

**08:00 NETWORKING COFFEE & REGISTRATION**

**09:00 WELCOME & OPENING REMARKS**

Leo Stemp, Head of Content, Bio Innovations Midwest

**09:05**

OPENING KEYNOTE  
FIRESIDE CHAT

**BUILDING AN INDUSTRY NOT A COMPANY AND WHY MAMA'S CHANGE THE WORLD**

Hosted by Paul MacDonald, Co-founder & MD, Bio Innovations Midwest  
Ryan Adolphson, Chief Operating Officer, RWDC Industries  
Bryan Haynes, Technical Director Global Nonwovens, Kimberly-Clark

**09:30**

PANEL DISCUSSION

**THE FUTURE OF U.S. BIOFUELS: NAVIGATING POLICY, MARKET, TECHNOLOGICAL AND COST CHALLENGES TO SECURE OPPORTUNITIES IN THE GAS TANK AND BEYOND**

Hosted by Reid Wagner, Technical Director of Market Development, Growth Energy  
Senator George Dungan, State Senator, Nebraska Legislature  
Jacki Fee, Renewable Fuels Regulatory Advisor, Cargill  
Dawn Caldwell, Executive Director, Renewable Fuels Nebraska

**10:00**

**ENABLING LOW-CARBON BIO-PET: SUSTAINEA'S ONE-STEP GLYCOL INNOVATION**

Matthew Berdy, Global Commercial Director, Sustainea

**INCUBATING THE FUTURE OF U.S. BIOMANUFACTURING: KEY BUILDING BLOCKS FOR SCALING INNOVATION FROM STARTUP THROUGH TO COMMERCIAL SUCCESS**

Hosted by Sarah McInerney, Program Director, Innovation, Biomimicry Institute  
Dr Chern-Hooi Lim, Founder and CEO, New Iridium  
Brian Jacobson, Program Manager - Infrastructure, iFAB Tech Hub  
Geoff Horst, Chief Innovation Officer, Ecovia Bio

**10:15**

PANEL DISCUSSION

**10:45 NETWORKING COFFEE**

**BIO INNOVATIONS IN B2C AND B2B: HELPING COMPANIES REAP THE BENEFITS OF BIO-RENEWABLE MATERIALS**

Hosted by Marjorie L. Morris, Zemea® Global Marketing Director, Primient Covation  
Mike Davies, Technical Fellow, Essential Ingredients  
Andy Jackson, Managing Director, ALWELLCO  
Sean Gahan, Global Technical Service Manager, Primient Covation

**11:30**

PANEL DISCUSSION

**ADVANCING SUSTAINABLE CONSTRUCTION: THE FUTURE OF BIO-BASED BUILDING MATERIALS**

Hosted by John Dineen, Director of Planning Education and Science, HDR  
William J. DeRoin, Design Principal, HDR  
Dr George Berghorn, Assistant Professor of Construction Management, Michigan State University  
Meg Bruce, Chief Commercial Officer, ekoa by Lingrove  
Massimo Gatelli, Head of Material Science, Impact Acoustic

**12:00**

PANEL DISCUSSION

**PARTNERING WITH EUROPE TO ACCELERATE U.S. BIOMANUFACTURING**

Hosted by Samuele Ambrosetti, Programming and Innovation Manager, Bio-based Industries Consortium  
Nico Snoeck, Business Development Manager, Bio Base Europe Pilot Plant  
Max Weisz, Strategy and Business Development, Cargill BioIndustrial  
Jessica Monserrate PhD, Head of Sustainability North America, BASF

**12:30**

PANEL DISCUSSION

**13:00**

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**14:15**

GUEST SPEAKER

**INTRODUCING AN ALLIANCE TO UNLEASH THE FUTURE OF AMERICAN BIOMANUFACTURING**

Amy Davis, Head of Public Affairs, Novonesis, & Representative, American Alliance for Biomanufacturing

**14:30**

**SUSTAINING PEAK YIELD WITH AI: CUT VARIABILITY, MAXIMIZE PERFORMANCE, BOOST MARGIN**

Nitin Ranjan, Founder & CEO, Golgix

**14:45**

PANEL DISCUSSION

**AI - A TOOL U.S. INDUSTRIAL BIOMANUFACTURING CANNOT IGNORE**

Hosted by Leo Stemp, Head of Content, Bio Innovations Midwest  
Cees van Dok, Product Manager and UX Design Prosyn.ai, Process Design Centre  
Dr Will Cao, Co-founder & CEO, Pando Bioscience  
Apostolos Zournas, Postdoctoral Researcher, Agile BioFoundry - Berkeley Lab  
Zachary Karl, Vice President Business Development, eXoZymes

**15:15**

**A NOVEL LIGNIN-FIRST BIOREFINERY SOLVES BIOMASS UPCYCLING CHALLENGES**

Dave Skibinski, CEO, FiberX

**15:30**

PANEL DISCUSSION

**SCALING PRODUCTS FROM A DIVERSITY OF FEEDSTOCKS TO POWER UP THE U.S. BIOECONOMY**

Hosted by James Glueck, Executive Director, Plant Based Products Council  
Meredith Bottos, External Affairs, Braskem  
Jonathan Plisco, Chief Commercial Officer, Loliware  
Ken Kramer, President and CTO, BioLogiq  
Matthew Berdy, Global Commercial Director, Sustainea

**16:00**

**NETWORKING DRINKS & GOODBYES**

THANK YOU AND SEE YOU NEXT YEAR



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