



# **Global Methane Initiative**

Leading methane action since 2004

## **GMI Steering Committee Meeting**

12 September 2024

# Welcome!

**Tomás Carbonell**  
GMI Steering Committee Chair  
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency

# Tour de Table

- We will call on each participant / delegation to make brief introductions
- Each participant is invited to introduce themselves (name, affiliation, and country)



# Agenda

- Welcome, Opening of Meeting
- Tour de Table
- Meeting Objectives; Adoption of Agenda
- Update on GMI Activities
- **Discussion Paper:** Increasing GMI Partner Country Engagement
- **Discussion Paper:** Enhancing Project Network Engagement
- **Discussion Paper:** Subcommittee Sprint Action Plan Template
- Health Break (15 minutes)
- **Discussion Paper:** Proposed Process for Planning the 2026 Global Methane Forum
- CCAC-GMI Collaboration
- GMI activities to support COP29
- Wrap Up and Next Steps

# Meeting Objectives and Adoption of Agenda

- Share and discuss updates on methane-related activities and priorities across GMI and its Subcommittees, Partner Countries and Strategic Partners
- Determine a path to increase Partner Country engagement
- Review and prioritize Project Network enhancement options
- Obtain consensus on the Sprint Action Plan template
- Gather feedback on the proposed process for the 2026 Global Methane Forum

# Update on GMI Activities

**Denise Mulholland**  
GMI Director, Secretariat  
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency

# Secretariat Actions Since March 2024 Meeting



Completed



In progress



Not started

## ○ Actions, Experiences, and Successes Promotion:

- ✓ **Case Studies:** Developed/shared a template; begin developing case studies
- ✓ **Published 2 quarterly GMI Methane Matters Newsletters** (*shared with 4300+ subscribers!*)
- **GMI Policymaker Framework for Addressing Methane Emissions:** Promote, enhance, and populate the Framework with case studies and resources; reach out to Partners for input.
- **Partner Country Profiles:** Update to reflect latest data with Partner Country input
- ✓ **Sector-specific and Subcommittee Sprint Action Plans:** Proposed Sprint Action Plan template
- ✓ **Project Network Member Engagement:** Continued to increase engagement; identified new options
- ✓ **Partner Country Engagement:** Proposed options for increasing engagement with non-Steering Committee delegates, including exploration of a virtual All Partners meeting conducted annually
  - ✓ Held **one-on-one meetings** with new Partner Countries
- ✓ **Strategic Partners Collaboration:** Developed ideas to plan for COP29 and otherwise enhance collaboration
  - ✓ Collaborated frequently with the World Bank, Climate and Clean Air Coalition, and the Global Methane Hub
- ✓ **2026 Global Methane Forum Planning:** Developed a high-level options paper with potential locations, timing, and focus areas for the 2026 Global Methane Forum



# GMI Outreach Statistics

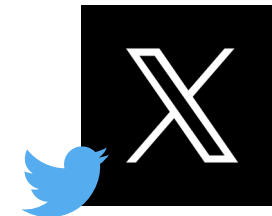
- Social media stats show growth on all platforms
- Mailing list subscribers up to 4,397
  - Subscribers up more than 58.56% in 2024
  - 1,624 new subscribers in 2024
- Website traffic remains steady
  - Average about 950 page views per week
  - More than 34,000 users in 2024



**2,956**

Followers

(+1,437 since Sept 2023)



**988**

Followers

(+62 since Sept 2023)



**575**

Followers

(+30 since Sept 2023)



# Secretariat Priorities

- **NEW** Find an Expert in the Project Network
  - Planning a new online, enhanced renewal process
  - Identifying how to improve engagement
- 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Webpage with GMI Accomplishments
- Update Partner Country pages – draft updates coming soon for your review!

The image shows two screenshots of the Global Methane Initiative (GMI) website. The top screenshot is the 'Project Network Members: Find an Expert' page. It features a search interface with filters for Organization Type, Sectors of Interest, Regions of Interest, and Countries of Interest. The bottom screenshot is the 'United States' Partner Country page, which includes a header with the GMI logo and navigation links, a main content area with a large American flag background, and a sidebar with a list of links under the heading 'On this page'.

