



20th Steering Committee Meeting Summary 5-6 September 2023

Overview

The Global Methane Initiative (GMI) Steering Committee held its 20th meeting both in person and virtually on 5-6 September 2023. Tomás Carbonell, Deputy Assistant Administrator, Office of Air and Radiation, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, and Chair of the GMI Steering Committee led the meeting. Delegates from 9 of the 11 Steering Partner Countries serving on the Steering Committee participated, including Canada, China, Finland, Ghana, India, Nigeria, Saudi Arabia, Serbia, and the United States. Representatives of the United Nations Economic Committee for Europe (UNECE), the Climate and Clean Air Coalition (CCAC), the Global Methane Hub, the World Bank, and the International Energy Agency (IEA) also participated.

The purpose of the meeting was to revisit GMI's strategic priorities and Action Plan to ensure GMI is most useful to its Partner Countries; learn about technical resources, events, communications and activities completed and in progress; hear from GMI Partner delegates about methane mitigation activities, priorities and needs in their countries; explore ways to enhance collaboration across methane initiatives; discuss countries' plans for COP28; and discuss and shape planning for the 2024 Global Methane Forum, including agenda items for the next Steering Committee meeting. The featured PowerPoint presentation and other materials discussed during the meeting are available on the [Steering Committee website](#). The list of participants is included in [Appendix A](#) and the full agenda is included in [Appendix B](#).

HIGHLIGHTS BY AGENDA TOPIC

Setting the Scene: Meeting Objectives and Agenda Review

T. Carbonell reviewed the objectives of the meeting and reviewed the agenda which was adopted. He also reviewed GMI's strategic objectives to set the stage for the strategic discussions to follow and invited the participants to keep the objectives and priorities in mind over the next two days to ensure that GMI is on the right track and as effective as possible.

Overview: GMI Strategic Objectives

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 through national action plans or national sector strategies.
3. Support Project Network members in their efforts to engage in methane reduction commitments and partnerships.

Action Plan [actions within 1-5 years]:

1. Collaborate and align with key Strategic Partners to foster high-profile opportunities.
2. Continue to engage with the private sector.
3. Position GMI as a "methane mitigation resource center."

GMI Today: Member, Accomplishments, and Highlights

D. Mulholland (Director, Secretariat) provided an update on GMI, including the sharing of a [new promotional video](#), an overview of GMI progress overall and reporting of GMI Secretariat activities, including the status of requests of the Secretariat made at previous Steering Committee meetings. For more information, see the [slides](#).

The Steering Committee discussed the update and requested that the Secretariat:

- Develop list of GMI training courses; share with Steering Committee.
- Inform the Steering Committee when new training courses are launched.
- Notify the Steering Committee when the Policy Maker's Framework is launched; invite them to share with their networks.
- Explore ideas for a GMI-wide road map to connect people to GMI resources.

Ongoing Secretariat Activities: Action Plan/Engagement Strategy Status 2023

Potential Activities	Specific Actions	GMI Entity/ies Implic	Potential Activities	Specific Actions	GMI Entity Involved in Implementation
Evaluate where GMI's technical strengths and expertise can add value for key stakeholders.	Identify the specific strength, expertise, and role of GMI vis-à-vis other international organizations.	Secretariat	Ensure that all GMI Partners make efforts to rejuvenate their engagement with and participation in each of the Subcommittees.	Conduct gap-in-process for Subcommittees to refresh participation.	Leadership, Subcommittee Co-Chairs, Secretariat
Identify key messages to articulate who we are, why we matter, and how we are different than other organizations.	Identify key messages for GMI as a whole.	Secretariat	Ensure robust communication between each of the Subcommittees and Steering Committee.	Host regular Subcommittee Co-Chair meetings to discuss mutually beneficial work.	Subcommittee Co-Chairs and Steering Leadership
Use key messages to market GMI to delegates and stakeholders.	Develop "communications cheat sheet" with value add and key messages for each GMI stakeholder group to guide day-to-day communications and outreach (see sections II and III).	Secretariat		GMI Steering Committee Chair meets once per year individually with Co-Chairs of each Subcommittee to get feedback and input.	Subcommittee Co-Chairs and Steering Leadership
	Identify communications channels through which GMI will communicate these key messages.	Secretariat, 10 Subcommittees		Make Subcommittee updates permanent item on Steering Committee meeting agendas.	Secretariat and Steering Leadership
				Develop a roster/contact list with all Steering and Subcommittee delegates or delegates can more easily connect with each other.	Secretariat
				Identify country Steering Committee delegates in Subcommittee delegates welcome letter (and vice versa).	Secretariat
				Consider developing virtual webinars for each Subcommittee similar to the Steering Committee webinars.	Secretariat
				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

✔ Completed
● In progress/Exploring

Subcommittee Updates and Discussion

Volha Roshchanka (Coal Mines Subcommittee Co-Chair, United States), James Diamond (Oil & Gas Subcommittee Co-Chair, Canada), Monica Shimamura (Biogas Subcommittee Co-Chair, United States) and Matt Hamilton (Biogas Subcommittee Co-Chair, Canada) each gave updates on the current context of their sectors, activities, accomplishments, and upcoming plans (see [slides](#)). In addition, it was noted that:

- Short, succinct resources are needed for policymakers and financial institutions and that GMI and UNECE are working now to develop a brief 2-pager for policymakers on Coal Mine Methane.
- GMI is competing for participants given the number of other organizations working on methane, especially in the oil and gas sector.
- It is important to involve the Project Network (private sector has solutions and can bring investments).
- Funding organizations are not receiving quality proposals from countries who are trying to secure funding; recommended that GMI determine how to help countries prepare better proposals/applications and position themselves better for funding and investment opportunities. This could be a significant value add activity for GMI.
- Two Subcommittees are looking to recruit one or more Co-Chairs:
 - Biogas Subcommittee is recruiting one Co-Chair and also looking for more delegates active in the agriculture sector
 - Oil and Gas Subcommittee is recruiting two Co-Chairs

The Steering Committee discussed the updates and requested that the Secretariat:

- Follow up on Ghana's offer to join as a Co-Chair of the Biogas Subcommittee.
- Investigate options to provide webinar resource in languages other than English (post-webinar).
- Explore how GMI can aid countries to improve proposals/applications for funding.
- Share Coal 2-pager for policymakers with Steering Committee when final.

Collaboration and Progress on Methane Initiatives: Update and Discussion

T. Carbonell invited representatives of key organizations to provide an update on their methane-related activities and priorities, including Dario Liguti, UNECE; Sandra Cavalieri, CCAC; Zubin Bamji, The World Bank; Tomás Bredariol, International Energy Agency; and Patty Rhee and Manjot Ahluwalia, Global Methane Hub.

The discussion identified numerous opportunities for enhanced collaboration:

- In-person training on developing country-specific methane roadmaps, hosted by the World Bank and CCAC in DC on 25-26 October 2023
- UNECE's Almaty Energy Forum in Kazakhstan 6-8 November 2023
- At COP28 in early December (all organizations expected to have a presence and could promote methane mitigation)
- The 2024 Global Methane Forum (co-hosted by GMI & UNECE with support from the Global Methane Hub and CCAC)
- On O&G activities, including with CCAC and the World Bank as they launch (at COP28) expanded efforts to support developing countries with emissions detection, provide fiscal support for implementation, identify methane abatement projects that the World Bank could support financially, and promote strategic partnerships
- Promotion of each other's resources and events

The Steering Committee requested that the Secretariat:

- Share links to resources, events and projects identified, including additional detail about the World Bank's new trust fund once launched and the Global Methane Pledge's Annual Report with the Steering Committee once available.
- Pursue collaboration opportunities and report back to the Steering Committee on progress at the next meeting.

Country Updates with Facilitated Discussion (September 5 and 6)

Delegates from Ghana, India, Saudi Arabia, Canada, Finland, United States, and Nigeria provided updates on current methane priorities and activities. Partner Countries reported that they are very active in methane mitigation. Participants engaged in questions-and-answers after each update and were asked to identify how GMI has helped them and/or where GMI could help them. Participants noted that they enjoyed the country updates and cross-pollination of ideas that occurred through the facilitated discussions. They agreed that sharing perspectives and lessons learned is very valuable.

Highlights of discussion and suggestions for how GMI can be more effective or further help:

- Conduct a needs assessment to identify needs and challenges of the Partner Countries; such data would help the Secretariat identify priorities and set the stage for developing a road map. A needs assessment would help GMI connect the dots.
- Connect countries to foster peer exchange, replication of best practices and successes:
 - Host benchmarking workshops to help countries connect the dots between countries of similar circumstances.
 - Host a GMI-wide session at the Forum and invite all 47 Partner Countries to attend. The session could be set up as an introduction / onboarding session and provide a platform for delegates to ask questions.
 - Identify how countries/ministries decide which projects to fund.

- Engage regionally for greater impact:
 - Travel to and have a GMI presence at regional events.
 - Consider regional and/or sector focused discussions at the Forum.
- Explore opportunities to engage across Subcommittees:
 - Plan a session between Saudi Arabia and the Biogas Subcommittee to explore opportunities; Secretariat can facilitate and introduce the stakeholders.
- Develop resources the Steering Committee could share/use to promote GMI and advance methane mitigation:
 - Develop online workshops or webinars that can be easily replicated that the Steering Committee could share within their countries; would help raise awareness of GMI and help the delegates get more support for GMI activities and projects.
 - Develop resources for delegates' use in-country to introduce GMI /raise awareness.
- Find ways to enhance support for GMI, meeting participation and resource access:
 - Schedule GMI Steering Committee meetings to coincide with other meetings, for example, meetings of the World Bank and the International Monetary Fund.
 - Set up a rolling list of GMI actions and priorities; revisit at end of annual budget cycles when available funds must be spent quickly (quicker to set up a contract than a project).
 - Translate GMI resources into other languages.
- Respond to specific sector-specific questions/requests:
 - Share ideas for feedstock modification; how to address methane from agriculture (India).
 - Provide assistance with abandoned landfills (Finland).
 - Provide information about U.S. regulations for dry seal compressors (Saudi Arabia).
- Support to countries who need assistance to attract climate financing:
 - Are there 1 or 2 people within GMI who can provide documentation for national plans and frameworks? Can GMI work directly with country ministerial committees? E.g., is there a GMI POC for landfills that can help a Partner develop a national framework for landfill gas?

The Steering Committee requested that the Secretariat:

- Conduct a needs assessment of all Partner Country needs and provide an overview of findings to the Steering Committee in March 2024.
- Incorporate suggestions into revised GMI Action Plan.
- Engage Subcommittees and/or connect Partner Countries to respond to sector-specific requests.

2024 Global Methane Forum: Update and Discussion

The Secretariat gave an update on the status of planning for the 2024 Global Methane Forum. M. Nagaraju facilitated a discussion among Steering Committee members about the Forum.

Highlights of suggestions for enhancing the success of the Forum included:

- Speakers:
 - Identify non U.S.-based speakers for the plenary sessions and ensure diversity of speakers for all sessions, including gender equity.
- Participation:
 - Consider how to maximize the participation of developing countries; identify potential

sources for invitational travel funds (suggestions included Brendan Devlin, European Commission (EC), and oil and gas companies to sponsor delegates travel).

- The Secretariat was asked to confirm the role of the EC in GMI.
 - Consider inviting celebrities who could raise awareness (GMI Ambassadors).
 - Invite representations of the private sector, including banking and financial institutions.
- Networking/Matchmaking/Connecting:
 - Consider a networking reception with themed tables, a poster session or exhibit; e.g., Biogas, Coal, Training, Climate Finance, etc., noting logistical/budget challenges.
 - Consider how to connect those who can mentor others and those that need mentoring.
 - Plan a benchmarking/listening session with all Subcommittee Co-Chairs to provide an opportunity to brainstorm ideas and learn from each other.
- Training:
 - Consider human capacity building workshops (i.e., training) in parallel with GMI sessions.
- Recognition:
 - Explore ways to recognize delegates or Partner Countries for achievements.
 - Celebrate GMI's 20th year by recognizing achievements in methane mitigation.

The Steering Committee requested that the Secretariat:

- Explore ways to incorporate the suggestions into the planning of the Forum.

Revisit Strategic Opportunities and Priorities: Discussion

T. Carbonell facilitated a discussion to revisit the 2022 Strategic Priorities and determine whether some priorities should be updated or refreshed to reflect the discussions.

Suggestions and perspectives shared during the discussion include:

- It's confusing to have a separate action plan and engagement strategy.
- On Strategic Priorities:
 - Strategic Priority #1 *Support global ambition to reduce methane emissions significantly by 2030* is still correct as is
 - Strategic Priority 2, *Support individual GMI country partners in their efforts to reduce global methane emissions through national action plans or national sector strategies*, should be updated to:
 1. Emphasize the technical assistance GMI can provide for project implementation and tracking of emissions with tools, technologies, resources, best practices, and reporting verification; Key to emphasize GMI's core strengths in technologies and technical assistance.
 2. Reference GMI's role in providing general technical expertise and support; adjust reference to "national action plans" to "providing well-coordinated support for the development of national action plans."
 - Priority #3 *Support Project Network members in their efforts to engage in methane reduction commitments and partnerships* should be changed to focus on engaging them or another more active verb, because there is an opportunity to enhance engagement.
- Need to conduct an expansive assessment of member countries to identify their needs and challenges and pinpoint how GMI can best assist them.

- Key priority is also to re-engage with the Project Network:
 - Take advantage of recent growth in the number of Project Network members and explore ways to increase Project Network engagement on the Subcommittees.
 - Send email to all Project Network members to invite them to the Forum, assess what they want to get from participation in GMI and what they can give to GMI.
 - Explore ways to highlight private sector successes at the Forum and feature them more appropriately on our website (e.g., integrate them into the GMI Policymaker wheel, etc.).
- