



Background Package for GMI Steering Committee Meeting 12 September 2024

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	Time	Topic
1.	8:00 – 8:05 AM (5 minutes)	Welcome, Opening of the Meeting
2.	8:05 – 8:20 AM (15 minutes)	Brief Introductions (<i>Tour de Table</i>) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Introductions by each country (name and affiliation)</i>
3.	8:20 – 8:25 AM (5 minutes)	Meeting Objectives; Adoption of Agenda (GMI22/Doc.1) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Review and select options in discussion papers developed in response to Steering Committee requests on:</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ <i>Increasing GMI Partner Country Engagement</i> ○ <i>Enhancing Project Network Engagement</i> ○ <i>Subcommittee Sprint Action Plan Template</i> ○ <i>Proposed Process for Planning the 2026 Global Methane Forum</i> • <i>Discuss CCAC-GMI Collaboration</i> • <i>Discuss GMI activities to support COP29</i>
4.	8:25 – 8:40 AM (15 minutes)	Update on GMI Activities <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Secretariat Update</i> • <i>Subcommittee Updates</i>
5.	8:40 – 9:00 AM (20 minutes)	Discussion Paper: Increasing GMI Partner Country Engagement (GMI22/Doc.2) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Overview of discussion paper context and options</i> • <i>Discuss comments/feedback</i> • <i>Next steps</i>
6.	9:00 AM – 9:20 AM (20 minutes)	Discussion Paper: Enhancing Project Network Engagement (GMI22/Doc.3) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Overview of discussion paper context and options</i> • <i>Discuss comments/feedback</i> • <i>Next steps</i>
7.	9:20 – 9:40 AM (20 minutes)	Discussion Paper: Subcommittee Sprint Action Plan Template (GMI22/Doc.4) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Overview of discussion paper context and options</i> • <i>Discuss comments/feedback</i> • <i>Next steps</i>
	9:40 – 9:55 AM (15 minutes)	Health Break

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	Time	Topic
8.	9:55 – 10:25 AM (30 minutes)	Discussion Paper: Proposed Process for Planning the 2026 Global Methane Forum (GMI22/Doc.5) <ul style="list-style-type: none">• <i>Overview of discussion paper context and options</i>• <i>Discuss comments/feedback</i>• <i>Next steps</i>
9.	10:25 – 10:40 AM (15 minutes)	CCAC-GMI Collaboration <ul style="list-style-type: none">• <i>Review/discuss CCAC draft “Proposal for closer CCAC-GMI Collaboration”</i>
10.	10:40 – 10:55 AM (15 minutes)	GMI activities to support COP29 <ul style="list-style-type: none">• <i>Discussion of options</i>
11.	10:55 – 11:00 AM (5 minutes)	Wrap-up and Next Steps <ul style="list-style-type: none">• <i>Summarize key decisions and next steps</i>• <i>Date of next Steering Committee Meeting</i>
12.	11:00 AM	Adjourn

Discussion Paper: Increasing GMI Partner Country Engagement

Background

At the Global Methane Initiative (GMI) Steering Committee meetings in March and April 2024, Steering Committee members discussed the importance of increasing engagement with and among GMI Country Partners.¹ While there is active engagement from a core group of GMI Partners on the Steering Committee and Subcommittees, there are a significant number of Partners who are: (1) Steering Committee members but have not recently attended Steering Committee meetings, or (2) not represented on the Steering Committee and do not attend Subcommittee Meetings or other events such as the Global Methane Forum. For example, 35% of GMI Partner Countries attended the 2022 Forum yet only 24% attended the 2024 Forum.

Suggestions to increase Partner Country engagement offered by Steering Committee members included the following:

- Inviting non-Steering Committee members to Steering Committee meetings to share updates (i.e., on a regular basis, offering a specific number of slots at each Steering Committee meeting for “guests”).
- Conducting a (virtual) “all member” meeting to which all GMI Partner Countries are invited on a pilot basis.
- Continuing to reach out to delegates from GMI Steering Committee members who have not attended meetings recently to encourage their participation.

The Steering Committee reached the following decisions on this issue:

- Agreed that GMI should make a concerted effort to increase engagement among all GMI Partner Countries, particularly with non-Steering Committee delegates.
- Directed the Secretariat to develop options for increasing engagement, including exploration of a virtual “All Partners” meeting to be conducted on a trial basis and potentially annually.

The Secretariat researched meeting formats and frequencies of other Strategic Partners’ engagement with their Partners as well as one-on-one calls with a subset of Partner countries to discuss their needs and challenges.

¹ Please note, this discussion paper is focused on increasing engagement with GMI Partner Countries; a separate discussion paper addresses opportunities to enhance engagement with the Project Network.

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The Secretariat developed several options for the Steering Committee's consideration.

Increasing Engagement with GMI Partners - Options for Consideration

Options	Benefits	Potential Limitations
1. Invite Non-Steering Committee Partner Countries as guests to attend Steering Committee meetings (virtual or in-person) on a rotating basis.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Enables the Steering Committee to learn about activities and needs beyond those of the Steering Committee. Builds stronger relationships between the non-Steering countries and the Steering Committee. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Given time constraints, there would likely only be time for a few countries to present; could take years to hear from everyone. Non-attending countries would not benefit from the exchange.
2. Host full day, All Partners virtual meeting as a Pilot. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Propose starting in 2025 in the September – November timeframe. Countries present their actions on methane, challenges, and opportunities by region, followed by discussion. Steering Committee Leadership or members facilitate each session. Organized into 1-2 hour time blocks per region. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Includes all global regions (e.g., Americas, Asia, Africa, Europe, and Oceania) in one ongoing event, starting with presentations in the time zone furthest West moving East (e.g., Oceania moving towards the Americas). Enables countries to learn about and discuss efforts around their region and the world. Builds community across full partnership and by region. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Due to time zone differences, most participants will not likely be able to attend the full event continuously. Time intensive for Secretariat or others attending 8 hours online.
3. Host 4, 2-3 hour regional Partners virtual meetings as a Pilot. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Same as Option 2 but limited to Partner Countries <i>within the designated region</i>. A representative from the GMI Steering Leadership or Steering Committee member could facilitate each regional session. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Allows for convenient scheduling for the region. Enables countries to learn about and discuss efforts around their region. Provides longer time for region-specific discussion. Strengthens regional connections. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Participants would not learn about efforts beyond their region.
4. Add a full day to the Forum and host an All Partners in-person meeting with virtual option.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Includes possibility to hear from all global regions in one ongoing event. Enables countries to learn about and discuss efforts around the world. Builds community across full partnership and by region. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Travel expenses may prohibit full attendance. For those who do not attend the Forum, time zone differences may impede their ability to join virtually for large parts of the event. One full day dedicated to an All Partner meeting may be difficult to achieve depending on Forum timing and space constraints. Does not increase non-Forum year exchange.

Questions for the Steering Committee:

Which of the options would most effectively increase engagement among Partner Country Members?