**Project Network Members: Find an Expert**

The list of Project Network members is provided below. Use the filters and keyword search to find those with the expertise you are seeking. Please note that Project Network members are asked to identify their sectors, regions, and countries of interest when they join.

**Organization Type**

- ☐ Association
- ☐ Financial Institution
- ☐ Government
- ☐ International
- ☐ Nongovernmental Organization (NGO)
- ☐ Private Sector
- ☐ Research
- ☐ Academic Institution
- ☐ Other

**Sectors of Interest**

- ☐ Biogas
- ☐ Biogas: Agriculture
- ☐ Biogas: Municipal Solid Waste (MSW)
- ☐ Biogas: Wastewater
- ☐ Coal Mines
- ☐ Oil & Gas

**Regions of Interest**

- ☐ Africa
- ☐ Europe
- ☐ Middle East
- ☐ Asia
- ☐ Australia/Oceania
- ☐ North America
- ☐ Latin America
- ☐ South America

**Countries of Interest**

- ☐ Argentina
- ☐ Australia
- ☐ Austria
- ☐ Belgium
- ☐ Brazil
- ☐ Bulgaria
- ☐ Cambodia
- ☐ Cameroon
- ☐ Canada
- ☐ Chile

**Project Network Members**

Showing 1 to 10 of 1,067 matching Project Network Members

Search:

**United States**

Joined GMI in 2004

The United States is a founding member of the Global Methane Initiative (GMI) and provides significant ongoing support as the host country for the GMI Secretariat and by serving in leadership roles in the Steering Committee and sector-specific Subcommittees. For decades, the United States has pursued a variety of methane mitigation approaches and helped other nations develop robust capacity to address methane issues and opportunities. These efforts include strategic international partnerships, regulatory policy, voluntary outreach programs, project financing, development of numerous assessment tools for feasibility studies and project planning, and collaboration with industry to reduce the negative climate effects of methane emissions as well as the use of technologies to capture methane as a valuable energy source.

**On this page**

- [Methane Emissions Summary](#)
- [Methane Commitments and Plans](#)
- [Methane Actions](#)
- [Agencies Supporting Methane Actions](#)
- [GMI Delegates & Information](#)


## Methane Emissions Summary

Annually, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency develops a report of the nation's inventory of greenhouse gas emissions and sinks. Preparation of the report, which is submitted to the United Nations, includes collaboration with experts from government agencies, academic institutions, industry associations, consultants, and environmental organizations.

# Secretariat Priorities

- **NEW** Case Study Library showcases GMI Partner Country activities, successes and lessons learned

Coming soon!



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## Case Study Library

GMI is committed to fostering best practices based on real-world methane mitigation experiences that demonstrate positive achievements and lessons learned. This library provides access to case studies developed through efforts over several years, including the [Methane Action Showcase](#), the [Policymaker Framework](#), and the [Global Methane Challenge](#). New case studies will be added here as they become available. We encourage stakeholders to contribute case studies that will help others take action successfully to mitigate methane.

Use the search box and filters to find case studies.

**Filters**

**GMI Sector:**

**Topic:**

**Country:**

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Search:

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**Biogas Powered Data Center Microgrids**  
United States  
Through the capture and utilization of methane, Project Pleiades will generate 80 MW of dispatchable baseload renewable electricity for use in EV charging, achieving a net emissions reduction of over 1 million metric tons of carbon dioxide equivalent per year in aggregate across all 50 landfills and generating revenue for participating landfills.  
[Case study details](#)

2024

Case Study

## Case Study Template for New Ones

**[Title of the Case Study]**

GMI case studies can document a variety of methane mitigation action types, such as an emissions reduction project that is implemented; a detailed analysis of technical and/or economic feasibility of a specific project or group of projects that facilitates its implementation; development of a policy or regulation at the subnational or national level that incentivizes or mandates methane mitigation; or a financial incentive or investment that promotes methane mitigation.

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**Location:**  
[City/Region & Country]

**Region:**  
[Africa, Americas, Asia, Europe, Oceania, Global]

**Timeframe**  
[Project start date and end date]

**Project Partners:**  
[Partners involved in the project; for example, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, the World Bank, the Climate and Clean Air Coalition, etc.]

**Introduction and Background**

- Provide brief context on the challenge, including specifics related to the physical situation / locale and issue, geography, political or policy imperatives, financial status, etc.
- What sector(s) are impacted?
- What problems or opportunities inspired the case study?
- Who are the key stakeholders who are impacted by this problem?
- What is the timeframe involved? (longstanding, recently emerging issue, etc)
- What other context is needed to explain the significance of the case study and/or problem in relation to reducing methane emissions?
- What were the goals of the case study?
- How do the goals connect to larger methane emission reduction goals on regional, national, and/or global level(s)?

**Actions**

- What was the overall approach and what specific steps were taken?
- Who were the main actors who became involved in taking action? How is this project relevant to their work / lives / livelihood / objectives?
- How was the case study funded? How much funding was involved and what was it used for (e.g., capital expenditure on certain equipment? Consultants or technical advisors for permits? Etc.) Was in-kind support provided? If so, what type?

**Sector(s):**  
[Agriculture, Municipal Solid Waste, & Wastewater, Coal Mines, Oil & Gas, All Sectors]

**Contact (optional):**  
[Administrative point of contact for the project.]

**Results**

- What happened as a result of the actions taken? Be specific and include both qualitative and quantitative results – was a policy or regulation enacted? What were the impacts of those policy changes? Was something constructed? How much money was saved? Etc.?
- Did the activity reduce methane? If so, please quantify (CO<sub>2</sub>e / year or cumulative reductions)
- Was training conducted? If so, how many people and/or organizations were trained? What was the gender disaggregation data for the trained participants, if available?
- Did the case study produce any revenue or obtain any savings? If so please quantify.
- Were there other co-benefits, for example, reductions of other pollutants, job creation, community outreach, involvement of other stakeholders, etc.?

**Lessons Learned**

- What are the most important lesson(s) learned or advice to share with someone interested in replicating or scaling up this type of activity?
- What solutions were effective in overcoming challenges?
- During the course of the project, were new opportunities identified?
- What are the next steps, if any, based on this case study?

**Relevant Links**

Provide links to other resources with relevant information, such as final reports or websites with more information on the project implementation or case study findings.

**Key Words for Web and Media Searches (i.e., Tags)**

Identify key words that will make it easier for search engines on the web and social media to find this case study. Sample tags are listed below.

# Secretariat Priorities: Upcoming Meetings and Activities

## ■ September 2024

- Virtual Oil & Gas Subcommittee meeting

## ■ February 2025

- Steering Leadership meeting

## ■ March 2025

- Biogas Subcommittee meeting (in collaboration with CCAC), Brazil
- Coal Mines Subcommittee meeting (in conjunction with UNECE)
- Oil & Gas Subcommittee meeting (in conjunction with UNECE)

## ■ April 2025

- Steering Committee meeting

# Subcommittee Updates



Coal Mines



Oil & Gas  
Systems



Biogas  
(Agriculture,  
Municipal Solid  
Waste, Municipal  
Wastewater)



# Coal Mines Subcommittee Updates

**Manoj Kumar**, Co-Chair  
Central Mine Planning & Design  
Institute Ltd (India)

**Volha Roshchanka**, Co-Chair  
U.S. Environmental Protection  
Agency (United States)

**Liu Wenge**, Co-Chair  
China Coal Information Institute  
(China)





# Oil & Gas Subcommittee Updates

James Diamond, Co-Chair  
Environment and Climate Change  
Canada (Canada)



# Oil & Gas Subcommittee Updates

- Upcoming events and priorities
  - Upcoming Oil & Gas Subcommittee Meeting on 17 September from 07:30 – 09:30 am EDT (UTC -4) – open to all
    - Encourage delegates to participate and share their feedback on upcoming Subcommittee priorities
- Development of the Subcommittee Sprint Action Plan
  - Gathering feedback from delegates
  - Plan to present the final version for approval at the in-person meeting in Geneva in March 2025



# Biogas Subcommittee Updates

**Fiifi Boadi**, Co-Chair  
Ministry of Sanitation and Water  
Resources (Ghana)

**Matt Hamilton**, Co-Chair  
Environment and Climate Change Canada  
(Canada)

**TBD**  
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency  
(United States)



# Biogas Subcommittee Updates

## ■ Recent Subcommittee activities

- Four-part webinar series in partnership with U.S. EPA, ECCC, and ISWA
- Case Study focused on municipal solid waste practices in Indore, India
- New Waste Characterization Handbook

## ■ Upcoming events and priorities

- GMI participation at the ISWA Congress in Cape Town, South Africa
- Planning the next in-person meeting in Brazil in conjunction with CCAC's annual meeting

## ■ Development of the Subcommittee Action Plan

- Begun to discuss priority actions
- Plan to present the final version for approval at the in-person meeting in Brazil

# Discussion Paper: Increasing GMI Partner Country Engagement

**Daniel Benefoh**  
GMI Steering Committee Vice Chair  
Ghana Environmental Protection Agency

# Increasing GMI Partner Country Engagement

## The Steering Committee:

- Agreed GMI should make a concerted effort to increase engagement among all GMI Partner Countries and
- Directed the Secretariat to explore options, including a virtual “All Partners” meeting to be conducted on a trial basis and potentially annually.

## Since then, the Secretariat:

- ✓ Created a case study template for review; launched a new case study page for GMI's website with existing case studies.
- ✓ Developed a template and process to add new content/updates to GMI Partner Country pages
- ✓ Held one-on-one calls with a few Partner countries to engage, assess needs and share information
- ✓ Drafted a discussion paper with options for Steering Committee review and decision

## Discussion Paper options for Steering Committee Consideration

1. Invite Non-Steering Committee Partner Countries as guests to attend Steering Committee meetings (virtual or in-person) on a rotating basis.
2. Host full-day, **All Partners** virtual meeting as a pilot.
3. Host four, two-to-three-hour **regional** Partners virtual meetings as a pilot.
4. Add a full day to the Forum and host an All Partners in-person meeting with virtual option.

# Discussion Questions: Increasing GMI Partner Country Engagement

- Which of the options would most effectively increase engagement among Partner Country Members?
- What challenges or opportunities do you foresee with each option?
- If we were to host All Partner or Regional meetings (virtual or in-person), should we limit the meetings to Partner Country delegates or allow others, including the Project Network members and Strategic Partners, to participate?
- Is there another option or variation that the Steering Committee should consider?

# Review Discussion Paper: Enhancing Project Network Engagement

**Tomás Carbonell**  
GMI Steering Committee Chair  
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency



# Enhancing Project Network Engagement

## The Steering Committee:

- Agreed GMI should continue to increase engagement with Project Network Members, and
- Directed the Secretariat to identify new options for engagement for discussion at the next Steering Committee meeting.

## Since then, the Secretariat:

- ✓ Reviewed feedback from the Project Network Member Assessment conducted in late 2023/early 2024,
- ✓ Consulted with key strategic partners CCAC and the World Bank for their input,
- ✓ Added a “Find an Expert” option on the Project Network member page and made it searchable by area of expertise/location,
- ✓ Developed several options for the Steering Committee consideration and discussion.

## Discussion Paper options for Steering Committee Consideration and Prioritization

1. Update and enhance the GMI Project Network webpage to better serve the needs of members
2. Add Project Network member features to the GMI Methane Matters Quarterly Newsletters
3. Highlight funding resources for Project Network members (and Partner Countries)
4. Conduct an annual online assessment of Project Network goals, needs and priorities.
5. Create a recognition program for Project Network members
6. Invite select Project Network Members to regularly participate in one-off Steering Committee meetings in some capacity
7. Identify or recruit a set number of Project Network representatives to formally serve on 1- or 2-year term periods.



