

Accelerating Forest Sector Transforming and Bioeconomy Development in BC

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We **accelerate** cleantech through:



Accelerator Programs

Proven successful programs available across Canada



Innovation Challenges

Problem-driven approach to solving industry challenges



Capital Attraction

Program and matchmaking for funding at all stages



Export Development

Market intelligence, industry roadmaps, data, and events



Ecosystem Building

Diverse networks for collaboration and leverage

Sector specific programming - bioNEXT

bioNEXT can be combined, or utilized individually, and offers a host of sector-specific networks, featuring:

- A sector-specific cohort with support from industry experts in our advisory network
- 6 Sector-specific small group interactive webinars, plus private industry pitch events
- Inclusion on our ecosystem maps
- Access to virtual and in-person networking & showcase events



BC Net Zero Innovation Network–Forest Bioeconomy

Objectives

- Support Clean BC plan, and Net Zero, including GHG reduction and economic development through advancing the forest bioeconomy
- Develop collaboration and effective clusters between small and medium-sized enterprises (SMEs), industry, (anchor and supply chain), academia, government, investors, and Indigenous partners

Services/Activities

- Strategic and tactical support
- Innovation Challenges
- Ecosystem Mapping & Value Chain Analysis
- Venture Acceleration Cohorts
- First Nations collaboration and support
- Investment Opportunities
- Feasibility studies
- Grant Writing
- Events and Connections



Forest Bioeconomy Cluster Activities

- **Investor Matchmaking at the Forest Innovation and Bioeconomy Conference – June 2023**
- **Challenges**
 - Repurposing Idled mill sites – Island and Interior
- **Quesnel BDO Zone Initiative**
 - Partnership with the City of Quesnel, Three Rivers Community Forest, and Ecostrat
- **BC Pulp and Paper Coalition Projects**
 - Improve Fibre Utilization through Carbon Benefit Recognition
 - Commercializing Bio-Products in Pulp & Paper Mills
- **Innovator x Industry Opportunities**
 - New use cases for mill and forest residues
 - Community energy planning
 - Creation of a clean energy centre
 - New harvesting techniques and systems

