

AGENDA DAY ONE

08:00 - 09:00 Welcome coffee & registration

09:00 - 09:10 **Welcome & opening remarks**
Paul MacDonald, Partner & Head of Community, **Bio Innovations Midwest**

09:10 - 09:40 **How biosolutions are transforming industry and our everyday lives**
Hosted by Rene Garza, Senior Vice President, Planetary Health Biosolutions, **Novonesis**
KEYNOTE ADDRESS Chris Boeckerman, Vice President, R&D, Fabric & Home Care, P&G Chemicals and Surfactants, Fabric & Home Care Materials, and New Forms, **P&G**
Abby Ceule, Vice President Functional Systems, **Corbion**

09:40 - 10:00 **Securing America's future through industrial biomanufacturing**
GUEST SPEAKER Doug Friedman, CEO, **BioMADE**

10:00 - 10:15 **Green Plains - Sustainable ingredients and innovative technology is a key enabler for advancing biomanufacturing at scale**
Anand Sundaresan, Senior Vice President, Head of Clean Sugar Platform, Innovations & Strategic Partnerships, **Green Plains**

10:15 - 10:30 **ADM – sustainably connecting farmers to the bioeconomy**
Chris Forgey, Senior Segment Director, **ADM**

10:30 - 10:45 **HELM – driving sustainable bio-based solutions through partnership**
Norbert Baum, Senior Executive Manager, Global Business Development Chemicals, **HELM**
Crystal Jones, Global Sales & Marketing Lead, **QIRA**

10:45 - 11:00 **iMicrobes - scaling up biobased chemicals made from ethanol**
Noah Helman, Founder & CEO, **iMicrobes**

11:00 - 11:45 Networking coffee

11:45 - 12:15 **The scaling up journey - text book versus reality**
PANEL DISCUSSION + AUDIENCE Q&A **Hosted by** K.C. Belitz, Director, **Nebraska Department of Economic Development**
Mark Norman, Vice President – Economic Development, **Greater Omaha Chamber**
Cliff Fleener, Vice President – Sustainability & Environmental Affairs, **Omaha Public Power District**
Kelly Knopp, Principal & Founder, **Citroniq**
Nicole Sedlacek, Economic Development Manager, **Nebraska Public Power District**

12:15 - 12:35 **Synonym - from custom to common: standardizing project development for scalable impact**
Kelsey Weimer, Director, Strategy & Partnerships, **Synonym**

12:35 - 12:45 **Marks & Clerk LLP: helping you to harvest your IP and grow for investment**
Richard Gibbs, Patent Attorney, **Marks & Clerk**

12:45 - 13:15 **PANEL DISCUSSION + AUDIENCE Q&A**

Key drivers to expedite the domestic commercialization of biosolutions

Hosted by Amy Davis, Head of Public Affairs & Communications, **Novonesis**
Jill Zullo, Senior EVP & COO, **BioMADE**
Betsy Dirksen Londrigan, Administrator, Rural Business-Cooperative Services, **U.S. Dept. of Agriculture**
K.C. Belitz, Director, **Nebraska Department of Economic Development**

13:15 - 14:30 Networking lunch - sponsored by 

14:30 - 14:55 **AFYREN – A unique biorefinery in the world, opening the route to new biobased value chains**
Christophe Dardel, Strategic Partnerships Director, **AFYREN**

14:45 - 15:00 **Bio Base Europe Pilot Plant - From lab to fab with an experienced partner**
Muriel Dewilde, Business Development Manager, **Bio Base Europe Pilot Plant**

15:00 - 15:10 **Holland Colors - High performance bio-based colorants with low CO2 Impact**
Jules Roelofs, Innovation Manager, **Holland Colors**

15:10 - 15:30 **The bioeconomy is thriving here in our backyard at Cargills Blair, NE Bio Refinery**
Josh Witt, Co-location Product Line Manager, **Cargill**
Sarah Jelken, Vice President, Industrial Segment Leader, **Cargill**

15:30 - 16:00 **PANEL DISCUSSION + AUDIENCE Q&A**

Corn - the feedstock of the future

Hosted by Rachael Whitehair, Director of Innovation & Stewardship, **Nebraska Corn**
Reid Wagner, Executive Director, **Nebraska Ethanol Board**
Mark McHargue, President, **Nebraska Farm Bureau**
Alex Buck, Director of Industrial Innovation, **Iowa Corn**
Darren Siekman, Vice President, Policy and Industry Strategy, Valley Agriculture, **Valmont**

16:00 - 16:15 **Monolith – the importance of affordable, clean ammonia for the local bioeconomy value chain**
Anna Wishart, Senior Director of Public Affairs, **Monolith**

16:15 - 16:30 **Acies Bio - microbial product development with SmartRoute™ technology**
Martin Kavšček, Head of Business Development, **Acies Bio**

16:30 - 18:00 Networking drinks - sponsored by 

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PANEL DISCUSSION
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The investment dating game

Hosted by Dan Hoffman, CEO, **Invest Nebraska**

Billy Hagstrom, CEO & Co-Founder, **Bluestem Biosciences**

Kaylee Williams, Investment Director, **InnoVenture Iowa**

Mike Jung, Managing Partner, **Grit Road Partners**

Building a sustainable bioeconomy through innovative technologies: A Michigan perspective

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Hosted by Stephen Rapundalo, President & CEO, **MichBio**

Brad Fingland, Director – Venture Creation, **Michigan State University Research Foundation**

Richard Olson, CEO, **Gantec**

Jason Noel, Senior Vice President, **Vestaron**

Kousay Said, CEO, **Ecovia Renewables**

Rethinking materials: advancing biobased innovations

10:00 - 10:30

PANEL DISCUSSION
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Hosted by James Glueck, Executive Director, **Plant Based Products Council**

Will Schroeder, Segment Director – Biobased Chemicals, **ADM**

Luke Palmer, Director – ESG, **CJ Bio America**

Eric Lee, Business Development Director – Fermentation, **Primient**

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Geno - In touching distance of the materials transition - what's on the horizon?

Christophe Schilling, CEO & Founder, **Geno**

10:45 - 11:15 Networking coffee

Spaces to spur innovation

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Hosted by Neal Suntken, Associate Principal Education Science & Community, **HDR**

Kate Engel, Executive Director, **Nebraska Innovation Campus**

Nigel Reuel, Associate Professor of Chemical Engineering, **Iowa State University**

Chad Beeson, President, **Rainwood Development Partners**

Mary Anne Phillippi, Program Design Specialist, **Waymaker Group**

11:45 - 12:00

Gevo - Performance meets sustainability: how speciality products reward carbon abatement

Damien Perriman, Chief Business Development Officer, **Gevo**

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Beyond the gas tank

Hosted by Reid Wagner, Executive Director, **Nebraska Ethanol Board**

Bio developers & producers

Kelly Davis, Vice President, **New Energy Blue**

Marilene Pavan, Innovation Manager, **LanzaTech**

John Hannon, COO, **Vertimass**

Community enablers

Jessica Monserrate, Head of Sustainability, **BASF Agricultural Solutions North America**

Tim O'Mara, Process Technology Manager – oil, gas & chemical, **Burns & McDonnell**

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The Cemvita way: cheaper and faster biotechnology for sustainable oil production at scale

Nádia S. Parachin, VP Industrial Biotechnology, **Cemvita**

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Manus - Driving sustainable innovation: Manus' integrated and collaborative approach to biomanufacturing

Atul Rathod, President, Industrials, **Manus**

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