The International Day of Action on Big Biomass 2026 Round-Up!



A big thank you to all our members for helping to make the 2026 International Day of Action on Big Biomass a big success! On 21st October, you mobilised, you organised, you posted online and you reached out to the media to let them know that **biomass energy is a False Solution that causes Real Destruction**. Below is a roundup of our collective impact:

📱 **84** social media posts
📢 **25** in-person actions
👫 **42** groups who participated, from at least
🌍 **26** countries across all continents
📰 **34** media mentions

Oceania

The day began in Australia, where a message was sent to the logging industry outside the Australian Forest Products Association headquarters in Canberra. The Greens Senator for Tasmania released this video on social media explaining why Biomass Energy is a false solution. The Bob Brown Foundation invaded a logging operation in a previously unlogged forest, staging a photo shoot before being chased away and the Australian Forests and Climate Alliance also staged a photo shoot in a forest.



East Asia

In South Korea, Solutions for Our Climate (SFOC) released an episode of "Climate Made Simple" on biomass energy, while in Japan, activists from

Friends of the Earth and Global Environmental Forum (GEF) staged a banner protest. Across Seoul, Tokyo and Jakarta, partners came together for a tri-country photo action to highlight the links between rising biomass demand and deforestation, biodiversity loss and land conflicts in producing countries such as Indonesia.

In the run-up to the IDoA, SFOC and GEF hosted a film screening and roundtable discussion during Bangkok Climate Action Week. Titled "Forests at the Frontline of Asia's Energy Transition", the events brought together advocates across East and Southeast Asia to exchange perspectives and explore areas for future collaboration.









Asia Pacific

In Indonesia, Trend Asia and local partners held actions in six provinces. In West Java, LBH Bandung, WALHI West Java and Trend Asia re-shared community documentation from last year's actions in Sukabumi and Indramayu. In those actions, residents protested energy plantations and biomass co-firing at the Indramayu coal power plant. In Central Kalimantan, WALHI Central Kalimantan staged a photo action amid the haze in Palangka Raya. In West Kalimantan, Link-AR Borneo held a series of actions and a public discussion in Pontianak. In Maluku, KORA held a photo action in front of PT SAFI's biomass concession in Bara village on Buru Island. In West Nusa Tenggara, LSBH NTB held a photo action at PT Sadhana Arifnusa's plantation forest in Sambelia, East Lombok, and AGRA NTB also spoke out. In South Papua, Parapara.id held a photo action in a burned forest, an open-mic forum and a face-mask distribution in Merauke. Across these sites, groups engaged members of the public about the dangers of large-scale biomass in energy transition schemes. They also linked this year's forest fires to the government's push to burn wood in power plants.

BAN's Asia Pacific Working Group also released a new briefing, "Biomass energy expansion at the expense of Indonesia's Gorontalo forests". This collaborative effort shows how rising wood pellet demand from Japan and South Korea is driving natural forest clearing, downstream flooding and conflict with communities in Gorontalo.




BERHENTI MEMBABAT
HUTAN UNTUK ENERGI KOTOR
PULIHKAN KAWASAN
HANJUANG
#BIGBADBIOMASS


INTERNATIONAL DAY OF ACTION
ON BIG BIOMASS
FALSE SOLUTION,
REAL DESTRUCTION
AKSI GLOBAL LAWAN BIOMASSA
SOLUSI PALSU,
KEHANCURAN NYATA


HARI AKSI
INTERNASIONAL


Biomass Energy
Expansion at the
Expense of Indonesia's
Gorontalo Forests


LESTARIKAN
ALAM
HANJUANG
BARAT
HENTIKAN
DEFORESTASI
KAWASAN
#BIGBADBIOMASS
MARI
PULIHKAN
HUTAN
& RUANG
HIDUP
MASYARAKAT
#BIGBADBIOMASS

Africa

Voices from Africa also joined the global call against industrial biomass. The Programme Intégré pour le Développement des Peuples Pygmées (PIDP), released a short account on woody biomass based on a conversation with members of the Bana-Matumo Pygmy Indigenous community in Walikale Territory, North Kivu Province.



