

Status of GMI Partner Action Plans

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Action Plans

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Background

- Since 2004, Subcommittees have worked on creating sector-specific action plans in order to identify needs, opportunities, and priorities for project development in a sector.
- At the September 2009 meeting, Steering Committee members expressed strong support for emphasizing and improving the country-specific Action Plans as an effective and important mechanism to focus and organize partnership efforts.
- As part of the GMI launch in Mexico City, the Steering Committee incorporated GMI Partner Action Plans into the TOR.

Goals

- The goals of the GMI Partner Action Plan were determined to be:
 1. Articulate the overall vision for a Partner's participation in GMI.
 2. Outline key activities and priorities.
 3. Provide a mechanism to advance cooperation between Partners by identifying needs and opportunities.

Revised TOR Language

- The Steering Committee adopted the following revisions to the Terms of Reference (TOR) related to Action Plans in:
“Partners will seek to...develop and implement action plans that outline a series of concrete activities and actions that directly support the core goals and functions of the Partnership. Action plans can be useful tools in advancing project implementation, facilitating investment, and creating appropriate policy frameworks that support methane abatement, recovery, and use.” [section 2.10]
- Based on Partner concerns regarding readiness/resources for Action Plan development and implementation, the Steering Committee added TOR language to encourage Subcommittees to find ways to provide support:
“Each Subcommittee will work to...offer assistance to Partners in the development and implementation of their action plans,...” [section 3.4]

Current Status

- The ASG tasked with developing guidance on appropriate elements of the GMI Partner Action Plans.
- The Steering Committee requested that this guidance be succinct, yet flexible to reflect the different approaches appropriate for Partner Countries.
- Draft guidance was circulated in May 2011, with a request for comment and suggestions on the draft guidance and its implementation by June 2011.

Current Status (con't)

- The draft Partner Action Plan guidance was highlighted during the recent Subcommittee webinar meetings and Partners again were encouraged to submit comments.
- Only supportive comments were received.
- The ASG recommends the Steering Committee finalize the proposed action plan guidance.

Issues for Consideration

- How does the Steering Committee wish to implement the new GMI Partners Action Plan requirements?
 - Should a timeframe for completing Partner Action Plans be established (e.g., late 2012)?
 - Should the Steering Committee request that each Partner country designate one official representative to be responsible for coordinating, developing, and submitting the Partner Action Plan?
- Does the Steering Committee wish to charge the Subcommittees with continuing to identify how they can support and assist Partners in both the development and implementation of the Partner Action Plans?

Issues for Consideration (con't)

- Does the Steering Committee have any recommendations on how countries could incorporate existing tools or resources from other climate initiatives or plans into GMI Partner Action Plans?
- How does the Steering Committee wish to implement communications or updating the GMI Partner Action Plans to the Steering Committee, the Initiative, the public?
 - Should Partner countries provide periodic updates on their GMI Partner Action Plans (e.g. every 6 months, once a year)?
 - How should these updates be provided (e.g. verbally at meetings, reports)?
 - Should the GMI Partner Action Plans be submitted to the Steering Committee and posted on the GMI website?