# Discussion Questions: Enhancing Project Network Engagement

- Which of the options would you deem a high priority for Secretariat implementation to most effectively increase engagement with and/or among the Project Network Members?
- Which of the options would you deem as a low priority?
- Are there other options or variations that the Steering Committee should consider?

# Review Discussion Paper: Subcommittee Sprint Action Plan Template

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# Subcommittee Sprint Action Plan Template

## The Steering Committee:

- Discussed several ideas to help ensure that sector-specific work by GMI was strategic, tangible, and impactful
  - Including, working with Subcommittee Co-Chairs to create 5-year “sprint action plans” for each sector
- Directed the Secretariat to draft a template and timeline for development.

## Since then, the Secretariat:

- ✓ Examined previous GMI action plan structures and related plan contents from CCAC and M-RAP and consulted with Subcommittee Co-Chairs
- ✓ Developed a draft “GMI Subcommittee Sector-Specific Sprint Action Plan” template and timeline.

## Draft GMI Subcommittee Sector-Specific Sprint Action Plan (2025-2030) Template for Steering Committee Consideration

1. Mission Statement
2. Objectives of the 2025-2030 *[Insert Sector]* Subcommittee Sprint Action Plan
3. Sector Barriers and Challenges  
**New!**
4. Strategic Priority Activities of Subcommittee
5. Action Plan to Deliver on Priorities

# Subcommittee Sprint Action Plan Template (cont'd)

**Table 1.** *Example of Priority Activities to be Summarized in the Sprint Action Plan.*

Priority Activities (1)	Specific Actions and <u>barrier</u> targeted	GMI Entity Involved in Implementation	Deliverable/ Indicators for Evaluation	Estimate Completion Time	Status
1.1 Identify Partner Country needs	(1) Plan and conduct a needs assessment for Partner Countries to understand what would be most useful.	GMI Partner Countries, Subcommittee members Secretariat	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Number of memos summarizing Partner Country needs</li> </ul>	Nov-Dec 2024	Initial outlining underway
1.2 Develop a strategy to address needs	(1) Develop a memo outlining recommended steps to prioritize and best meet needs.	GMI Partner Countries, Subcommittee members	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Number of recommendation memos for Partner Countries</li> </ul>	February 2025	Not yet started
1.3 Support implementation of effective regulatory programs for mitigation	(1) Develop comprehensive guidance document or thematic white papers to address identified gaps in regulatory programs (2) Develop tools and conduct training to build capacity on regulatory design	GMI Subcommittee members GMI Partner Countries	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Production of a single guidance document or white paper series</li> <li>Number of trainings conducted</li> <li>Number of Partners countries engaged in effort</li> <li>Number of programs supported</li> <li>Tons projected or reduced through the programs</li> </ul>		

# Timeline: Subcommittee Sprint Action Plan Template

- **Late August:** Final drafts of the Sprint Action Plan template will be shared with the Steering Committee.
- **12 September:** The Steering Committee Virtual Meeting on 12 September will provide an opportunity for feedback and, absent any major concerns, approval of the template.
- **Late September 2024:** Following the Steering Committee meeting, the Secretariat will disseminate a final version of the Sprint Action Plan template to the Subcommittees with a directive to complete them.
- **October 2024 – February 2025:** Upon approval of a template, Subcommittee Co-Chairs and Subcommittee members will draft sector specific sprint action plans.
- **March 2025:** Share and discuss the final sprint action plans at respective Subcommittee meetings.
- **April – May 2025:** Present action plans at Steering Committee meeting for endorsement to begin implementing the plans.
- **Subsequent Steering Committee meetings:** Subcommittee Co-Chairs report on the status and progress of the specific priority activities during regular Steering Committee meetings.

