

Global Methane Initiative Steering Committee

Global Methane Forum Debrief
3 April 2024

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Tour de Table

- We will call on each participant / delegation to make brief introductions
- Each participant is invited to introduce themselves (name, affiliation, and country)



Meeting Objectives and Review of Agenda

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GMI Steering Committee Meeting Objectives

1. Share feedback and key takeaways from the Global Methane Forum as a whole
2. Discuss plans for future Global Methane Forums
3. Revisit and prioritize Secretariat action items

Proposed Agenda: 3 April 2024	Time
Welcome, Opening of the Meeting	5 minutes
Tour de Table / Brief Introductions	10 minutes
Meeting Objectives and Review of Agenda	5 minutes
Secretariat Key Takeaways from the Forum	10 minutes
Open Discussion and Feedback on the Forum	15 minutes
Planning for future Global Methane Forums	10 minutes
Steering Committee Meeting Follow-Up: Potential Immediate Action Items	10 minutes
Open Discussion and Prioritization of Steering Committee Action Items	20 minutes
Recap and Wrap-Up	5 minutes

Secretariat Key Takeaways from the Forum

GMI Secretariat
Subcommittee Co-Chairs

Forum Attendance

- 500 attendees from 50 countries in-person
- Online viewers of plenary:



- Online viewers of biogas sessions: Approximately 30 people per session

Steering Committee Meeting

- 34 attendees in person, 2 online from:
 - Canada
 - China
 - Finland
 - Ghana
 - India
 - Indonesia
 - Saudi Arabia
 - Serbia
 - United States
 - Climate and Clean Air Coalition
 - Global Methane Hub
 - World Bank

Impressive turnout at the #GlobalMethaneForum at UN Geneva. Encouraging to see continued international focus and progress to reduce fugitive methane emissions.

- Climate Compass,
Project Network
Member.



We came to the #GlobalMethaneForum this week taking the theme “Mobilizing #Methane Action” to heart. ... It’s time for action. At the Forum, we were all reminded during the sessions that the pledges are in place, the technologies are mature and data is available, and more importantly there is a will. The examples we shared showed that there is a way. Let’s scale this together.

- GHGSat

Preliminary Attendee Feedback on Social Media

United Platform Solutions, India: *As the Global Methane Initiative wraps up, I'm left with a profound sense of inspiration and urgency. .. we've embarked on a deep dive into the critical issue of methane emissions, engaging with a spectrum of solutions, from policy and technology to finance and environmental justice. I'm grateful to all the speakers and attendees for sharing their knowledge, passion, and visions for a sustainable future... As we move forward, let's carry the insights and commitments from hashtag#GMI2024 into our work and communities. Together, we have the power to catalyze change and make a tangible impact on our planet's health. Here's to innovative, data-driven, and inclusive approaches to methane reduction!*

■ **Cenergy Solutions:** *“Cenergy Solution’s CEO recently attended the 2024 Global Methane Forum in Geneva, a **pivotal gathering** spotlighting the urgent need for methane reduction to combat climate warming. This event **underscored the feasibility and urgency of cutting methane emissions using existing technologies.... With political momentum building fast for methane mitigation, let’s all leverage this momentum for real change.**”*

It was a great week in Geneva at #UNECE #GlobalMethaneForum discussing ways to capture coal mine methane with some of the best experts in the industry. Thank you to everyone who made this week an engaging collaboration!

- CNY



Just wrapped up an incredible Global Methane Forum in Geneva, Switzerland!....The biogas technical sessions attracted policy makers, representatives from financial institutions, scientists, and industry experts. It provided a platform to reconnect with familiar faces and meet new people from around the world dedicated to mobilizing action against methane. Stay tuned for upcoming projects and initiatives as a result of the thought-provoking discussions that took place on the sidelines.

- Fiifi Boadi, Ghana
Biogas Subcommittee Co-Chair

Evaluation Form Feedback

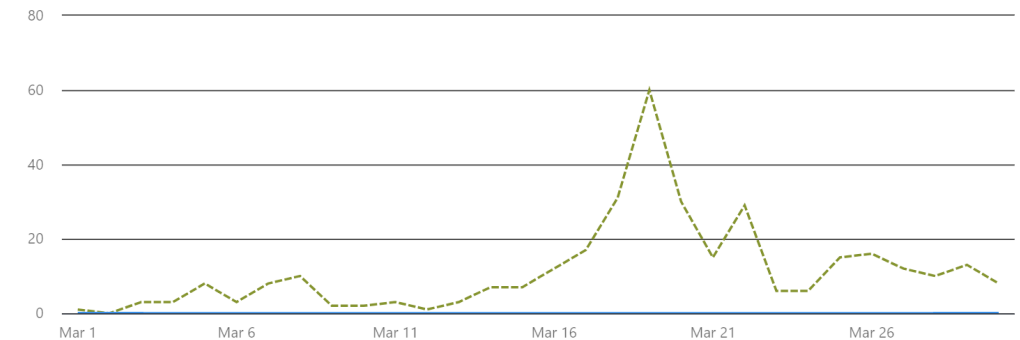
- Secretariat sent out an evaluation form on 28 March
- Responses: 30 so far
 - 17 in-person attendees; 13 virtual attendees
 - Majority from the private sector, academia/think tanks, and national governments
- Feedback:
 - Attendees enjoyed the networking opportunities provided; multiple people noted this as one of the most valuable aspects of the Forum
 - Geneva was a convenient location
 - Technical sessions were useful; attendees enjoyed the ability to ask questions where possible
 - Suggested taking holidays into account in the future as the 2024 Forum was during Ramadan

Communications Impact: Social Media

We found 380 social media **posts** generated by over **111** original tweets.



