

Municipal Wastewater Subcommittee Progress Report

**2nd Steering Committee Meeting
14 March 2013**

Vancouver, Canada

Chairs:

Elias Freig (Mexico)

Federico Grullon (Dominican Republic)

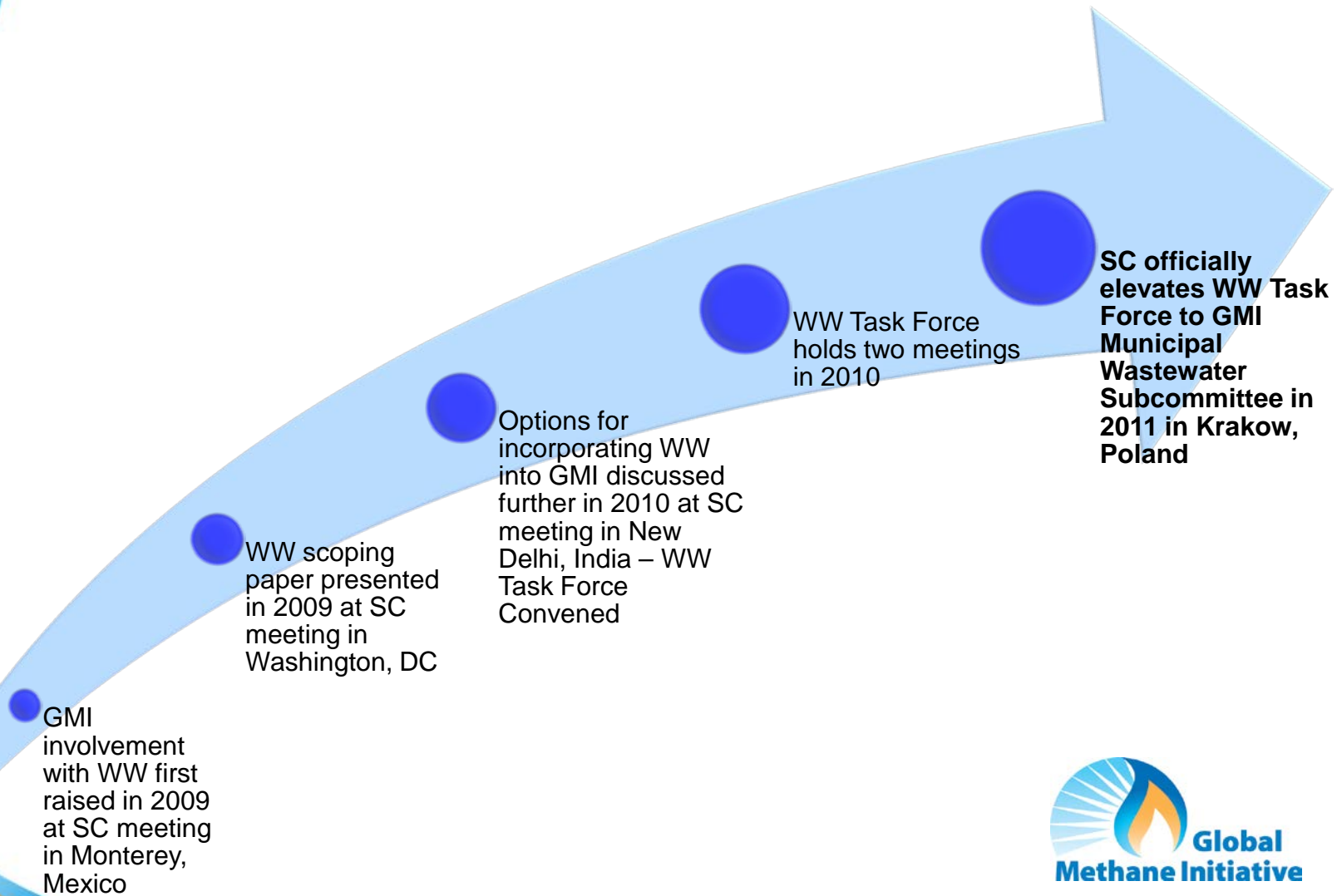
Chris Godlove (United States)