- What opportunities or challenges do you foresee with each option?
- If we were to host All Partner or Regional meetings (virtual or in-person), should we limit the meetings to Partner Country delegates or allow others, including the Project Network Members and strategic partners, to participate?
- Is there another option or variation that the Steering Committee should consider?

Discussion Paper: Enhancing Project Network Engagement

Background

Per the GMI [Terms of Reference](#) 3.13, the Project Network serves “as an informal mechanism that facilitates communication, project development and implementation, and private sector involvement across the Initiative. The Project Network serves as the Initiative’s mechanism to reach out to and organize the participation of the private sector, governmental and non-governmental organizations. The Project Network is comprised of representatives from local governments, the private sector, the research community, development banks, and other governmental and non-governmental organizations.”

As of July 2024, there are 1,058 Project Network Organizations and 1,737 Project Network members, up just over 6% from 998 organizations and 1,629 members in October 2023. This group is primarily comprised of the private sector (66%), followed by research/academic institutions (11%), non-governmental organizations (4%), government (3%), and financial institutions (3%).² The Secretariat connects with the Project Network through the GMI Quarterly Newsletter, GMI listserv messages, and invitations to activities and events held by the Subcommittees. The Secretariat last requested membership renewals from Project Network members in 2019 and received feedback from the Project Network Assessment in late 2023 that members would generally like to be more engaged in GMI activities.

At the Steering Committee meetings in March and April 2024, Steering Committee members discussed the importance of exploring ways to better engage the Project Network. Suggestions included the following:

- Invite Project Network members to participate in Steering Committee meetings (on a regular / semi-regular / rotational basis).
- Invite feedback from the Project Network on how GMI can improve its support of private sector activities.
- Expand networks, such as groups that work on clean energy, such as the Clean Energy Ministerial and Mission Innovation, as recommended by the Steering Committee.
- Leverage GMI’s relationship with investors in methane mitigation activities (e.g., the World Bank, Global Methane Hub, etc.) to attract participation.
- Establish an advisory committee comprised of Project Network members to advise on the activities of the Steering Committee.
- Identify specific mechanisms to increase virtual engagement and interaction with Project Network members.
- Take advantage of recent growth in the number of Project Network members and explore ways to increase Project Network engagement on the Subcommittees.

² <https://www.globalmethane.org/project-network/index.aspx>

The Steering Committee reached consensus on the following:

- Agreed that GMI should continue to increase engagement with the Project Network Members, including by exploring ways to potentially have them participate at Steering Committee meetings or otherwise increase their engagement.
- Directed the Secretariat to identify new options for engagement for discussion at the next Steering Committee meeting.

In October and November 2023, the Secretariat conducted a Project Network Member Assessment by sending inquiries to all Project Network members to gauge their interests and current engagement with GMI. The Secretariat invited them to share how they would like to engage with GMI in the future.

The survey collected only 19 responses after multiple requests for feedback. The key findings are summarized in **Figure 1** and the full survey results can be found in the **Appendix**.

In 2024, the Secretariat also consulted with key strategic partners including the Climate and Clean Air Coalition and the World Bank for their input on opportunities for GMI to increase engagement with the Project Network community more broadly.

Based on the feedback received, the consultations, and the discussions of the Steering Committee meetings, the Secretariat completed the following actions:

- Added a [“Find an Expert” option](#) on the Project Network member page using limited existing data and made it searchable by area of expertise and location.
- Developed several options for the Steering Committee’s consideration and discussion as shown below.

**Figure 1. Summary of Results
from Project Network Member Assessment**

What do Project Network members hope to get out of being in the Network?

- Engagement with project developers and GMI Partner Country delegates.
- Support from GMI on methane projects.
- Opportunities to shape GMI activities.
- Help with GMI tools.

What can GMI do in the near term to support Project Network members?

- Introduce Project Network Members to each other and to Partner Countries.
- Provide trainings on GMI resources.
- Conduct webinars on Project Network solutions.
- Create platform for Project Network members to share information/news.
- Help identify funding opportunities.

How can Project Network members advance or accelerate methane mitigation through GMI?

- Share knowledge (success factors/projects).

Enhancing Project Network Engagement – Options for Consideration

Options	Benefits	Potential Limitations
1. Update and enhance the GMI Project Network webpage to better serve the needs of members (e.g., update and expand contact information, expand search filters, add case studies).	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Enhances the usability of current Project Network information. Allows for greater exploration of private sector expertise by Partner Countries and Project Network Members. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Continued updates will require upkeep by the GMI Secretariat staff.
2. Add Project Network member features to the GMI Methane Matters Quarterly Newsletters (e.g., 1-2 spotlights).	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Uses an established mechanism to share Project Network projects and activities with the GMI community. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> May be difficult to choose from many submissions which might be deemed subjective.
3. Highlight funding resources for Project Network members (and Partner Countries) (e.g., on the GMI website and in quarterly newsletters).	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Uses established mechanisms to share funding opportunities with the GMI community. Low effort if it only links to larger international or national agencies who are GMI partners. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Would likely miss smaller regional or local funding opportunities. May not generate a lot of data.
4. Conduct an annual online assessment of Project Network Members to better understand their goals, needs, and priorities.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Low effort to send assessment by email. Contributes to timely information updates on the GMI Project Network webpage. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Assessments have not increased engagement in the past. May need to be paired with some other action or incentive to participate.
5. Create a recognition program for Project Network members; for example, “Members of the Year” awards in different categories such as new technologies, innovative financing, and research that supports methane mitigation.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Creates an opportunity to recognize Project Network member achievements in methane mitigation. Could include award ceremony as part of a future Forum. The awards could have considerations for active participation in GMI, which would encourage engagement. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Implementing a program (e.g., initiating a nomination process, developing criteria, communicating widely about the opportunity) could take substantial investment from Secretariat staff. Evaluating and selecting awardees could be challenging.
6. Invite select Project Network Members to regularly participate in one-off Steering Committee meetings in some capacity, such as inviting 3-5 members on a rotating basis to attend the April and/or September meetings.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Creates opportunity to foster relationships with Project Network Members interested in engaging with GMI delegates. Helps delegates better understand the landscape of project development and sector specific efforts. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Selection process would be challenging – Subcommittee Co-Chairs pick? Self-nomination? Limits engagement to a fraction of 1000+ Network members. If Project Network Member interest is very high, it could be difficult to accommodate all parties. If interest is lacking, might not be as useful to hear only from the same ones.

