

# Global Methane Initiative

## Coal Subcommittee Meeting

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# Overview

- **Administrative Support Group (ASG) Update**
  - International Methane Forum (All-Partnership Meeting)
  - Methane video
  - infographic
- **Steering Committee Meeting Update**

# ASG Activities

- **10-year celebration**
  - International Methane Forum - All-Partnership Meeting
    - October 2015
    - Washington, D.C.
  - GMI video
    - Why Methane is Important
    - Sector modules (including a module on coal sector)
  - Infographic pamphlet
    - What is methane?
    - Why does methane mitigation matter?
    - What is GMI's role in reducing methane emissions?

# ASG Activities

- GMI website updates
  - New map will show GMI projects worldwide
  - In development!



# GMI Steering Committee Meeting Summary

- 16-17 October 2014, Montreal, Quebec, Canada
- Participation from Argentina, Australia, Canada, China, Italy, Poland, United States
- Objective of meeting: to discuss future of GMI

# Setting the Stage

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- Over 10 years of successful methane mitigation achievements
  - identifying potential projects
  - mobilizing a global community
- GMI charter expires in 2015, and provides an opportunity to Evolve
- Changes over the past decade merit a fresh look at the methane challenge: carbon markets, emergence of other initiatives, World Bank's launch of pilot auction facility
- Strategic efforts to enhance global methane mitigation require technical understanding, appropriate policies and legal structures, opportunities to finance, and political will to act

# Framing Questions sent to Steering Committee (July 2014)

**Questions for consideration: In the future, how can GMI achieve meaningful global methane emission reductions as effectively and efficiently as possible, considering the current global policy context as well as the scope overlaps with CCAC on methane reduction activities?**

## **Next Steps for GMI (Post 2015)**

- What are potential pathways / roles for GMI after October 2015?
- Is there support for developing a new or revised GMI charter/Terms of Reference?
- If so, what should be considered for adding to or changing the Terms of Reference?
- Is there a role for GMI to play in facilitating a broader international dialogue about addressing the methane issue in a more holistic and robust way?

# Framing Questions sent to Steering Committee (July 2014) 2

## Interplay between GMI and CCAC

- What are the relative strengths and weaknesses of GMI and CCAC with respect to promoting methane reductions?
- How could GMI and CCAC work together to maximize limited resources? What would be the most effective way to harmonize the work of CCAC methane-focused initiatives with the work of GMI subcommittees?
  - How can key methane-emitting countries such as Brazil, China, India, and Russia
  - Is there a more effective way to integrate the private sector into the work of GMI and CCAC?
  - Are there structural or organizational changes that would make the work of both GMI and CCAC more effective in achieving their ultimate objectives of promoting near-term methane / SLCP emissions reductions?

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## Assessing and Improving GMI

- How can the ASG garner more financial support and participation from GMI partner countries and the project network?
- Are there other entities or GMI Partners that could be a more effective host of the secretariat functions (Administrative Support Group)? Is there an alternative organizational method to do this work?

## Other Considerations

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# GMI Steering Committee Meeting Summary: Key Outcomes

- “Robust enthusiasm” for engaging in discussions for GMI post-2015.
- Recognition this is a key transformational moment in time, opportunity to assess future of GMI.

# Meeting Summary (2)

- Recognition of many “overlapping” or “synergetic” opportunities between GMI and CCAC—especially in Agriculture, MSW, and Oil & Gas—and of the need to be more efficient addressing GMI work in those sectors.
- Support for creating an opportunity to align work with CCAC in such a way that all GMI Partners can participate fully regardless of CCAC partnership status.

# Meeting Summary (3)

- Strong support for:
  - Continued GMI work in the Coal sector.
  - Working together through a task force over the coming months to delve into specific questions/issues more deeply.
  - Identifying “no regrets” opportunities (in the near term) to operate more effectively, including taking advantages of co-locating or “co-branding” meetings where it makes sense.
- Interest in a “bigger, bolder” approach to international voluntary collaboration on methane mitigation.

# Next Steps

- Agreed to establish a task force to work through details and formulate a specific proposal for the future of GMI post-2015.
  - Seek to have the task force be as diverse as possible with representation from Steering Committee as well as non-Steering Committee, across all sectors, developed / developing countries, and some representation from the project network.
  - Task Force will convene through virtual meetings over the next months to develop a proposal
  - Developed a specific set of questions for Task Force to address
- Plans for outreach to GMI partners, project network, subcommittees
- Proposed extending GMI charter from October 1, 2015, for an additional six (6) months in case Steering committee does not meet in person before then
- International Methane Forum to be held in Washington, D.C., late 2015
- Opportunity for Steering Committee to finalize post-2015 plans

# Thank you

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