Overview

- **Activities since October 2011**
 - Wastewater Task Force elevated to Municipal Wastewater Subcommittee
 - Recruitment of Delegates and Project Network Members
 - Sector Action Plan developed
 - Three subcommittee meetings held (April 2012, July 2012, December 2012)

- **Next Steps**

Wastewater Task Force Elevated to Municipal Wastewater Subcommittee



Delegates and Project Network Members

- **Delegates**
 - 14 countries (Colombia, Dominican Republic, Finland, Ghana, Indonesia, Italy, Mexico, Mongolia, Nicaragua, Pakistan, Peru, Serbia, Turkey, United States)
- **Project Network**
 - Over 65 members

Sector Action Plan

- Action Plan Topics
 - Origins of the Municipal Wastewater Subcommittee and Action Plan
 - Overview of Methane Emissions from Wastewater
 - Overview of Methane Mitigation, Recovery, and Use Opportunities and Descriptions of Available Technologies and Best Practices
 - Identification of Key Barriers and Issues for Project Development
 - Identification of Possible Cooperative Activities to Increase Methane Recovery and Use
 - Outreach to Engage Project Network Members
 - Country-Specific Needs, Opportunities, and Priorities

Subcommittee Meeting (April 2012) – Internet-Based

- Topics
 - Overview of the new subcommittee and its objectives
 - Introduction to subcommittee membership and leadership
 - Ongoing development of sector Action Plan
 - Ideas for future upcoming meetings
- Attended by 17 representatives from 10 countries

Subcommittee Meeting (July 2012) – Singapore

- Topics
 - Subcommittee membership and leadership: confirmation of two new Co-Chairs: Elias Freig (Mexico) and Federico Grullon (Dominican Republic)
 - Country updates from attendees
 - Overview of sector Action Plan
 - Planning for the Methane Expo 2013

Subcommittee Meeting (December 2012) – Internet-Based

- Topics
 - Preparation for Methane Expo 2013 and next subcommittee meeting
 - Sector fact sheet
 - Methane Action Plan development
- Attended by 24 representatives from 10 countries

Next Steps

- Next Subcommittee Meeting to be held During Methane Expo 2013
- Next Steps
 - Finalize sector fact sheet
 - Development of country-specific resource assessments
 - Development of country-specific WW action plans

Appendix – Selected Country Activities

- **Dominican Republic**
 - Sanitary Sewer Master Plan to expand WWT coverage in Santo Domingo to 25% by 2020.
 - Renewable energy law incentivizes clean energy, including WT biogas.
 - Net metering allows sale of electricity from WW biogas to grid.

- **Finland**
 - Biogas production and use:
 - Biogas annual production=24 Mm³.
 - 20.5 Mm³ is utilized.
 - Total electric production=27 GWh; total heat production = 80 GWh.
 - Online measurement of process gases underway.

Appendix – Selected Country Activities (continued)

- Japan
 - Digesters used at over 300 WWTFs.
 - ~70% of biogas generated is utilized.
 - B-DASH project (Breakthrough by Dynamic Approach in Sewage High Technology) – 2 demonstration projects.
 1. Osaka City: research for an energy management system.
 2. Kobe: goals:
 - Reduction of CAPEX and construction period of sewage sludge digestion facility by using tank made of carbon steel.
 - Refinement of biogas by upgrading to 97% purity.
 - Increase revenue by selling biogas.
 - Reduce GHGs by increasing biogas utilization (vehicle fuel and injection into NG pipeline).

Appendix – Selected Country Activities (continued)

■ Turkey

- Framework of Turkey’s National Climate Change Plan calls for energy use from WW biogas.
- New laws and regulations encourage efficient WW treatment
- Ministry of Environment provides technical and financial support for projects.

■ Mexico

- New WWTF under construction for Mexico City.
 - Large increase in percent of collected sewage that will be treated.
 - Facility will utilize digester gas to produce electricity.