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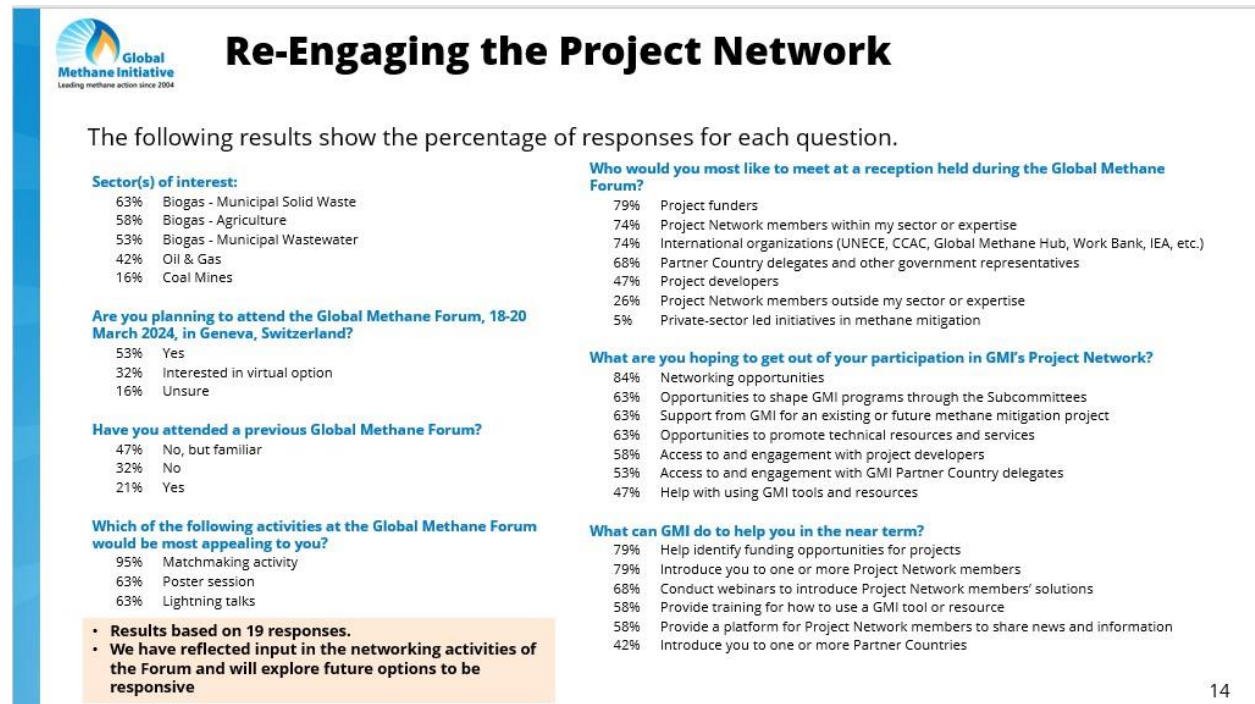
Options	Benefits	Potential Limitations
7. Identify or recruit a set number of representatives to formally serve on 1- or 2- year term periods to represent the Project Network in Steering Committee meetings.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Creates opportunity to foster relationships with Project Network Members interested in formally engaging with GMI delegates.• Helps delegates better understand the landscape of project development and sector specific efforts.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Difficult to ensure geographic and sector diversity; reflective of others' interests.• Selection process would be challenging – Subcommittee Co-Chairs pick? Self-nomination?• Limits engagement to a fraction of 1000+ Network members.

Questions for the Steering Committee:

- Which of the options would you deem a high priority for Secretariat implementation to most effectively increase engagement with and/or among the Project Network Members?
- Which of the options would you deem as a low priority?
- Are there other options or variations that the Steering Committee should consider?

Appendix: Summarized Results of the Project Network Assessment (2023)

The following images are taken from slides at the March 2024 Steering Committee Meeting hosted at the 2024 Global Methane Forum.



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What are you hoping to get out of your participation in GMI's Project Network?

Networking opportunities
84%

Opportunities to shape GMI programs through the Subcommittees
63%

Support from GMI for an existing or future methane mitigation project
63%

Opportunities to promote technical resources/services
63%

Access to and engagement with project developers
58%

Access to and engagement with GMI Partner Country delegates
53%

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What can GMI do to help you in the near term?

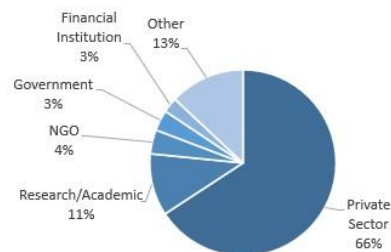
- Help identify funding opportunities for projects
79%
- Introduce you to one or more Project Network members
79%
- Conduct webinars to introduce Project Network members' solutions
68%
- Provide training for how to use a GMI tool or resource
58%
- Provide a platform for Project Network members to share news and information
58%
- Introduce you to one or more Partner Countries
42%

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Project Network Engagement

- GMI continues to actively involve Project Network members through various activities, including adding members to the mailing list and requesting feedback on how GMI can better meet their needs
- Next steps: assess connections made at the Forum, enhance the Project Network webpage, and facilitate networking opportunities

Percent of Members by Type of Organization



The Project Network has a total of 1029 active members

New Members Since September 2023



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Discussion Paper: Subcommittee Sprint Action Plan Template

Background

At the Steering Committee meetings in March and April 2024, Steering Committee members discussed the importance of ensuring that sector-specific work is strategic, tangible, and impactful. GMI Subcommittees typically develop sector-specific action plans that present their priority objectives and activities every 2-3 years. The plans generally focus on capacity building and the sharing of best practices and tools to advance project implementation, facilitate investment, assist Partners in the development and implementation of action plans, and create appropriate policy frameworks that support methane abatement, recovery, and use. All current Subcommittee Action Plans are due to expire by or before 2025 so it is timely to explore how to best ensure the next sets of activities are strategic and most impactful.

Historically, action planning in GMI has gone beyond the Subcommittees. GMI Partner Countries³ would “seek to ... (2.9) Develop and implement action plans that outline a series of concrete activities and actions that directly support the core goals and functions of the Initiative,” as noted in the GMI [Terms of Reference](#). In recent years, however, there has been increasing focus internationally on the inclusion of policies and measures to address methane and other non-carbon dioxide greenhouse gases explicitly in countries’ planning processes for their Nationally Determined Contributions (NDCs). After the launch of the Global Methane Pledge in 2021, the Climate and Clean Air Coalition (CCAC) created the Methane Roadmap Action Programme (M-RAP) which helps countries develop Methane Action Plans and implementation Roadmaps. Over that same period, GMI focused primarily on the practical implementation of best practice policies, measures, and technologies, predominantly through Subcommittee and Steering Committee engagement and activities.

In the March and April meetings, the Steering Committee discussed several ideas to help ensure that sector-specific work by GMI was strategic, tangible, and impactful including:

- Working with the Subcommittee Co-Chairs to create 5-year “sprint action plans” for each sector that incorporate quantifiable metrics and methods to achieve specified methane emissions reductions and/or other defined goals by 2030.
- Reducing barriers to adopting and implementing monitoring and mitigation technologies by ensuring that all sectors have access to technology support from other strategic partner organizations.
- Disseminating GMI-wide communications and technical work products through the Subcommittees to increase sectoral attention and awareness.

The Steering Committee directed the Secretariat to draft a proposed template for these sector-specific “Sprint Action Plans” and a timeline for development of the Sprint Action Plans.

