



GLOBAL METHANE INITIATIVE COAL SUBCOMMITTEE MEETING

24th Session of the Coal Subcommittee
24 October 2016
Palais de Nations
Geneva, Switzerland

MEETING MINUTES

The 24th session of the GMI Coal Subcommittee was held on 24 October 2016 in Geneva, Switzerland, in conjunction with the 11th session of the United Nations Economic Commission for Europe (UNECE) Group of Experts on Coal Mine Methane (CMM) on 24-25 October 2016. GMI Partner Country delegates, including those from China, Colombia, India, Poland, Ukraine, and the United States, briefed more than 50 participants from 14 countries. Project Network members also presented on a variety of technical topics.

The following sections provide additional details on the meeting's discussions.

Opening Remarks and Introduction

GMI Partner Country delegates, Project Network members, and Administrative Support Group (ASG) staff were in attendance. A list of attendees is included as Annex 1 to these minutes. Ms. Monica Shimamura, Director of GMI's Administrative Support Group (ASG), Ms. Chen Su from China, and Mr. Shekar Saran, Co-Chair from India, presided over the meeting and provided opening remarks.

Introductions of Partner Country delegates, Project Network members, and other attendees followed. A copy of the final agenda, which was approved by the Subcommittee, is included as Annex 2 of these minutes.

ASG Update

Ms. Monica Shimamura expressed her gratitude to UNECE for hosting the meeting and provided an update from the March 2016 GMI Steering Committee meeting. The Steering Committee has considered outreach in response to GMI Partner Countries that have requested help developing Nationally Determined Contributions NDCs (i.e., realistic and achievable goals given the economic and social conditions of the subject country) under the Paris Agreement. More details on the March 2016 Steering Committee meeting are available on the [GMI website](#).

Partner Country Updates

Partner Country delegates were asked to provide the subcommittee with updates on recent and future CMM activities. Delegates from China, Colombia, India, Poland, Ukraine, and the United States delivered presentations, which are currently available on the [GMI website](#).

Technical Presentations

The subcommittee also heard two technical presentations, which are available on the [GMI website](#):

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- Mr. Michael Coté, Ruby Canyon Engineering, presented an overview of policy and project development activities that GMI is undertaking in Kazakhstan.
- Dr. Meredydd Evans, PNNL, led a discussion following up from the March 2016 GMI Coal brainstorming session held during the Global Methane Forum in Washington, D.C. The presentation centered on two documents proposed as part of a broader outreach strategy to promote coal mine methane to policymakers and financial institutions.

Adjournment

Ms. Shimamura provided closing comments, thanked UNECE for hosting the GMI Coal Subcommittee meeting, and thanked participants for their active engagement.

The meeting was adjourned.

Annex 1 – List of Attendees



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Joint Meeting of UNECE and the Coal Subcommittee of the Global Methane Initiative

Start Date: Monday, 24 October 2016
Palais des Nations, Geneva
Participants: 57

End Date: Monday, 24 October 2016

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**GLOBAL METHANE INITIATIVE
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Palais des Nations, Geneva, Switzerland
24 October 2016, 10:30-18:00, Salle XII**

- 10:30 **Welcome Addresses**
Co-Chairs from China and India
- Brief introductions of all meeting participants
 - Adoption of agenda
- 10:45 **Update from Administrative Support Group (ASG)**
Monica Shimamura, ASG
- Report out from GMI Global Methane Forum
- 11:15 **Partner Country and Project Network Updates**
Partner Country delegates and Project Network members
- Brief updates from Partner Country delegates regarding any new or planned activities in-country or in other Partner Countries
 - Brief updates from Project Network members
- 13:00 **Lunch**
- 15:00 **Technical Presentation and Discussion**
- Promoting Coal Mine Methane Activities in Kazakhstan:
Policy and Project Development Issues**
Mike Cote, Ruby Canyon Engineering
- 16:00 *Coffee/Tea Break*
- 16:30 **Read Out and Next Steps: CMM Financing Brainstorming Session Held at the Global Methane Forum (GMF) in March 2016**
Led by Dr. Meredydd Evans, PNNL
- 17:30 **Summary of Action Items/Concluding Remarks**
Subcommittee Co-Chairs
- Meeting action items
 - Announcements about upcoming coal-related conferences/workshops