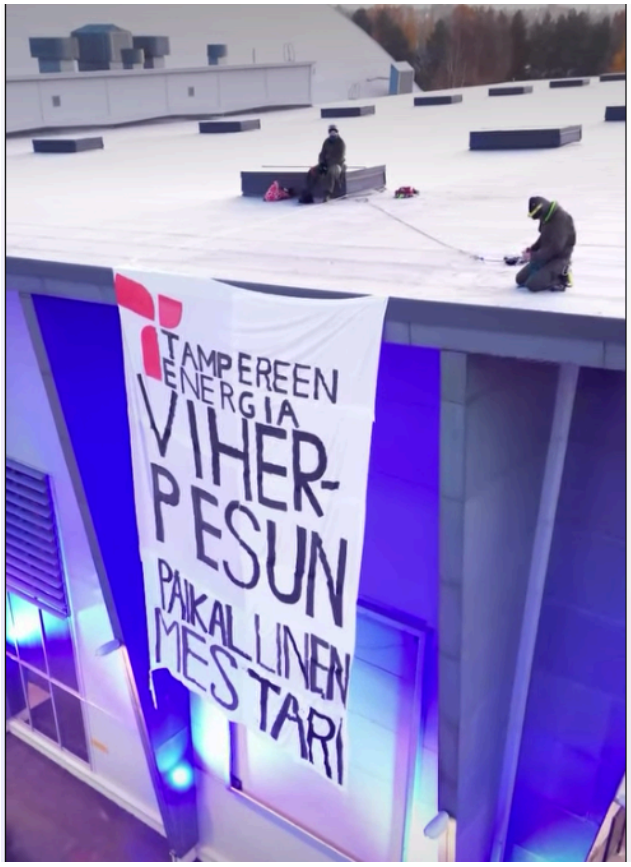
Europe

Biofuelwatch organised an action in London, UK and posted an online exhibition against plans for Germany's biggest wood power plant. Also in Germany, Robin Wood organised a banner action against a new waste wood power plant in Stade, near Hamburg. In Liverpool, UK, Stop Burning Trees Coalition held a protest outside Barclays (Drax's bank). In Poland, Pracownia Bystra posted on social media and got coverage in six media outlets, including the largest national ones. In Finland, folks from Tampereen Metsaryhma and Metsatontut dropped a large-scale banner at Tampere Fair Center, opposite the Energy Fair, in protest of Tampere Energia.

Across the EU, groups were active on social media. In Portugal, Quercus gained coverage in the media, including the largest national newspaper,

where they made a public demand to end subsidies for biomass energy.









South America

In Peru, the Latin American and Caribbean Platform for Climate Justice (PLACJC) joined the IDoA with a video recorded during a gathering in Lima, highlighting the need to challenge false solutions and support the real solutions communities are already building.

In Chile, the Latin America Working Group launched Relatos de la Cuenca, a short documentary developed with Colectivo VientoSur, Global Forest Coalition, Environmental Paper Network, Prod La Gaviota Mehuin.com, Laboratorio Equis and local partners. Through community testimonies, the film explores the impacts of industrial tree plantations and biomass-related

developments. The film was released online, and was followed by an in-person screening and discussion in Valdivia.

In Brazil, the IDoA message was also taken to the São Paulo Climate March, where climate justice movements called for solutions that genuinely address the climate crisis. The Global Forest Coalition amplified the recently published investigation into Aperam BioEnergia and Brazilian members and communities from Maranhão shared stories and struggles from the region, with pictures and reflections about their way of life, territory and everything that has been changing (and lost) with the development of the biomass industry in the region.







North America

In California, groups held a rally against the DTE biomass facility at the Port of Stockton - a primary source of air pollution in the area. Members of the community gathered to demand clean air alongside Biofuelwatch, Center for Biological Diversity, Delta-Sierra Group of the Sierra Club and Little Manila Rising, and were honored by a poem from Jazmarie LaTour - Stockton's Poet Laureate. Similarly in North Carolina, Dogwood Alliance and GreaterGreenerGloster promoted their campaign for clean air, community

health, and environmental justice in areas blighted by Drax's wood pellet manufacturing facilities. The Rachel Carson Council organised a series of university campus visits educating and mobilizing youth against biomass energy from 18th to 24th October. Earth Justice, NRDC and SELC launched a "Guide to protecting your community from industrial wood pellets" with information and resources to help communities in Washington fight back against proposed pellet mills in their state.



CBD COP17, Armenia

The Convention on Biological Diversity in Armenia coincided with the International Day of Action on Big Biomass. BAN members in attendance staged a banner protest there.



Environmental Paper Network

© 2026 Environmental Paper Network

If you wish to unsubscribe from our newsletter, click here