³ Several Partner Countries, including Australia, China, Colombia, European Commission, India, Mexico, Nigeria, Turkey, Ukraine, and the United States, developed action plans under GMI years ago but they have not been updated as action planning often now occurs under other processes.

In response, the Secretariat examined previous GMI action plan structures and related plan contents from CCAC and M-RAP and consulted with Subcommittee Co-Chairs. As a result, the Secretariat developed a draft “Subcommittee Sprint Action Plan Template,” below, for Steering Committee review.

Draft for Review: Subcommittee Sprint Action Plan Template

- I. Mission Statement
 - Describe GMI and the initiative’s goals generally. [Secretariat will provide overarching template language to ensure consistency across all sectors.]
 - Provide a brief mission statement of the sector-specific Subcommittee.
- II. Objectives of the 2025-2030 [Insert Sector] Subcommittee Sprint Action Plan
 - Provide an overview of the goals of the Sprint Action Plan (e.g., *to ensure that the work of the Subcommittee is strategic, tangible, and impactful and will support the achievement of meaningful methane emissions reductions by 2030*).
- III. Sector Barriers and Challenges
 - Outline the major barriers and challenges to reducing methane emissions in the given sector based on feedback from stakeholders and Subcommittee meetings.
- IV. Strategic Priority Activities of Subcommittee
 - Taking into consideration the outlined barriers and challenges in the specific sector, select the top (3 to 5) priority activities that the Subcommittee will focus on in their near-term (e.g., 5 year) action planning to overcome the specific barriers. These should be priority activities that are (1) critical to achieving significant methane reductions in the sector globally over the next 5 years and (2) actionable, specific measures that can be taken by the Subcommittee.
- V. Action Plan to Deliver on Priorities (*sample table*)
 - Summarize each priority activity (identified in Section IV) to support achievement of the overall sector-specific strategic priorities in tabular format (see Table 1 below). For each priority activity, summarize specific actions with quantifiable goals, implementing entities, deliverables, timelines for completion, and status of the task.

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Table 1. Example of Priority Activities to be Summarized in the Sprint Action Plans.

Priority Activities (1)	Specific Actions and barrier targeted	GMI Entity Involved in Implementation	Deliverable/ Indicators for Evaluation	Estimate Completion Time	Status
1.1 Identify Partner Country needs	(1) Plan and conduct a needs assessment for Partner Countries to understand what would be most useful.	GMI Partner Countries, Subcommittee members Secretariat	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Number of memos summarizing Partner Country needs 	Nov-Dec 2024	Initial outlining underway
1.2 Develop a strategy to address needs	(1) Develop a memo outlining recommended steps to prioritize and best meet needs.	GMI Partner Countries, Subcommittee members	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Number of recommendation memos for Partner Countries 	February 2025	Not yet started
1.3 Support implementation of effective regulatory programs for mitigation	(1) Develop comprehensive guidance document or thematic white papers to address identified gaps in regulatory programs (2) Develop tools and conduct training to build capacity on regulatory design	GMI Subcommittee members GMI Partner Countries	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Production of a single guidance document or white paper series Number of trainings conducted Number of Partners countries engaged in effort Number of programs supported Tons projected or reduced through the programs 		

Proposed Timeline for Review and Development of Sprint Action Plans

- **Early September:** Final drafts of the Sprint Action Plan template will be shared with the Steering Committee.
- **12 September:** The Steering Committee Virtual Meeting on 12 September will provide an opportunity for feedback and, absent any major concerns, approval of the template.
- **Late September 2024:** Following the Steering Committee meeting, the Secretariat will disseminate a final version of the Sprint Action Plan template to the Subcommittees with a directive to complete them.
- **October 2024 – February 2025:** Upon approval of a template, Subcommittee Co-Chairs and Subcommittee members will draft sector-specific Sprint Action Plans.
- **March 2025:** Share and discuss the final Sprint Action Plans at respective Subcommittee meetings.
- **April – May 2025:** Present action plans at Steering Committee meeting for endorsement to begin implementing the plans.
- **Subsequent Steering Committee meetings:** Subcommittee Co-Chairs report on the status and progress of the specific priority activities during regular Steering Committee meetings.

Questions for the GMI Steering Committee:

- Does this template and timeline seem appropriate and clear given the call to make short term, quantifiable action?
 - Are there any other categories or subjects that need to be added or removed from this template?
 - Is the timeline reasonable? Is it missing any key milestones?
 - Are there ways we can make this easier for the Subcommittees?
- What impacts should be tracked (e.g., emission reductions) from priority activities identified in the Sprint Action Plans?
- Do you anticipate any challenges in the development and implementation of the Sprint Action Plans? What can be done to address any challenges?
- Who should be primarily responsible for the actions listed in the Sprint Action Plans? Subcommittee Co-Chairs? Partner Countries? Other parties?

Next Steps

Upon approval of a final template and timeline by the Steering Committee, the Secretariat will work with the Subcommittee Co-Chairs to disseminate the templates and ensure that each Subcommittee develops an appropriate Sprint Action Plan for each sector that can be shared in April-May 2025.

Discussion Paper: Proposed Process for Planning 2026 Global Methane Forum

I. Background

The Global Methane Initiative (GMI) has organized, hosted, or co-organized eight Global Methane Forum events (2007, 2010, 2013, 2016, 2018, 2020/2021, 2022, 2024). Historically, key parameters for each Forum – e.g., the specific site or venue, host organization⁴, timing, and co-located events have been determined by an ad hoc process. In each instance, the Secretariat identified potential opportunities through active solicitations, conducted research on costs and logistics, and presented options and recommendations to the GMI Steering Committee and Leadership team for their approval. Over the years, there has been increased global interest in methane, multiple international organizations, and events.

At the Steering Committee meetings in March and April 2024, Steering Committee members affirmed that GMI should strive to organize a Global Methane Forum on a biannual cycle (approximately every two years), as has been historically done, and therefore should commence planning for a 2026 event.

The Steering Committee discussed the process that has been historically used to determine Global Methane Forum parameters – including the specific site and venue, timing of the Forum, co-located events, and key organizational collaborators⁵ and sponsors⁶– as well as the organization and planning process for the event itself once the venue, date, and other key parameters are determined. The Steering Committee discussed the importance of developing a clear and transparent process for determining future Global Methane Forum parameters to enable objective assessments that support the goals of the Global Methane Initiative. As of July 2024, the Secretariat has received unsolicited

⁴ “Host organization” refers to the entity that assumes a leadership role in facilitating, organizing, and financially underwriting (portions of) the event. A host organization may be a GMI Partner country governmental agency (e.g., U.S. EPA hosted the 2016 and 2022 Forums in Washington DC, and Environment and Climate Change Canada hosted the 2013 and 2018 Global Methane Forums in Vancouver and Toronto); or a GMI Strategic Partner (e.g., United Nations Economic Commission for Europe planned to host the 2020 Forum and hosted the 2024 Forum).

