

GMI Steering Committee Action Plan (2024-2025)

GMI mission statement:

To create a voluntary, non-binding framework for international cooperation to reduce methane emissions and to advance the recovery and use of methane as a valuable energy source to increase energy security, enhance economic growth, improve air quality, and improve industrial safety. The Initiative focuses on the abatement, recovery, and use of methane through technology demonstration, dissemination, and implementation of effective policy frameworks, identification of ways and means to support investment, and removal of barriers to collaborative project development. The Initiative serves to complement and support Partners' efforts implemented under the United Nations' Framework Convention on Climate Change.

Strategic Priorities:

1. Support global ambition to reduce methane emissions significantly by 2030.
2. Support individual GMI country partners in their efforts to reduce global methane emissions by providing well-coordinated support for the development and implementation of national action plans or national sector strategies, including through technical expertise and assistance for project implementation and tracking of emissions.
3. Engage the Project Network members in their efforts to actively participate in methane reduction commitments and partnerships.

Action Plan [actions within 1 to 5 years]:

1. Engage, assess, and strategically support Partner Countries through GMI's methane mitigation resources and expertise.
2. Re-engage with the Project Network members to integrate them more fully into Partner Country support efforts.
3. Collaborate and align with key Strategic Partners to foster high-profile opportunities.
4. Enhance communications and strengthen the flow of information.

1: Engage, assess, and strategically support Partner Countries through GMI's methane mitigation resources and expertise.

Potential Activities	Specific Actions	GMI Entity Involved in Implementation	Deliverable	Estimate Completion Time	Status
1.1 Identify Partner Country needs	(1) Plan and conduct a needs assessment for Partner Countries.	GMI Partner Countries, Secretariat	Memo summarizing needs	Nov-Dec 2023;	Initial outlining underway
1.2 Develop a strategy to address needs	(1) Develop a memo outlining recommended action steps to prioritize and meet needs.	Secretariat	Recommendation memo	February 2024	Not yet started

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1.3 Build capacity and provide direct technical assistance	(1) Encourage Partner Countries to develop, implement and/or promote sector-specific and/or national-level methane action plans.	Steering Committee members, GMI Partner Countries, Subcommittees, Secretariat	Links to completed strategies on GMI Partner Country profiles; posted in resource database	March 2024	Not yet started
	(2) Ask GMI Partner Country Subcommittee delegates to confirm if they can provide technical or in-kind assistance to other GMI Partner Countries. Then connect them to each other as needed.	Steering Committee members, GMI Country Partners Subcommittees, Secretariat	Include question as part of Partner Country needs assessment Matchmaking effort between Partner Countries at Global Methane Forum, as appropriate	November - December 2023 March 2024	
1.4 Disseminate knowledge	(1) Promote best practices and information on managing methane across GMI and all Subcommittees.	Secretariat	Case studies features on website (February 2024); Newsletter spotlights (starting January 2024); Policymaker's framework for addressing methane emissions ETA November 2023; Weekly social media posts; Quarterly assessment of communications impacts	Varied (see deliverables)	In progress
	(2) Facilitate peer exchange on methane recovery and utilization technologies, policy frameworks, investment financing mechanisms, and best practices.	Steering Committee members, Subcommittees, Secretariat	Host regular technical webinar series by Subcommittees	Planned to start in December 2023	Under development
1.5 Enhance GMI meetings and participation	(1) Conduct renewal of membership process for Steering Committee and Subcommittees to refresh participation.	Leadership, Subcommittee Co-Chairs, Secretariat	Renew Membership once every two years, or more often as needed.	Steering Renewal completed - May 2023; Subcommittee renewal ETA January 2024	Not yet started
	(2) Plan GMI meetings to coincide with other large, methane-focused meetings.	Secretariat	Jointly organized: CCAC and GMI Biogas Subcommittee meetings and UNECE + GMI Coal and Gas meetings	UNECE+GMI meeting planning for March 2024 CCAC + GMI Biogas Subcommittee meeting for 2025	UNECE + GMI meetings in progress; CCAC not yet started
	(3) Consider how to promote/foster diversity (gender, age, geography, income, Indigenous	Leadership, Steering Committee members,	Strive for diversity in all areas – Subcommittee meetings, panels, presentations, etc.	Forum, March 2024, which will include Subcommittee	In progress

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	communities) in the methane mitigation space.	Subcommittees, Secretariat		and Steering Committee meetings	

2: Re-engage with the Project Network members to integrate them more fully into Partner Country support efforts.