- GMI LinkedIn highlights
 - 341 new followers since 1 March
 - 21,234 impressions
 - 2,349 total followers



Communications Impact: Press

- GMI coordinated communications across organizing partners
- During the Forum, UNECE conducted conversations and interviews (Dario + Dep US climate envoy at the request of Reuters) with news agencies: Reuters (3 different stories), German news agency DPA, French news agency AFP and Spanish news agency EFE, and with BBC (live TV interview) and Tribune de Genève.
- These stories resulted in a total of 275 articles – including reprints – in 12 languages, reaching a potential audience of over 838 million.

US-China advance work on curbing methane emissions, US deputy climate envoy says



BARRON'S

Methane Experts Urge Cuts To Meet Climate Targets

MailOnline

Methane to become key criteria for future EU energy imports, official says

LE FIGARO

« Sans la liberté de blâmer, il n'est point d'éloge flatteur. » Beaumarchais

Climat : le méthane, un levier puissant et rapide pour lutter contre le réchauffement

Frankfurter Allgemeine
ZEITUNG • FAZ.NET

Methan - Lecks in Öl- und Gasindustrie sind Riesenproblem

EFE:

Reducir las emisiones de metano, segundo gas causante del cambio climático, ya es posible

AFP

Methane: a powerful gas heating the planet

CNBCAFRICA

US-China advance work on curbing methane emissions, US deputy climate envoy says



Preliminary Secretariat Takeaways from the Forum

	What worked well	What could have been better
Plenary Session	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> High-level speakers highlighted common goal of turning knowledge into action Variety of perspectives highlighting the multifaceted approach required to address methane 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Allow Q&A during some plenary sessions Start earlier, perhaps 9am or 9:30am
Technical Sessions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Alignment with UNECE expert group meetings maximized attendance for 2/3 Subcommittees Included time for engagement, Q&A Geographic diversity of attendees – it helped a lot to have travel support for developing country attendees/speakers 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Avoid scheduling during CERAWeek or other competing event(s) Avoid overlap with Steering Committee meetings and technical sessions
Networking Opportunities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Having funding for coffee breaks and receptions enhanced networking Methane Action Showcase was well received 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Breaks should be longer (30 minutes), if possible Use of the QR name tags wasn't widespread
Facilities/ Location	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Geneva as a central location Free space was an asset Having interpretation available and funding for extra languages 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Three separate locations for meetings made it a challenge to go between
Organization and Planning	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Having a committed partner on the ground helping secure logistics, engaging actively with the Secretariat and processing visa letters Having an Executive Planning Committee meet monthly Coordinated communication increased outreach 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Earlier coordination on add-on events (M-RAP, LOW Methane) Avoid major holidays (e.g. Ramadan)

Open Discussion and Feedback on the Forum

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Planning for Future Global Methane Forums

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Planning for the Next Global Methane Forum



- Should we plan another Forum?
- If so, what is the right timing?
- How should the start the process for planning the next Forum?

Steering Committee Follow-Up and Next Steps

GMI Secretariat

Proposed Actions from the 18 March Steering Committee Meeting



- Develop case studies on methane action by region or sector on the GMI website.
 - Highlight barriers and HOW countries are addressing barriers
- Consider sprint action plans from Subcommittees leading up to 2030.
 - Follow up on the country needs to target support
- Promote and enhance the *Policymaker Framework for Addressing Methane Emissions* as a resource for countries
 - Work across countries to add resources and examples
- Create networking opportunities among GMI partners (e.g., Partner Countries and Project Network Members).
- Update Country pages on the GMI website with Steering Committee presentations/country input.
- Engage Partner Countries by:
 1. Inviting them to attend Steering Committee Meetings
 2. Hosting annual "all-member" meetings of Partner Countries.
- Engage Project Network Members by:
 1. Enhancing GMI depiction of project network members' expertise on website to better support matchmaking between Project Network, Partner Countries, and funding organizations
 2. Allowing them to attend/present needs at Steering Committee meetings.
 3. Continuing to allow virtual engagement for GMI events.
- Create a full partnership report on Partner Country activities.
- Delineate projects to be done by the Steering Committee representatives, all GMI and the Secretariat.
- Plan for COP29.

Which of these actions are priorities for GMI, the Steering Committee and/or the Secretariat in the next 6 months?

Recap and Wrap-Up

GMI Secretariat

Thank You!

Steering Committee Next Steps:

- Complete any action items identified in today's meeting before our next meeting in Fall 2024.

Secretariat Next Steps :

- Begin work on identified priority items.
- Work with strategic partners to define next steps on enhancing collaboration
- Continue to publish GMI cross-sectoral quarterly newsletters to promote GMI and GMI Partner Country progress and successes
- Develop case studies to showcase GMI Partner Country activities, successes, and lessons learned
- Promote Policymaker Framework