

Introduction to the Agriculture Subcommittee

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#### **Overview**

- M2M Snapshot
- Agriculture Sector
- Sector Action Plan Summary
- Objectives of the Expo



# 31 Partner Countries Over 1000 Project Network Members





# **Cost-Effective Projects Recover and Use Methane**

#### **Coal Mines**



Oil and Gas Systems



Landfills



#### **Agricultural Waste**





#### **Agriculture Sector Background**

- Sources of methane in the agriculture sector include:
  - Livestock manure management
  - Livestock enteric fermentation
  - Rice cultivation
  - Agricultural waste burning
- The Agriculture Subcommittee has focused on methane from livestock manure management and utilization of anaerobic digesters.
  - Livestock manure management offers the most viable, short-term opportunities for methane recovery and utilization.
  - These opportunities can be realized using currently available technology and offer benefits in terms of improved environmental quality.



### **Agriculture Sector Background**

- The Agriculture Subcommittee decided to also included AD projects utilizing agri-food waste.
- The Agriculture Subcommittee has discussed the inclusion of enteric fermentation and rice cultivation into the work of the Partnership.







#### **Agriculture Sector Background**

- The Agriculture Subcommittee has supported the development of an international protocol to evaluate the performance of anaerobic digestion systems
  - The protocol provides a consistent and standard method for the international community to review and assess technologies and provides project developers and potential users with credible and comparable information
  - An international team of researchers and specialists reviewed the protocol and made suggestions and corrections.
  - The Subcommittee reviewed the draft protocol in Guangzhou and provided input and suggestions
  - The protocol was revised and translated and is now available in English, Chinese, and Spanish
  - The protocol will be presented to the public at the Expo



#### **Sector Action Plan Overview**

- The goal of the Action Plan is to promote economically viable anaerobic digestion of animal wastes through identifying and overcoming barriers to project development.
- The key barriers to project development in this sector can be categorized into the following 6 key themes:
  - National capacity
  - Technology
  - Financial and Economic
  - Policy
  - Awareness
  - Project Identification and Development
- The Action Plan includes types of activities that can overcome these obstacles, as presented in the following table.



# Sector Action Plan Overview (continued)

Obstacle to Project Development	<b>Examples of Current Action Plan Items to Address Obstacles</b>
National capacity	<ul><li>Promote capacity building in governments</li><li>Provide AD experts in the Ag Country Profiles</li></ul>
Technology	<ul><li>Support technology demonstrations</li><li>Bring together technology developers in the Project Network</li></ul>
Financial and Economic	<ul><li>Each country to identify and support investment opportunities</li><li>Include possible financiers in the Project Network</li></ul>
Policy	<ul><li>Share lessons learned from policy development</li><li>Analyze differences in policy portions of Country Profiles</li></ul>
Awareness	<ul><li>Keep up-to-date information on the M2M Web site</li><li>Hold international seminars on ag methane recovery and use</li></ul>
Project Identification and Development	<ul><li>Track on-going projects in the M2M project database</li><li>Present projects at the Expo</li></ul>



### Objectives of the 2010 Expo

- Highlight methane capture and use technologies and services in a trade show format
- Showcase project opportunities to potential investors
- Parallel sector tracks covering technical, policy, financing, and regulatory issues related to project development.



# **Expo Technical Sessions**

Session 1	Addressing the Financing Barrier
Session 2	Strategies and Policies to Overcome Barriers and Implement Anaerobic Digestion (AD): Part 1
Session 3	Strategies and Policies to Overcome Barriers and Implement Anaerobic Digestion (AD): Part 2
Session 4	Overcoming Barriers of Scale: Project Bundling
Session 5	Opportunities to Use AD across the Food and Agriculture Sector
Session 6	Other Agricultural Sources of Methane



## Thank you for coming to the Expo!

- We look forward to an informative and productive technical session
- The Agriculture Subcommittee will be meeting on Friday