⁵ “Organizational collaborators” refers to entities that play a substantive role in organizing the event itself, including co-locating meetings or joining forces to combine meetings or site visits. For example, the Climate & Clean Air Coalition co-located their annual Working Group meeting with the 2016 Global Methane Forum in Washington, DC., and co-organized, along with GMI, the 2022 Global Methane, Climate and Clean Air Forum in 2022. For the 2020 and 2024 Forums, the UNECE was the organizational host and co-collaborator, as the meetings were designed to conjoin meetings of the UNECE Groups of Experts with the relevant GMI Subcommittees.

⁶ Sponsors of Global Methane Forum events (outside of the host organization and the organizational collaborators) are entities that provide financial support for specific components of the event. For example, the Global Methane Hub was a sponsor of the 2024 Global Methane Forum, providing financial support for interpretation/ audio visual, receptions, and coffee breaks.

formal and informal expressions of interest from prospective hosts for a 2026 event but the Steering Committee lacks a clear process or criteria to make a selection.⁷

- In its recent discussions, the Steering Committee highlighted the importance of:
 - Creating a clear process and criteria for selecting key parameters including the site/venue, timeframe, co-located events, and collaborators.
 - Establishing an Executive Planning Committee (as has been done successfully for the past several Forums).
 - Providing an opportunity for GMI Steering Committee Leadership countries, or other GMI leaders including Strategic Partners, Subcommittee Co-Chairs, or active Steering Committee members, to host the event.
 - Prioritizing the hosting of the Forum in collaboration with another methane-related event to leverage participation of key stakeholders and maximize efficiency of Forum expenditures.
 - Researching significant national and international holidays and events to minimize potential conflicts with the Forum.
- The Steering Committee requested that the Secretariat:
 1. **Collect and Review feedback from the 2024 Forum** (including on the most valued aspects, elements that could be improved, suggestions to consider adding for the next event) – see Section II.
 2. **Identify significant national / international holidays in 2026**, as well as key climate, energy, and methane-related events in 2026, to take into consideration and avoid potential conflicts when planning a Global Methane Forum – see Section III.
 3. **Develop high-level options for the process for selecting site/venue/timing/collaboration elements** of the 2026 Global Methane Forum, in time for the September 2024 Steering Committee meeting, incorporating feedback and lessons learned from the 2024 Forum – see Section IV

Executive Planning Committee

GMI has used planning committees for past Forums. The **2024 Global Methane Forum Executive Planning Committee** was a body of volunteers recruited by the Secretariat, *after the key parameters (i.e., venue, host, and dates) for 2024 were approved by the Steering Committee*, to participate in the planning process for the Global Methane Forum. The small size of 5-7 entities - with representation from the leadership team, Steering Committee, Strategic Partners, and sponsors - facilitated nimble discussions and decision-making. The role of the Committee was to review and provide input, suggestions, and recommendations for specific elements of the Global Methane Forum (e.g., development of the agenda, overall theme, specific elements such as site tours, receptions, interpretation, etc.).

⁷ As of July 2024, the Secretariat has received formal and informal expressions of interest in cohosting the 2026 Forum from UNECE, CCAC, the Global Methane Hub, and the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia.

II. Feedback from the 2024 Global Methane Forum

The Secretariat reviewed 2024 Global Methane Forum attendee feedback collected via a voluntary form filled out by 53 respondents (28 in-person attendees and 25 virtual attendees). The feedback form asked attendees to rate the usefulness of each Forum session (i.e., “Not Useful” (0 points) to extremely Useful (5 points)) and answer eight open-ended questions. The Secretariat also consulted with the Steering Committee and key Strategic Partners for feedback. The primary take-aways from these evaluations are summarized in Table 1 and the full data is in Appendix A.

Table 1: Summary of Attendee Feedback from the 2024 Global Methane Forum

Most valued aspects of the 2024 Forum (Geneva)	Specific elements that were not as successful / should strive to improve for next event:	Additional elements that would be useful in future Forum events:
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Central, accessible and interesting location • Inexpensive/accessible public transportation • Excellent public safety/security, including for women • Co-located with another/other meetings (built-in audience across 2+ sectors) • Free venue • Having a strong partner on the ground • Support from host organization in providing visas for international travelers • Hybrid capability • Interpretation • Networking/showcasing opportunities • Coffee breaks/receptions for networking • Funding available for invitational delegate travel, coffee breaks, receptions, interpretation, AV, etc. (From the Global Methane Hub, U.S. EPA, UNECE and CCAC in 2024) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • High prices (accommodations, per diem) • Separate locations of the meetings • Absence of dialogue with or between presenters; attendees want to either engage with the speaker or see the speakers engaging more • Too-short breaks (aim for 30+ minutes) • Conflicts with holidays, climate negotiations or other larger events (e.g., Ramadan, CERAWEEK) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Site visits • Accessible meeting space around the sessions (e.g., for bilateral meetings)

III. Potential Conflicts with Holidays and Key Events in 2026

As directed by the Steering Committee, the Secretariat compiled a list of major national/international holidays and relevant international events planned for 2026 related to climate, energy, and methane (see Table 2). This is a non-exhaustive list that focuses on identifying major potential conflicts. Note that, because the dates of relevant 2026 events are not yet finalized, the dates below are approximate and based on the typical month that events are held each year. Steering Committee members are invited to provide additional holidays or events that should be considered.

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Table 2. Calendar of 2026 Holidays and Relevant International Events

Month	Holidays	Relevant International Events (approx. dates)
January	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1 January – Western New Year 	
February	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 17 February – Lunar New Year 18 February – Ramadan starts 	
March	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 20 March – Ramadan ends, Eid ad Fitr 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> UNECE's Group of Experts meetings for gas and coal mine methane just transition (<i>aligns with 2 GMI Subcommittees</i>), Geneva, Switzerland CERAWWeek, Houston, Texas USA (<i>aligns with 1 GMI Subcommittee</i>) CCAC Annual Meeting, date/location varies, possibly Indonesia (<i>aligns with 3 GMI Subcommittees</i>)
April	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 7 and 13 April – Easter Mondays 1 to 9 April- Passover 	
May	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> May 1 (Labor Day in many parts of the world) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mission Innovation Clean Energy Ministerial
June	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 16 June – Islamic New Year 	
July		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> World Biogas Summit/Expo
August		
September	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 12 September – Rosh Hashanah 21 September – Yom Kippur 25 September – Mid-Autum Festival 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ISWA World Congress, date/location varies, (<i>aligns with 1 GMI Subcommittee</i>) UNECE Sustainable Energy Week Climate Week NYC
October		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mission Innovation Ministerial
November		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> UNFCCC COP31
December	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 25 December – Christmas 	

IV. Proposed Process, Roles, and Criteria for Selecting Key Parameters for the 2026 Global Methane Forum

Per the Steering Committee request to establish a clear process and criteria for selecting key parameters of future Forums, the Secretariat conducted the following activities:

- A. Developed potential criteria for selecting key parameters of the Forum, with proposed options for assessing the criteria.
- B. Proposed a process and timeline for selecting the key parameters (site/venue, timing, co-located events, collaborating organizations, etc.) for planning a Global Methane Forum for 2026 and beyond.

