D’oeuvres and Refreshments
- 7:30

Day 2 – Wednesday, March 29

- 8:00 **Breakfast**
- 8:30 **Welcome & Reflections**
- Gina Bartlett, Facilitator Reflections on Day 1
 - Group discussion
- 9:35 **Panel 3 - Future Feedstocks & Opportunities for Renewable Chemicals**
- Dr. Katy Christiansen, Lawrence Berkeley National Laboratory, Moderator
 - Dr. Kevin Barnett, Pyran
 - Dr. Vineet Rajgarhia, Praj Americas
 - Ms. Karen Warner, BEAM Circular
- 10:10 **Large Group Q&A / Discussion**
- 10:30 **Break – Snacks Provided**
- 10:50 **Discussion Workshop – Part 3**
- 12:00 **Lunch**
- 12:20 **Wrap Up & Next Steps**
- 1:00 **Adjourn**

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