# Renewable Resources as Feedstock

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#### Agenda 21

### Chapter 4 CHANGING CONSUMPTION PATTERNS

4.18. (e) Encouraging the **environmentally sound and sustainable use of renewable natural resources.** 

http://www.bmu.de/fset1024.php; http://www.un.org/esa/sustdev/

#### **Biomass Cycle**



#### **Gross Energy Requirements of Important Base Chemicals**



#### **Biomass**





#### **Feedstocks of the Chemical Industry in Germany (1991)**



#### **Targets of Biobased Products in the USA**



*Vision for Bioenergy & Biobased Products in The United States*, Biomass Research and Development Technical Advisory Comitee, October 2002, http://www.bioproducts-bioenergy.gov/pdfs/BioVision\_03\_Web.pdf.



# **Treatment of Fats and Oils**

#### **Production Tree of Fats and Oils**



# **Fatty Alcohol Compositions by Different Processes**

#### Alcohols based on Coconut Oil by High Pressure Hydrogenation



# Alcohols based on Statistical n-Olefins by the Oxo-Process



# Alcohols based on Ethene by the Ziegler-Alfol-Process



# Alcohols based on alpha-Olefins by the Modified Oxo-Process



## 4 Mill. t/a Propylene oxide

Polyether polyoles (for polyurethanes) 70%

Propylene glycol (for polyesters) 22%

HO-R-OH

 $H_2N-R-NH_2$ 

HOOC-R-COOH

#### **Renewable feedstocks**

- Carbohydrates
- Oils and fats
- Proteins
- Lignins

#### **Epoxidation of a Vegetable Oils**



#### **Cationic Photopolymerization of Linseed Oil Epoxide**



**Adipic Acid Produced from the Seed Oil of Coriander Sativum** 



#### **Biotechnological selective Oxidation of Methyl Groups**

#### **Technology Summary**

 Cognis uses a metabolically-engineered strain of Candida tropicalis to oxidize a terminal methyl group on the end of an aliphatic carbon chain.



#### New syntheses with oils and fats as renewable raw materials for the chemical industry



U. Biermann, W. Friedt, S. Lang,
W. Lühs, G. Machmüller, J.O. Metzger,
M. Rüsch gen. Klaas, H.J. Schäfer,
M.P. Schneider, *Angew. Chem.Int.Ed.*,
2000, 39. 3675-3677.

#### Monomers for Polyamides of the Nylon-6,6 Type:



F. W. Lichtenthaler, Acc. Chem. Res. 2002, 35, 728 – 737.



Kokosöl und Maisstärke sind die Rohstoffbasis in der technischen Synthese von Alkylpolyglycosiden.

#### Production 70,000 t/a

W. von Rybinski, K. Hill, Angew. Chem. **1998**, *100*, 1394–1412. Most products obtainable from renewable raw materials may at present not be able to compete with the products of the petrochemical industry, but this will change as oil becomes scarcer and oil prices rise. **The German Chemical Society calls on governments to step up promotion of the necessary basic research** and to create frame conditions that encourage the kind of private-sector research that would make sustainable substitute processes and products ready in good time.

Position paper of the GDCh presented to the governments of the countries participating in the World Summit on Sustainable Development in Johannesburg, **2002**.

#### **Development of Global Population**



Our Common Journey, a transition toward Sustainability, NRC, 1999

## MANAGING FRAGILE ECOSYSTEMS: COMBATING DESERTIFICATION AND DROUGHT

12.17c To increase the vegetation cover and support management of biotic resources in regions affected or prone to desertification and drought, notably through such activities as afforestation/reforestation, agroforestry, community forestry and vegetation retention schemes.

### Mars, January 2004



## **Combating Desertification**



#### **CO<sub>2</sub>-Sequestration**



http://www.cooretec.de

The costs for separation of  $CO_2$  are estimated to 18 - 60 rightarrow t and for transport and deposition to 10 - 24 rightarrow t.

Costs for sequestration of  $CO_2$  by reforestation are estimated to  $1 - 5 \notin t$ . Additional advantages: Biomass; improvement of water retention; generating employment. (A. Hüttermann, Göttingen)





## Hydrogel II









### **Cultivation of cotton**



The second world summit on sustainable development will be held this year in Johannesburg. The central theme is the conservation and control of resources. A substantial contribution must be made to this by science, whereby the combination of ecological, economical, and social science needs are consolidated to meet the challenges of the future.

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M. Eissen, J. O. Metzger, E. Schmidt, U. Schneidewind, 10 Years after Rio – Concepts on the Contribution of Chemistry to a Sustainable Development, Angew. Chem. Int. Ed. **2002**, *41*, 414 – 436.