A. Potential Criteria for selecting the key parameters for the Global Methane Forum

Based on the feedback received from the 2024 Global Methane Forum (see Appendix), as well as the Steering Committee discussions, the Secretariat has proposed a set of criteria to use in evaluating specific parameters for a Forum (e.g., site / venue, host organization, co-located events, collaborating organizations, timing, etc.). Table 3 summarizes the proposed criteria and specific questions that can potentially be used to assess each criterion.

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Table 3. Proposed criteria for selecting key parameters for Global Methane Forum

Proposed criteria	Potential metrics to assess each criterion:
1. Host organization is an active GMI Partner or Strategic Partner	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • If a GMI Partner Country, is the proposed host organization serving on the leadership team of the Steering Committee, as a Subcommittee Co-Chair, as an active participant on the Steering Committee, or as an actively engaged GMI Partner Country (i.e., participates in one or more Subcommittees)? • Are they a Strategic Partner (e.g., UNECE, CCAC, Global Methane Hub, International Energy Agency, or World Bank)? Or has this organization actively engaged with GMI?
2. The proposed site/venue is co-located with another meeting(s) that is related substantially to the work of GMI, or has substantial crossover in stakeholders	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What is the nature of the meeting(s) taking place at the same time as or adjacent to the proposed Forum timing? Is there significant overlap in stakeholders, mission, and interest? • How many GMI sectors are represented in, or would be relevant to, that event?
3. Site / venue provides high level of public safety and security for all participants, including women	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Is the location in or bordering an active war zone? • Are there active government warnings in GMI Partner Countries against travel to the potential venue / country? • Does the proposed location have in place restrictions based on gender, race, religion, or sexual preferences that could potentially endanger participants, inhibit attendance, or limit attendees' sense of security?
4. Proposed site/venue is located in a central, accessible location with public transportation available	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Is the proposed site within one hour of a major airport? • Is there public transportation readily available between the airport and proposed site/venue, and appropriate accommodations near the venue?
5. Site/venue is accessible to nearby reasonably priced accommodations	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Are hotel rooms comparable in price to GMI Partner country established per diem rates for travel?
6. The proposed site consists of a single venue that meets the following criteria: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • allows for multiple concurrent sessions, • provides sufficient space for side meetings, • offers capacity for hybrid (in person and virtual) participation and simultaneous interpretation, and • is potentially accessible to site visits 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Is the location a single venue, or would certain sessions be held in offsite locations? • Does the proposed site allow for concurrent sessions? • Does the proposed site include hybrid capabilities? • Does the proposed site include interpretation? If yes, for how many languages? • Does the proposed site offer sufficient restaurants or food options accessible for attendees? • Are there opportunities for site visits within a reasonable distance (less than 2.5 hours one way travel time)?
7. The venue is available at low-cost or no- cost to the GMI organizers	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Is there a cost to the venue to the GMI organizers, and how significant is the cost? • Are there potential sponsors available that have expressed interest in covering part or all of the cost (e.g., GMI Partner Countries, Strategic Partners, Project Network members, or philanthropies?)

Proposed criteria	Potential metrics to assess each criterion:
8. The host organization can provide strong on-the-ground support before and during the event, including assistance procuring visas for international travelers	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Is the host organization able to commit to on-the-ground support for helping the Secretariat execute the Forum? Is the host organization able to assist with visas?
9. The venue could provide networking and/or showcasing opportunities, including coffee breaks and receptions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Is space available for networking events, opportunities for showcase or expo events, or receptions? Will the venue or host organization provide coffee breaks and/or a reception or secure a sponsor to do so?
10. The proposed timing of the event avoids major international holidays and events as well as locally significant events	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Does the proposed timing conflict with major international events or holidays? Are there any local constraints based on the proposed timing of the event that would make it challenging to provide appropriate accommodations, security, or travel at a reasonable price (e.g., conflict with a local festival/conference/etc.)

Questions for the GMI Steering Committee:

- Does this list reflect the most important criteria that should be considered during a selection process? Are there additional criteria that should be included?
- Should these criteria be equally weighted? Are there certain criteria that are “showstoppers” or non-negotiable? Are there other criteria that are “nice to have”?
- Are these the appropriate questions or metrics for objectively evaluating each proposal against the criteria? Should other metrics be included?

B. Proposed Process and Timeline for selecting the key parameters

The Secretariat proposes the following process and timeline for inviting proposals and selecting the key parameters (e.g., the site, venue, hosting organization, timing, and collaboration elements) for the 2026 Global Methane Forum in Table 4. This process could also be applied for future Forums, depending on desired time frame for the event.

Based on the successful approach of the 2024 Forum planning process, it is anticipated that participants on future Executive Planning Committees will be recruited by the Secretariat after the Key Parameters are finalized. They would be selected on a first-come, first-served basis to include a balance of representation from the GMI Steering Committee Leadership team, the Steering Committee, and Subcommittee Co-Chairs. It would ideally also include relevant Strategic Partners and sponsors. Once created, the GMI Secretariat will facilitate meetings of the Executive Planning Committee, approximately once a month for 10 months before the event.

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The Steering Committee is invited to suggest additional steps or changes to these proposed steps.

Table 4. Proposed Process and Timeline for Selection of Key Parameters of the 2026 Global Methane Forum

Step	Secretariat:	Timing
1.	Puts out a call for hosts of the next Forum, laying out key criteria (<i>See IV.A; to be approved by the Steering Committee in September</i>) for evaluating options	October – December 2024
2.	Receives proposals and reviews them against criteria	January -February 2025
3.	Consults with key Strategic Partners for feedback	March 2025
4.	Shares the recommendations with the full Steering Committee for their final decision/approval.	April/May 2025
5.	Upon Steering Committee approval, starts planning for the 2026 event.	May/June 2025
6.	Solicits volunteers to serve on the 2026 Forum Executive Planning Committee (EPC).	May/June 2025
7.	Facilitates monthly planning meetings until the 2026 Forum	July – 2026 Forum

Questions for the GMI Steering Committee Regarding Proposed Process and Timeline:

- Is the approach appropriate and clear? Are any key steps missing?
- To whom should the call for Global Methane Forum proposals be issued? (i.e., to all GMI Partner Countries and strategic partners)?
- Is the timeline reasonable?

Appendix A. Global Methane Forum Evaluation Feedback

53 Total Responses (28 In-person and 25 Virtual)

Respondents were asked to rate sessions on a scale from Not Useful to Extremely Useful. Quantitative scores are based on the scale: Not Useful (0 points), Somewhat Useful (1 point), Very Useful (3 points), and Extremely Useful (5 points). Average scores are provided below. Respondents who attended in-person are calculated separately from those who attended virtually. The Biogas Joint Technical Sessions were offered in a hybrid format; in-person attendees provided one rating for the Biogas Joint Technical Sessions, while virtual attendees rated individual sessions.



