

# Agriculture Subcommittee Statement of Purpose

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# Survey

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- The ASG conducted a survey of Agriculture Subcommittee Members to determine the focus of the Statement of Purpose
  - There were 14 respondents from 11 countries
  - Almost all (12) respondents selected anaerobic digestion of manure and agro-industrial waste as a focus
  - Almost half (6) of the respondents listed enteric fermentation as a focus
  - Only 1 respondent listed rice cultivation as a focus

# Statement of Purpose: Focus

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- The Subcommittee primarily focuses on promoting the reduction of methane emissions from livestock manure and agro-industrial wastewater and residues through the use of anaerobic digestion (AD) for conversion into biogas. As a secondary focus, the Subcommittee promotes practices that reduce methane emissions from enteric fermentation.

# Statement of Purpose: Role of Delegates

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## Delegates work to achieve these goals by:

- Serving as the country point of contact for information about the Initiative;
- Preparing and updating country agriculture sector action plans;
- Sharing country policies, incentives, standards, plans, and success stories through participation at GMI events and contributions to GMI resources (including GMI website, documents, international AD database, etc.);
- Conducting research, performance evaluations of operating AD systems, technical assistance, workshops or meetings, technology transfer activities, and training;
- Developing fact sheets, tools, guides, training plans, country AD databases, and methane inventories or reduction estimates; and/or
- Funding the activities above in other Partner countries.

# Statement of Purpose: Role of Project Network Members

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Project Network members assist in these efforts by:

- Providing funding opportunities,
- Participating at events,
- Sharing industry expertise and research,
- Representing similar organizations,
- Implementing methane reduction projects, and
- Publicizing success stories.

# Discussion: Enteric Fermentation

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- Should the subcommittee take a more active role in addressing enteric fermentation?
- If so, what actions should the subcommittee take to incorporate enteric fermentation?
- Alternatively, should the subcommittee only work with other organizations to address enteric fermentation? (As was discussed at the Agriculture Subcommittee meeting in New Delhi, India in 2010.)

# Discussion: Rice Cultivation

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- Should the subcommittee exclude rice cultivation?
- Should the subcommittee work with other organizations to address rice cultivation, if the opportunity should arise?

# Discussion: Roles

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- Should delegates be required to meet a minimal level of participation?
- If so, what should that level of participation include?