



**GLOBAL METHANE INITIATIVE
OIL & GAS SUBCOMMITTEE
MEETING**

Oil & Gas Subcommittee
24 June 2021
Virtual Meeting

MEETING SUMMARY

The Global Methane Initiative (GMI) Oil & Gas Subcommittee Meeting was held virtually on 24 June 2021. The meeting was chaired by Mr. James Diamond of Environment and Climate Change Canada (ECCC) and Co-Chair of the GMI Oil & Gas Subcommittee. Representatives from 10 country partners participated, including Canada, Chile, Colombia, the European Commission, Ghana, Indonesia, Israel, Nigeria, the United Kingdom, and the United States. A list of the participants is provided in Annex I.

The purpose of the meeting was to provide members of the Subcommittee with news about GMI and updates on the activities of the Subcommittee, including plans to update the Action Plan of the Oil & Gas Subcommittee. Participants were invited to share their feedback through interactive polling exercises. The recorded meeting and featured PowerPoint presentation are available on the [GMI website](#). The agenda is included in Annex II.

Welcome

Mr. James Diamond, GMI Oil & Gas Subcommittee Co-Chair, ECCC (Canada), opened the meeting by welcoming participants and reviewing the agenda. He extended a welcome to the new delegates of the Subcommittee representing Chile, Colombia, European Commission, Indonesia, Nigeria, and the United Kingdom.

Overview of GMI – Activities and Highlights

Ms. Monica Shimamura, Director, GMI Secretariat, (United States) provided an update about the activities of GMI, noting the recent re-charting of GMI through 2031. She highlighted recent GMI accomplishments such as GMI's hosting of [A Call to Action on Methane](#), a virtual event held on 3 June 2021 that featured keynote addresses and an industry panel discussion which reached hundreds of global stakeholders in a live event format.

International Oil & Gas Landscapes – Key Stakeholders and Initiatives

Ms. Denise Mulholland, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (United States), shared a high-level schematic of different organizations that focus on methane emissions in the oil & gas sector and summarized the activities of each.

Participants were invited to identify the organization(s) in which they are engaged.

Option	Responses
Global Methane Initiative	13
Climate and Clean Air Coalition	10
Other (Organization for Economic Co-Operation and Development (OECD), Extractive Industries Transparency Initiative (EITI), and Methane Guiding Principles)	5
United Nations Environment Programme	5
United Nations Economic Commission for Europe	3
The World Bank	2
International Energy Agency	2
Environmental Defense Fund	2

Oil & Gas Subcommittee – Accomplishments, Priorities, and Action Plan

Mr. Diamond reviewed the objectives of the Subcommittee and presented empirical data about the Oil & Gas Subcommittee’s accomplishments and cumulative methane emission reductions in the last 16 years. He also discussed activities conducted under the current 2018-2021 Action Plan.

In preparation for the development of the next Action Plan, Mr. Diamond reviewed the collective responses to a poll conducted of Subcommittee delegates and Project Network members during the October 2020 Subcommittee meeting, noting that the top priorities included: (1) identifying best practices for methane emissions reduction and use, (2) distributing tools, data, and resources about methane mitigation, and (3) building capacity to implement methane policies and projects. He also shared feedback recently collected from Partner country delegates about how they plan to contribute to the Oil & Gas Subcommittee and what they hope to gain from participation.

Participants were invited to select their top three preferences for activities to prioritize for the Subcommittee. The live poll results generally aligned with the October 2020 Subcommittee poll.

Option	Responses
Build capacity to implement methane policies and projects	18%
Distribute tools, data, and resources about methane mitigation	16%
Identify best practices for methane emissions reductions and use	14%

The process and timeline for developing the new Action Plan were reviewed. A new action plan will be developed based on input from a work group of delegates, solution providers, and companies. The goal is to finalize the Action Plan by December 2021. Mr. Diamond invited the participants to volunteer to participate in the Action Plan workgroup by sending an email to the GMI Secretariat at asg@globalmethane.org.