Session	In-Person	Virtual
Keynote Session: A Global Call to Mobilize Methane Action	3.2	4.0
Governments as Vital Drivers to Mobilize Methane Action	2.7	4.1
The Importance of Industry to Mobilizing Methane Action	3.0	4.1
The Value of Data as a Driver to Mobilize Methane Action	3.5	4.0
Catalyzing Finance to Mobilize Methane Action	2.8	4.2
Succeeding Locally to Mobilize Methane Action	2.4	4.0
Biogas Joint Technical Sessions	3.8	
Biogas: Regional Methane Action Showcase: Southeast Europe		4.1
Biogas: Regional Methane Action Showcase: Latin America		4.0
Biogas: Implementing Biogas Policies in Germany and the Outlook for the European Union		4.2
Biogas: The Importance of Data Collection and MRV to Finance Projects		4.4
Biogas: Regional Biogas Methane Action Showcase: India		4.1
Biogas: Environmental Justice Considerations for the Implementation of Methane Reduction Projects		4.2
Coal Joint Technical Sessions	4.1	
Oil & Gas Joint Technical Sessions	3.9	
Methane Action Showcase	2.8	
*Opportunities to Network	3.9	

* Opportunities to Network was evaluated based on "satisfaction" instead of "usefulness."

Respondents were asked to provide feedback in response to several open-ended questions. Their responses are provided verbatim as received for the sections below.

Please describe the aspect(s) of the 2024 Forum that you found most valuable.

- Networking and meeting experts in the field.
- Technical sessions were most valuable.
- Exchanging ideas and news with old friends from all over the world
- Networking with international experts is the most important.
- Meeting people active in the industry, making links to people who can help my company develop technology that can help.
- les sessions techniques
- Networking and technical session question and answer session with the audience participation
- Excellent presentations and great evening networking receptions.
- Some new monitor technologies can be developed in future to obtain more precise methane emission.
- Personal Interaction with delegates from different countries.
- Food Security Reporting
- 1) Having dedicated sessions for each subcommittee.
- Allocating a general high level plenary day in the beginning
- The variety of presented organizations
- Learning about opportunities to implement solutions.
- Overview on the status in the three important sectors (Energy, Waste and Agriculture)
- technical exchanges
- The technical session on oil and gas
- Sharing and cooperation were very visible at the Methane Forum 2024. What I found very interesting was the exhibition presenting international methane emission reduction projects, which took place in parallel with the Methane Forum. It was an opportunity to see such projects and obtain first-hand information from representatives of the companies responsible for them.
- Cost reimbursement is highly appreciated. High-quality presenters. Nicely designed website with speaker/presentation info.
- To have so many people, from diverse sectors and countries together, in person, in diverse spaces for meetings, catching up.
- the use of methane satellite
- The presentations, discussions and debates.
- networking, meeting the different stakeholders in-person, finding various collaboration potentials.
- new contacts and realistic access to solved problems
- Opportunities to network

Please describe the aspect(s) of the 2024 Forum livestreamed sessions you found most valuable.

- Government as vital drivers to mobilize methane action
- la integración de varios actores y el intercambio de experiencias
- The subject of Methane studies
- Coal, Oil and gas methane emissions reduction
- I want to say that you for all the sessions. They are valuable.
- The session of the SE Europe, because I basically have a lot more information than other sessions.
- Having the opportunity to market my methane abatement product (environmental drones) to investors
- Highlighting importance of reducing methane in the oil and gas industry
- The INFORMATION, register and data, are the most valuable. Thank you so much, and please send me information the future forum.
- Catalyzing finance to mobilize methane action
- Updates on international institutional action to address methane emissions.
- I am interested in methane of coal mine, because i am participate of one UNECE project in relation to closure mine at Albania and Serbia.
- plenaries were very insightful
- The Biogas Joint Technical Sessions
- Plenary sessions

Please describe the aspect(s) of the 2024 Forum that you found least valuable.

- Agenda of Monday morning and Thursday.
- Many speeches on the need to abate methane by 30-35 % for 2030 to keep temperature rise below 15 o C but without any concrete course of actions and strategies to meet this very difficult objective.
- Framing of methane abatement progress as already in the works, and justified for private industry to take care of the problem without additional policy support.
- Coal Joint Technical Sessions
- Redundant topics on the same panel.
- Too much general talk and too little focus on experiences on Mitigation action. Next time present case studies where CH₄ emissions actually have been reduced. Maybe you should try to enhance the participation on Academia and give time for them to present ideas and experiences
- long lunch break
- There was not enough time to interact and ask questions
- On Monday, March 19 and Tuesday, March 20, two sessions were held in parallel and in two distant locations, which made it impossible to attend both sessions due to the same time and different locations (CICG and Palais-Tempus). In addition, Friday's session of the Hydrogen Task Force meeting on the transportation of hydrogen by pipelines had a limited number of participants due to the small room. Hydrogen transport is of strategic importance for both

producers and consumers, as well as for safety reasons. At S&P Global I was responsible for the development of the Midstream Pipeline transportation project. And I still follow this topic closely.

- greater comparison of theory and practice
- "Talking shop", didn't seem action based. Many of the invited speakers were obviously not serious about mitigating methane. There was no time or opportunities for discussions or questions.

Do you have ideas or recommendations for improving future Methane Action Showcases?

- Besides showcasing current or past efforts, it is important to address what needs to be done and discuss the existing needs.
- Recommendation 1 - Invite climate finance sectors (private climate finance, carbon funds, public climate finance) to meet methane abatement projects promotor
- Recommendation 2 - Invite private sector to recommend concrete recommendations/actions for real methane mitigation projects
- Space out to allow wider access and reduce blocking by discussion groups at a particular display
- If the poster areas were larger, presenters could have the room to stay at their board, and discuss with participants.
- If it is possible, showcases could be opened on website.
- I think that you had a too narrow view on how to select show case suggestions. In general I think that the global society has to get much more focus on specific and detailed MITIGATION technologies and examples on the use.
- More time should have been carved out for questions and answers. There was no opportunity to engage with the panelists.
- keep evergreen showcase on-line, and use showcase examples to present in person outcomes across future events
- Maybe we can have more companies to show the practical actions.
- I would suggest inviting local companies, if only or because they are little known, that have experience in methane reduction using new technological or methodological models. It is commonly believed that big success begins with small success. Providing such companies with the opportunity to present their achievements may be a starting point for their popularization.
- I couldn't find the coal session.
- To put them closer to the rooms where we spent most of the day
- More data and photo about action
- Make them available to re-look online
- Better coordination - unclear marking of conference rooms

Do you have suggestions for how we can enhance networking opportunities at future Forums?