# Discussion Questions: Sprint Action Plan Template

- Does this template and timeline seem appropriate and clear given the call to make short term, quantifiable action?
  - Are there any categories or subjects missing? Not necessary?
  - Is the timeline reasonable? Is it missing any key milestones?
- How can the Steering Committee help make the Action Plans most effective?
  - Encouraging increased participation in the planning process by their country delegates
  - Clearer direction to the Subcommittees about Steering Committee priorities?
- What impacts should be tracked (e.g., emission reductions, number of events/products, number of participants/people trained), from priority activities identified in the Plans?
- Do you anticipate any challenges in the development and implementation of the Sprint Action Plans? What can be done to address any challenges?
- Who should be primarily responsible for the actions listed in the Sprint Action Plans? Subcommittee Co-Chairs? Partner Countries? Other parties?



# Health Break



**15**  
minutes





# Review Discussion Paper: Proposed Process for Planning the 2026 Global Methane Forum

**Tomás Carbonell**  
GMI Steering Committee Chair  
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency

# Proposed Process for Planning the 2026 Global Methane Forum- Background

## The Steering Committee:

- Affirmed that GMI should plan to organize a 2026 Global Methane Forum every two years.
- Highlighted the importance of:
  - *Establishing an Executive Planning Committee*
  - *Giving GMI Steering Leadership countries an opportunity to host*
  - *Considering hosting the next Forum in collaboration with another event*
  - *Researching holidays to avoid overlapping with the Forum*
- Requested that the Secretariat develop a high-level options paper with potential locations, timing, and focus areas for the 2026 Global Methane Forum

## Since then, the Secretariat:

- ✓ **Collected and summarized feedback** from the 2024 Global Methane Forum via a survey with 53 respondents
- ✓ **Consulted with the Steering Committee and key Strategic Partners** to garner feedback on the 2024 Global Methane Forum and options for future events
- ✓ **Compiled a list of major national/international holidays and relevant events** planned for 2026
- ✓ **Drafted for Steering Consideration a transparent process for selecting key parameters** of future Forums, including:
  - A. Potential criteria for selecting key parameters of the Forum, with proposed options for assessing the criteria.
  - B. Process steps and timeline for selecting the key parameters (e.g. site/venue, timing, co-located events, collaborating organizations, etc.) of 2026 Forum.

# How Participants Scored the 2024 Global Methane Forum

53 Total Responses (from 28 In-person participants, 25 Virtual participants)

Scale: 0-Not Useful to 5-Extremely Useful

Session	● In-Person	■ Virtual	Score				
			0				5
Keynote Session: A Global Call to Mobilize Methane Action	3.2	4.0			●	■	
Governments as Vital Drivers to Mobilize Methane Action	2.7	4.1			●	■	
The Importance of Industry to Mobilizing Methane Action	3.0	4.1			●	■	
The Value of Data as a Driver to Mobilize Methane Action	3.5	4.0			●	■	
Catalyzing Finance to Mobilize Methane Action	2.8	4.2			●	■	
Succeeding Locally to Mobilize Methane Action	2.4	4.0			●	■	
<b>Biogas Joint Technical Sessions</b>	3.8				●		
Biogas: Regional Methane Action Showcase: Southeast Europe		4.1				■	
Biogas: Regional Methane Action Showcase: Latin America		4.0				■	
Biogas: Implementing Biogas Policies in Germany and the Outlook for the European Union		4.2				■	
Biogas: The Importance of Data Collection and MRV to Finance Projects		4.4				■	
Biogas: Regional Biogas Methane Action Showcase: India		4.1				■	
Biogas: Environmental Justice Considerations for the Implementation of Methane Reduction Projects		4.2				■	
<b>Coal Joint Technical Sessions</b>	4.1					●	
<b>Oil &amp; Gas Joint Technical Sessions</b>	3.9					●	
Methane Action Showcase	2.8				●		
*Opportunities to Network	3.9					●	

\* Opportunities to Network was evaluated based on “satisfaction” instead of “usefulness.”

# A. Proposed Criteria for selecting the Key Parameters for the Global Methane Forum

1. Host organization is an **active GMI Partner or Strategic Partner**
2. The proposed site/venue is **co-located with another meeting(s)** that is related substantially to the work of GMI, or has substantial crossover in stakeholders
3. Site / venue provides **high level of public safety and security** for all participants, including women
4. Proposed site/venue is located in a **central, accessible location with public transportation** available
5. Site/venue is accessible to nearby **reasonably-priced accommodations**
6. The proposed site consists of a single venue that meets the following criteria:
  - allows for multiple **concurrent sessions**,
  - provides sufficient **space for side meetings**,
  - offers **capacity for hybrid** (in person and virtual) participation and simultaneous interpretation, and
  - is potentially **accessible to site visits**
7. The venue is available at **low-cost or no-cost** to the GMI organizers
8. The host organization can provide **strong on-the-ground support** before and during the event, including assistance procuring visas for international travellers
9. The venue could provide **networking and/or showcasing opportunities**, including coffee breaks and receptions
10. The proposed timing of the event **avoids major international holidays and events** as well as locally significant events

## B. Proposed Process and Timeline for Selection of Key Parameters of the 2026 Global Methane Forum

Step	Secretariat:	Timing
1.	Puts out a call for hosts of the next Forum, laying out key criteria ( <i>See IV.A; to be approved by the Steering Committee in September</i> ) for evaluating options	October – December 2024
2.	Receives proposals and reviews them against criteria	January -February 2025
3.	Consults with key Strategic Partners for feedback	March 2025
4.	Shares the recommendations with the full Steering Committee for their final decision/approval.	April/May 2025
5.	Upon Steering Committee approval, starts planning for the 2026 event.	May/June 2025
6.	Solicits volunteers to serve on the 2026 Forum Executive Planning Committee (EPC).	May/June 2025
7.	Facilitates monthly planning meetings until the 2026 Forum	July – 2026 Forum

# Discussion Questions: Proposed Process for Planning the 2026 Global Methane Forum

- Is this proposed planning approach appropriate as the pathway forward?
- Is the criteria proposed useful? Is anything missing?
- Is the process clear? Are any key steps missing?
- To whom should the call for potential Global Methane Forum Hosts be issued? (i.e., to all GMI Partner Countries and Strategic Partners? Others?)?
- Is the timeline reasonable?

# CCAC-GMI Collaboration

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# Proposed CCAC-GMI Collaboration Ideas for 2025-2026

- **EVENTS**: Organize joint events to maximize attendance/leverage resources
  - Co-locate GMI's Biogas Subcommittee meeting with CCAC's Annual Meeting in Brasilia, Brazil 2025
  - Partner on the 2026 Global Methane Forum
  - Explore other opportunities to coordinate/cohost
  - Continue to invite each other to events
- **COMMUNICATIONS**: Enhance and collaborate on communications
  - Cross-promote GMI & CCAC products, funding opportunities and events
  - Develop messaging so its easier for audience to understand differences between GMI and CCAC (e.g. when/how each can help them in the mitigation process)
  - Collaborate to enhance GMI Case Study Library
- **TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE**: Exchange information about country actions/needs
  - Share results of needs assessments and priorities
  - Exchange information on/discuss projects funded by CCAC
    - GMI to explore opportunities to provide technical assistance on implementation to CCAC-funded projects to enhance success (e.g. Brazil agriculture project)
    - For those not funded by CCAC (i.e. because funding ran out), GMI can explore opportunities to provide support in some way (e.g. in-kind, tools, etc)

# GMI Activities to Support COP29

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# Showcasing GMI Partner Country Leadership around COP29

## OPTIONS:

- Create a webpage celebrating 20 years of Leadership on Methane by GMI Partner countries and promote around the COP (via social media).
- Promote Partner Countries' COP events through GMI social media.
- Put out requests for speakers if countries are looking for GMI partners to speak at their events or to bilateral with at the COP for other meetings.
- Make available materials (e.g. slides) showing GMI impacts, membership, etc. to interested partners.



# Wrap-up and Next Steps

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# Thank you!

## Next Steps:

- Implement decisions on the four discussion papers
- Subcommittees to move forward drafting Sprint Action Plans
- Execute collaboration strategy with CCAC
- Develop GMI 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary page/COP29 promotional materials
- Initiate plans for March 2025 Subcommittee meetings and April 2025 Steering Committee meeting.