



Jukka Kantola

Founder and CEO – The World BioEconomy Forum

Chair – World Bioeconomy Association

Phone: +358 40 552 8880

Email: jukka.kantola@wcbef.com

LinkedIn: <https://www.linkedin.com/in/jukka-kantola-12b66212/>

Website: www.wcbef.com/

<https://bioeconomyassociation.org>

Professional summary

I am a seasoned leader in the bioeconomy sector with over two decades of executive experience in Europe and Asia. As the Founder and CEO of the World BioEconomy Forum, I have spearheaded discussions and advancements in the circular bioeconomy, focusing on sustainable biomass valorisation and the role of bioproducts in driving global sustainability. I am a passionate advocate for the bioeconomy and currently chair the World Bioeconomy Association, a non-profit organisation that promotes global cooperation in the bioeconomy sector. In addition to my leadership roles, I am a co-author of the landmark report, Financing a Sustainable Global Bioeconomy (2024), which analyses the interplay between finance and the bioeconomy, providing a blueprint for sustainable global development through bio-based innovations.

Key competencies

- Executive Leadership in Bioeconomy
- Circular Bioeconomy Advocacy
- Biomass Valorisation & Sustainable Innovation
- Global Network Building
- Public Speaking and Conference Leadership (e.g., Climate COP, G20)
- Strategy Development and Implementation
- Bioeconomy Policy and Biostrategy Development
- Research and Publication (e.g., Financing a Sustainable Global Bioeconomy)