- Very good idea to share the list of the attendees before the conference.
- Slightly longer breaks

- The two separate name tags were confusing. It would be helpful to have one name tag and a color associated with the technical specialization.
- Receptions in the evening is perfect.
- Please to offer the list of participants and their contacts as much as possible.
- Nothing specific. The way it was conducted was excellent.
- Suggest restaurants or bars where people can meet after the formal networking. Create a matchmaking forum so people can find others with similar interests.
- I think that the possibilities for the audience to interact with the speakers were way too limited. At most sessions the speakers or session chair used all time. I did not attend a single session where there was time for questions. Think on how valuable the final questions and comments
- activity at the end of the Biogas technical session was - more time for such activities is recommended
- more frequent breaks, with targets for discussion; keep group in or near same room as primary talks throughout the whole day
- I think the opportunities are sufficient.
- I've been participating in international and local industry conferences for a long time. I believe that participating in visits to local projects related to the conference topics is very interesting because seeing how they work broadens our horizons professionally and personally. Discussions and exchange of views also bring people together with similar professional interests.
- Is it possible to create a voluntary Whatups/Messenger group for all the speakers to stay connected?
- Want to know more about the progress and share
- provide small meeting rooms that we can book ahead of the event

Was Geneva a convenient location to host the Forum? Please provide any additional comments on locations for future Forums.

- Very convenient and very good location.
- A convenient location but the issuance of passes at the UN gate was too slow and off putting.
- Geneva is the perfect location. Especially the Tempus building fitted well to the conference demands.
- It was not clear who was present in person and who was on line, from the pre-event attendee list. It would be helpful to have that indicated so it is easier to focus on in-person engagement at the event, following up with virtual attendees later. Small win, it's only a couple of emails needed to identify this.
- Nairobi, Paris
- Switzerland is a very expensive country, but the significance of meeting at the United Nations was impactful.
- Geneva and UNECE is perfect and convenient.
- I need Global Methane Initiative to assist me and send to me a volunteer living allowance and a departure volunteer allowance to enable me carry out my work properly in Cameroon.
- Yes, it was convenient given how central it is. We do believe that a location rotation would be great

- Very interesting to have the meeting inside the UN area.
- yes, but would welcome diversity of locations to build global presence
- Geneva is ok
- Geneva is a very convenient location for such an international forum. Thanks to the well-connected international airport and convenient local transport, it is easy to come here as well as get around the city and attend conferences. There are many international organizations and companies involved in energy-related projects and industries.
- Yes. Travel/hotel costs are expensive. Public security on the street is excellent. Need cost reimbursement.
- Yes, but many of us were disappointed to see disposable cups, cutlery and food packaging at the UN campus and the CIG
- Yes. Anywhere friendly and safe for English
- convenient, but expensive city (accommodation and meals were particularly very expensive)
- bit expensive. Other, well connected European city would also be good. e.g. Vienna/Berlin

What are you looking forward to doing next as a result of the 2024 Forum?

- Integrate the insights and experts met at the forum into one of my projects.
- We will continue to implement real projects to abate VAM coal mine methane in USA because there is a carbon price enabling that kind of projects, thanks to the Quebec-California cap and trade carbon market, with a good carbon price which make that kind of project profitable.
- Seeing concrete progress with coal mine methane mitigation rather than just words
- get in closer contact with some of the people I've met there
- Updating the roadmap for our technology development based on what I learned from the presentations and interactions at the Forum.
- Planification nationale sur le methane
- Advocating for the necessary policy support to justify new methane abatement project investment.
- Report to policymakers at home and download presentations to study more in detail.
- To take some real and fruitful actions
- Explore solution to MRV issues
- Visit sites of methane emissions and plan initiatives to mitigate the emissions.
- Looking into some of the presented web sites (MethaneMap etc)
- advance technical and policy solutions through sub-committee network
- Build on the network created to expand actions in Africa
- I will definitely continue to work and support Methane projects in local and international projects. I also see the possibility of cooperation with my new colleagues whom I met at the 2024 Forum.
- Reach out to people I met and continue to deep dive for market-based solution for methane mitigation.
- Lobby the Government to implement some of these actions in my home country
- greater debate over the ecological benefit of technological measures to reduce CH₄

- Integración de proyectos regionales principalmente de los temas de residuos y biogas
- To use these interesting knowledge for my professional activities on sustainable development
- Global gas flaring reduction partnership worldbank.org
- How to generate real-time data and monitor methane level in Nigeria. However, the standard instrumentation for it is not yet available for me to access.
- Environmental justice for methane reduction
- As a national consultant, I am connected to the UNECE project on the plan to close coal mines with underground exploitation in Serbia, where coal reserves have been exhausted with a focus on post-mining activity, but also in which methane also appears.
- Receiving investment offers from willing and interested investors capable of assisting our company to deploy our innovative methane abatement technology
- Being contacted by potential investors to secure collaborators to manufacture my methane mitigating product
- Improved commitment from key stakeholders
- Work more in data of technology and exactly measures for methane in real time.
- Understand the complex interplay of various institutions in this space.
- Much new information of methane of SE Europe.
- early notification to attendees and travel support to attendees from low-mid income countries
- Think and act forward

Please provide any additional comments or suggestions.

- Expanding the spaces or opportunities for reacting to presentations would be valuable.
- Try to Invite carbon funds organization.
- Good work by the UNECE and GMI organisers- not an easy task
- Go on like this!
- It would be extremely helpful if we could align on the event date before announcing it. This will help us ensure we minimize or avoid conflict with holidays (national days, religious days, etc.). The 2024 forum was during Ramadan, which was not the most convenient time for us.
- We shall need to provide more time for plenary Q&A even if it means reducing some presentations.
- Thank you for devoting your time and attention to organizing such an interesting and important conference! Well done!
- I hope that the next meeting team can specify the hotel in the invitation letter, so as to facilitate the subsequent reimbursement
- I noticed during the evening networking reception, there was mini beef burgers served. Considering this was a methane event, I found it ironic. It might seem like a small detail missed, but to walk the talk, I suggest dropping all beef options on the next methane forum. Everything else was well organized, I was very happy with the networking opportunities.
- There are many people that have Ideas on issues related to methane reduction and need to have access to either sponsors or partners but due to lack of support they cannot have chance to be present (In-person) during the Forum. So please if I may suggest let the Secretariat provide funding for those that wishes to attend the meeting in person but with no sponsors.
- muchas gracias por la oportunidad y espero pronto el seguimiento del evento

- To repeat again such a meeting on Methane and Green House Gaz for a real sustainable development
- Include in the work of the session and persons who are qualified and currently active in the work in mines with natural occurrence of methane, in order to consider the use of methane for energy purposes and the occurrence of methane from the aspect of safety and health at work and its control.
- I missed the physical engagements because of visa issues, and this was also due to the delays in getting the visa support letter from UNECE. I believe this such letters should be delivered immediately after confirmation or approval of participation to enable a smooth visa process. Thanks.
- Only, THANK YOU SO MUCH.
- Why our showcase application was rejected in order to help in fine-tuning future application