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2.1 Reinvigorate engagement with the Project Network	(1) Send targeted email, sharing news about the Global Methane Forum, inviting feedback about their interests on GMI and how GMI can support them, and reminding PN members that GMI is willing to promote their events and resources.	Secretariat	Listserv message with option to provide feedback	October 2023	Completed; Sent 10/3/2023
	(2) Report findings and recommended next steps to the Steering Committee.	Secretariat	Memo on findings and recommendations for consideration	March 2024 (Findings Due)	In Progress-Data Collection
2.2 Explore ways to highlight private sector successes	(1) Engage Project Network members to highlight their successes at the Forum and/or in other communications.	Leadership, Steering Committee members, Subcommittee Co-Chairs, and Secretariat	TBD per feedback results; potentially exhibits or other mechanisms; could include Case studies, Newsletter spotlights, and web updates	Quarterly newsletter starts January 2024	Not yet started
2.3 Act as a matchmaking organization between solution providers and those looking for mitigation solutions	(1) Develop and host Global Methane Forum sessions that facilitate matchmaking with private sector and financial organizations and institutions.	Leadership, Steering Committee members, and Secretariat	Forum sessions	March 2024	Currently exploring Project Network preferences and options given space

3: Collaborate and align with key Strategic Partners to foster high-profile opportunities.

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3.1 Collaborate and strengthen cooperation with key Strategic Partners, including the UNECE, CCAC, the Global Methane Hub, the World Bank, IEA, and others	(1) Collaborate with the UNECE, Global Methane Hub, and CCAC on the Global Methane Forums (2024 and future) to advance information sharing on methane mitigation at the national, regional, and sectoral levels.	Secretariat	2024 Global Methane Forum hosted in Geneva, Switzerland	March 2024	In Progress; On track
	(2) Continue to invite Strategic Partners to Steering Committee meetings to explore opportunities for collaboration.	Leadership, Steering Committee members, and Secretariat	Enhanced collaboration	Next Steering Committee meeting: March 2024	Ongoing; Since 2022, participated in June & Sept 2022, April &

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					Sept 2023 meetings
	(3) Develop infographic or brief memo on relative roles of Strategic Partner organizations and share with them for feedback.		Finalized partner criteria; Enhanced web page with updated descriptions		Completed August 2023
	(4) Collaborate with Strategic Partners on priority finance topics TBD, such as to assist in identifying financing opportunities or lower the risk on methane finance.	Leadership, Steering Committee members, Subcommittees, Secretariat	TBD based on memo delivered under 1.2	TBD	Not started
3.2 Provide guidance to the Global Methane Pledge Secretariat, including advising on impactful ways to invest in methane mitigation efforts globally	(1) Engage with CCAC (GMP Secretariat) to promote existing tools, assist with building technical capacity in-country for meeting Pledge goals.	Leadership, Steering Committee members, Subcommittee Co-Chairs, and Secretariat	GMI participation in GMP meetings with countries and events	Ongoing	GMI Secretariat actively participates in weekly calls with CCAC on GMP, participates in events and advises on direction

4: Enhance Communications and strengthen the flow of information.

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4.1 Ensure robust communication between each of the Subcommittees and Steering Committee or each other	(1) Host regular Subcommittee Co-Chair meetings to discuss mutually beneficial work.	Subcommittee Co-Chairs and Steering Leadership	Meetings	Ongoing	Ongoing
4.2 Facilitate cross-Subcommittee engagement	(1) Invite Subcommittee Co-Chairs to an information exchange meeting at the Global Methane Forum.		Information exchange meeting at the Global Methane Forum	March 2024	Not yet started
4.3 Support Partner Countries in external communications on GMI and methane activities	(1) Provide opportunities for the delegates to share information and updates outside of the Subcommittee meetings, such as regionally focused networking opportunities.	Subcommittee Co-Chairs, Secretariat	Presentation opportunities for Partner Countries Assessment of Partner Country Plans and needs for COP28	Ongoing; COP28 assessment sent October 5, 2023	Currently exploring opportunities for COP28, Global Methane Forum