



Methane to Markets

Implementing the Revised Terms of Reference (TOR): Charge to the Subcommittees

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Revised TOR: Charge to the Subcommittees

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Background

- At March 2010 meeting, the Steering Committee discussed/agreed to Terms of References (TOR) revisions that impact the work of the Subcommittees, including:
 - Review of Subcommittee leadership
 - Expansion of Partnership scope (i.e., methane abatement)
 - Addition of new focus areas (e.g., wastewater treatment)

Review of Subcommittee Leadership

- The Partnership has been fortunate to have had strong Subcommittee leadership over last 6 years.
- The original TOR, however, did not articulate process for changing leadership (as appropriate/necessary).
- During TOR discussions, the Steering Committee made the following revisions:

“Each Subcommittee *will select* two *Partners as* co-chairs, *ideally* one from a developed and the other from a developing country or country with an economy in transition. *At their discretion, Subcommittees may select one additional co-chair. Every three years, Subcommittees should review their leadership to provide other Partners the opportunity to act as co-chair.*”

Leadership: Next Steps

- During the upcoming meetings, the Subcommittees should review current leadership and/or query delegates to determine if there might be other Partners interested in serving as chair(s).
- Based on expressed interest, the Subcommittees could submit a proposed slate of co-chairs for selection by the members and/or nominate a single individual for a vacant chair.

Opportunities for Methane Abatement

- During its March 2010 meeting, the Steering Committee also revised TOR language to expand the Partnership's scope to include methane "abatement" in addition to recovery and use:

"The Partnership will focus on the development of strategies and markets for the *abatement*, recovery, and use of methane..."

Abatement: Next Steps

- Subcommittees should be requested to evaluate the role of methane abatement in their sectors and update their Action Plans accordingly to reflect these new approaches.
- Future development of Partner Action Plans should incorporate these issues as appropriate.

Status of Wastewater Sector

- Interest in wastewater initially raised by Chile in January 2009 and at that time, the Steering Committee directed the ASG to explore issue further.
- At the September 2009 meeting, the ASG presented a wastewater scoping paper.
- During March 2010 meeting, the Steering Committee agreed to add this sector and modified the TOR accordingly:

“...in the areas of agriculture, coal mining, landfills, oil and natural gas systems, *and wastewater treatment...*”
- The Steering Committee also decide to convene a Wastewater Task Force to assess Partner interest, evaluate possible inclusion in Landfill Subcommittee, and discuss other issues.

Wastewater (con't)

- Wastewater Task Force convened its first meeting via conference call on 15 July 2010.
- Based on these discussions and expressed Partner interest, the ASG proposed holding a Wastewater Task Force meeting in conjunction with the Landfill & Agriculture Subcommittee meetings on 11- 12 November 2010 in Venice, Italy.
- Following this session, the Wastewater Task Force will prepare a memorandum with recommendations for the Steering Committee's consideration at its next meeting.

Wastewater: Next Steps

- All Partners should be requested to consult internally within their government to determine if there is interest in participating on the Wastewater Task Force.
- Following the November 2010 meeting, the Wastewater Task Force should develop recommendations to the Steering Committee.

Issues for Consideration

- Leadership Review: Does the Steering Committee wish to charge the Subcommittees to review current leadership and/or query delegates to determine if there might be other Partners interested in serving as chair(s)?
- Opportunities for Abatement: Does the Steering Committee wish to charge the Subcommittees with determining the role of methane abatement within each sector, and updating their Subcommittee Action Plans accordingly?
- Wastewater: Does the Steering Committee wish to charge Partners with identifying additional participants for the Wastewater Task Force? Does the Steering Committee approve of the plan for a Task Force meeting in November 2010 and subsequent development of recommendations to the Steering Committee?