

Administrative Support Group (ASG) Update

Agriculture Subcommittee

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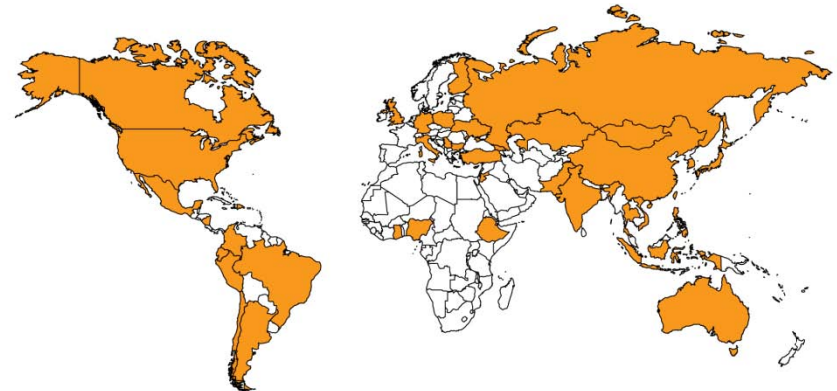
Overview

- GMI Membership
- Action Plans
- Ongoing Activities
- Partnership-wide Meeting
- Third Expo

GMI Membership

- 39 Partners to date...approaching 40!

- Jordan approved in April 2011; will participate in Agriculture, Landfill, and Wastewater.
- Sri Lanka pending approval; interest in Agriculture and Landfills.



Action Plans

- In October 2010, the Steering Committee agreed to move forward with the development of country strategic action plans.
- ASG tasked with developing guidance to help partners develop a plan and ideally, what should be included:
 - Objectives/priorities
 - Existing activities
 - Assistance needed/available

Action Plans (con't)

- The ASG is currently soliciting feedback on draft guidance, distributed week of 23 May.
- All delegates encouraged to review and provide comments by end of June.
- Goal to approve final guidance at next Steering Committee meeting in October 2011 in Poland.

Ongoing Activities

- **Outreach:** *Partnership and Mitigation* fact sheets available in Chinese, Korean, Russian, and Spanish on the GMI website. Sector-specific factsheets and others in process of revision.
- **Wastewater:** The ASG continues to explore the best way to engage in this sector (e.g., Chris Godlove provided update on Landfill webinar). This should be included in forthcoming U.S. EPA grant solicitation.

Partnership-wide Meeting

- Poland is hosting.
- Krakow, Poland October 2011
 - Either October 12 - 14 **OR**
October 17 – 19
- 3 days, including:
 - Sector-specific technical and policy sessions
 - Subcommittee and Steering meetings
 - Site tours

Third Expo

- Tentatively planned for late 2012.
- Currently seeking host country. Partners encouraged to notify ASG if they are interested in hosting.
- Same basic framework as the previous Expos (e.g., concurrent sector-specific sessions, site visits, exhibition hall, project opportunities).

Summary

- Action Plan Guidance open for comment.
- Next in-person meeting of Subcommittee in Krakow, Poland in October.
- Wastewater options still open, several events planned.
- 3rd Expo planned for late 2012—still seeking host country.