Wrap Up and Next Steps

Mr. Diamond closed the meeting by identifying next steps for the Action Plan which includes creating the Action Plan workgroup and scheduling a meeting to discuss process and timeline. He also confirmed that the Secretariat would prepare a meeting summary and recording of the meeting which will be made available on the GMI website. He thanked the participants and adjourned the meeting.

ANNEX I

Meeting Participants

Alpert, Alice – State Department, United States
Anderson, Dave – Score Diagnostics Limited, United Kingdom
Angela, Jack – Orbio, United Kingdom
Asgarpour, Soheil – PTAC, Canada
Badarch, Badarch – Mongolian Nature and Environmental Consortium, Mongolia
Balamas, Meytal – Chevron, Israel
Bobo, Kelsie – Tetra Tech, United States
Brokovich, Eran – Israel Ministry of Energy, Israel
Burhan, Younus – Tetra Tech, United States
Castano Lujan, Lina Maria – Colombia Ministry of Mines and Energy, Colombia
Chenchen, Lin – United Nations Environment Programme, France
Chisholm, Bruce – PPI Inc., Canada
Choi, Eric – GHGSat Inc., Canada
Desjardins, Raymond – Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada, Canada
Devlin, Brendan – Directorate-General for Energy, European Commission
Dhamija, Parveen – Skill Council for Green Jobs, India
Diamond, James – Environment and Climate Change Canada, Canada
Essandoh-Yeddu, Joseph – Energy Commission, Ghana
Evbuomwan, Celina – Department of Petroleum Resources, Nigeria
Galsan, Surakhbayar – BlackRock Partners LLC, Mongolia
Jibril, Asmau – Federal Ministry of the Environment, Nigeria
Kapur, Amit
Lau, Alan – Anglo Euro Developers International, Indonesia
Malave, Maria – U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, United States
Marig, Yaniv – The Association of Oil and Gas Exploration Industries in Israel, Israel
Mascarenhas, Audrey – Questor Technology, Inc., Canada
McGill, Cathy – Tetra Tech, United States
Meluch, Andrew – U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, United States
Michaels, KC – International Energy Agency, France
Milicevic, Branko – United Nations Economic Commission for Europe
Mulholland, Denise – U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, United States
Pocengal, Anthony – Solar Turbines Inc., United States
Prabhu, Edan – Prabhu Energy Labs, United States
Putri, Devy Deliana
Rouse, Maddie – Tetra Tech, United States
San Valentin, Denise – Climate and Clear Air Coalition, France
Shalawi, Ali A. – Ministry of Energy, Industry and Mineral Resources, Saudi Arabia
Shimamura, Monica – U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, United States
Valenzuela, Maria – Ministry of Energy, Chile
Xue, Ming – CNPC Research Institute of Safety and Environmental Technology, China

ANNEX II

GMI Oil & Gas Subcommittee

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8:00 - 9:00 am EDT

AGENDA

8:00 am	Welcome and Opening of the Meeting <i>James Diamond, Co-Chair, Oil & Gas Subcommittee, Environment and Climate Change Canada (ECCC)</i>
8:05 am – 8:10 am	Overview of GMI – Activities and Highlights <i>Monica Shimamura, Director, GMI Secretariat</i>
8:10 am – 8:25 am	International Oil & Gas Landscapes – Key Stakeholders and Initiatives <i>Denise Mulholland, Team Lead, International Methane Reduction Activities, USEPA</i>
8:25 am – 8:40 am	Oil & Gas Subcommittee – Accomplishments, Priorities, and the Action Plan <i>James Diamond, Co-Chair, Oil & Gas Subcommittee, Environment and Climate Change Canada (ECCC)</i>
8:40 am – 8:45 am	Survey Results on Delegate Priorities and Participation <i>James Diamond</i>
8:25 am – 8:55 am	Wrap-Up and Next Steps <i>James Diamond</i>
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