

Strategic Objectives and Work Plan for 2019-2020

Discussion Paper

I. Purpose

This discussion paper proposes a set of strategic objectives and a work plan for the remaining period of the current GMI co-chairmanship term (2019-2020). The paper provides an overview of the three strategic objectives and related initiatives, milestones and expected results to be discussed during the November 2019 meeting (see Appendix A).

II. Background

During its June 2017 meeting, the Steering Committee agreed GMI would benefit from defining a strategic direction on which to base its future efforts in a manner consistent with the new GMI charter and the Climate & Clean Air Coalition (CCAC)/United Nations Economic Commission for Europe (UNECE) alliance. A first set of Strategic Objectives was adopted for 2017-2018. Since then, the Steering Committee has presented updates on progress regarding the implementation of the strategic objectives during Steering Committee meetings. This practice has allowed the Steering Committee to gain in strategic focus and transparency.

III. Current Status

The proposed objectives build on the previous ones. Minor changes were made to objectives one and two, and a different third objective is proposed to address the upcoming re-chartering process of the GMI. The current Terms of Reference of the GMI are set to expire on 31 March 2021.

IV. Items for Steering Committee Consideration and Discussion

1. What should be the GMI's priorities going forward?
 - a. In what order should the priorities be presented?
2. How can the GMI implement these priorities?
 - a. Are there initiatives that seem particularly interesting or relevant? Or others that seem less relevant?
 - b. What other initiatives could be undertaken by the GMI? Which ones could be left out?

Appendix A - Strategic Objectives and Work Plan for 2019-2020

Initiatives	Outputs /Milestones	Expected Results
Strategic Objective #1: <i>Support ambitious domestic and international action on methane mitigation through enhanced focus on capacity building, information sharing and knowledge dissemination</i>		
Subcommittees to update and implement annual workplans outlining specific activities, events and initiatives to advance GMI's mandate within their sectors	Subcommittees maintain up-to-date workplans and work with partners to implement them	Subcommittees deliver on actions that support ambitious domestic and international action on methane mitigation
Develop and share case studies on the development and implementation of legislation and/or deployment of clean technology solutions that effectively reduce methane emissions	Subcommittees to develop sectoral case-studies Case-studies are presented during webinars, workshops, the Global Methane Forum 2020 and other sector-specific events	GMI Partner Countries have access to information on successful policy/regulatory approaches and technology solutions to reduce methane emissions Increased awareness of methane mitigation solutions within and beyond GMI
Strategic Objective #2: <i>Continue building international momentum on methane mitigation through enhanced collaboration with key partners and initiatives</i>		
Hold a Global Methane Forum in 2020 in collaboration with the UNECE	Open registration and post agenda on website Discuss plans for the GMF 2020 during Steering Committee meeting in November 2020 Hold event in March 2020	Increased global awareness of methane mitigation and of the GMI
Systematically co-locate / co-brand and hold joint meetings with key partner organizations	Develop and maintain GMI Subcommittee meeting calendar in collaboration with key partner organizations	Increased alignment with key partner organizations

Complete the Global Methane Challenge (GMC) in 2020 and consider a potential follow-up initiative	Complete outreach strategy for the Challenge Hold a capstone event to celebrate success during the Global Methane Forum Consider a GMC follow-up initiative	GMI Partner Countries and private sector members have a platform to showcase their mitigation initiatives and find out about what other countries/partners are doing
Strategic Objective #3: Consider future direction for the GMI		
Engage in strategic discussions leading to decision on recharter of GMI	First discussion at Steering Committee meeting in November 2019 Explore possibility to create a Task Force to make recommendations on re-chartering of the GMI Recommendations ready for approval of the recharter by the Steering Committee before March 31, 2021	Re-chartering of the GMI by March 31, 2021