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# GFSE/UNIDO side event on biofuels:

## Introductory remarks

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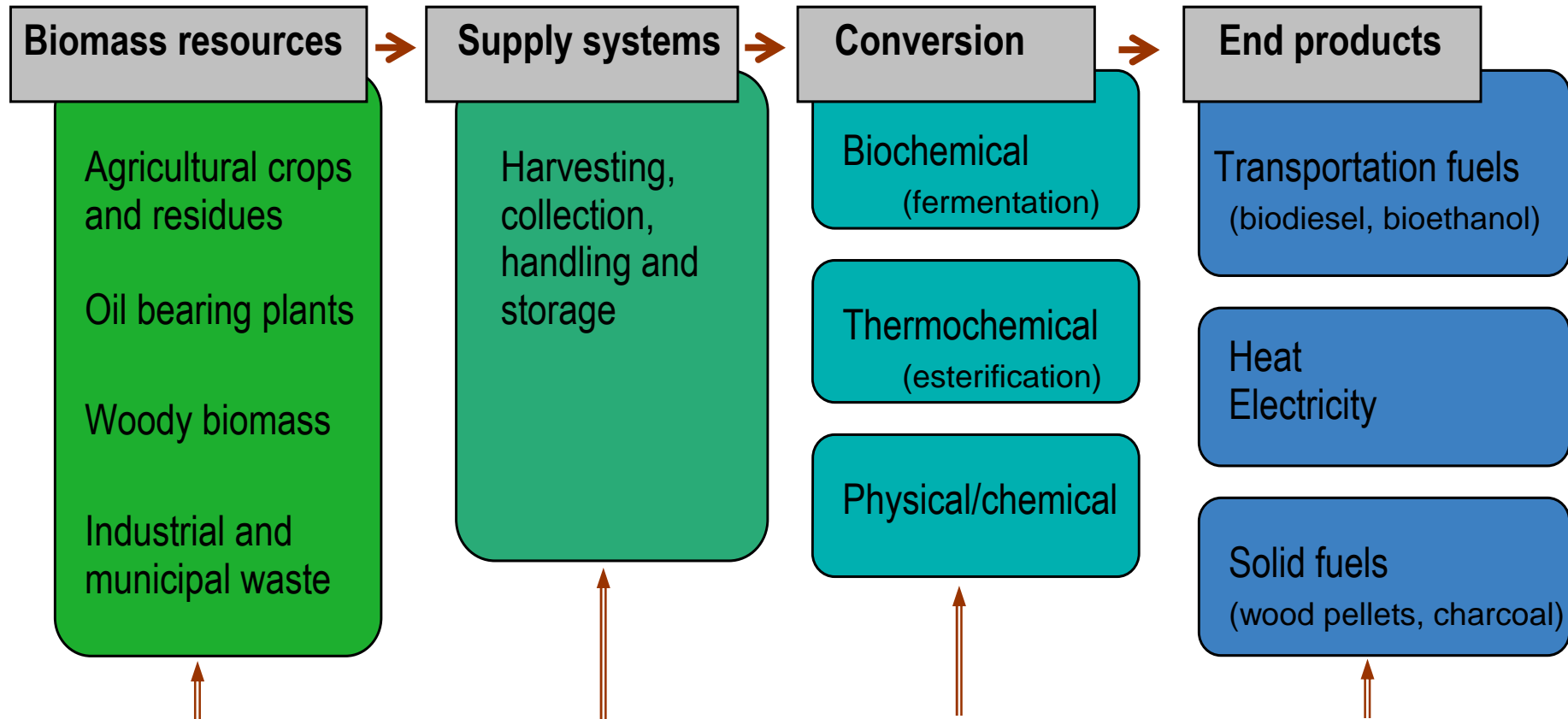


## Purpose of presentation

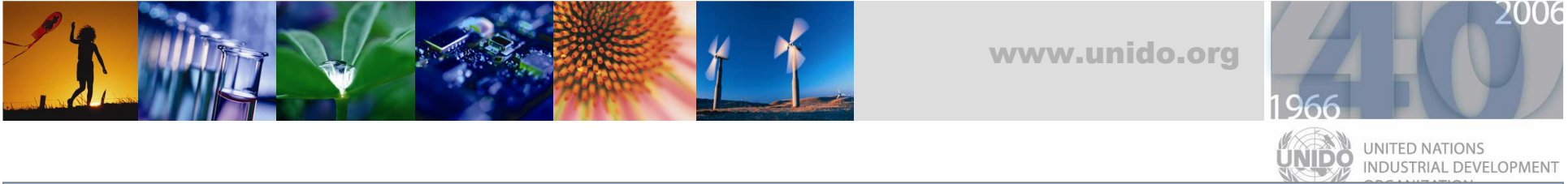
- Inform participants about UNIDO's biofuels strategy;
- Present key focal areas of UNIDO's biofuels programme;
- Initiate discussion on SEI/UNIDO's plan to organise a conference on biofuels in Africa in April 2007.



# Biofuels value chain: UNIDO's role



Integrating research themes across the value chain: environmental and economic sustainability, fuel standards and conformity assessment issues, greenhouse gas balances, barriers to deployment, etc.



## UNIDO's biofuels strategy

The objective is to assist SMEs in developing countries in realizing the potential benefits of biofuels, especially through

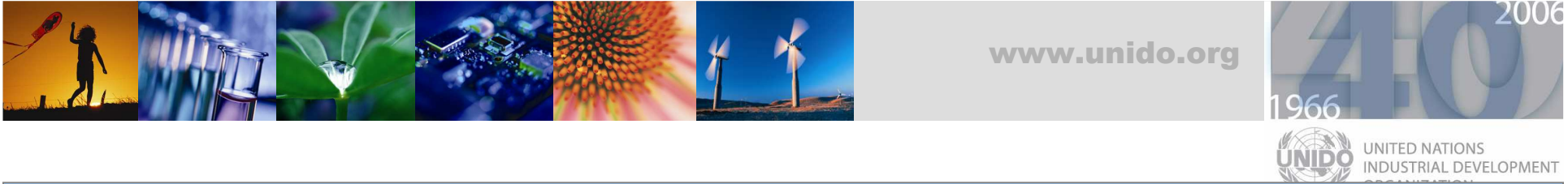
- reducing uncertainties regarding investment opportunities;
- providing tailor-made technical assistance programmes to enable SME development;
- strengthening SME capacities to meet international biofuels standards.

For this, UNIDO will work with networks of experts, research institutes, industrial associations, and cooperate with UN partners, bilaterals and regional initiatives.



## Focal areas

1. *Profiling* biofuels (reducing risks and uncertainties for investment)
2. Solid biofuels: *South-South* transfer, and *commercialization*
3. Bioethanol from residues and wastes: demonstrating the *value chain*
4. Biodiesel: building the *local-global bridge* for SMEs
5. Biorefineries: providing *clearinghouse* service



## Key activity in Africa in 2007

UNIDO's objective is to determine medium-term programme for Africa. To do this we plan to organise a Africa biofuels meeting in April/May 2007.

Co-organiser: SEI/SIDA.

Possible location: Addis Ababa, Ethiopia

Tentative date: Week of 16 - 20 April 2007

UNIDO's focus: Conventional and state-of-the-art biomass conversion technologies



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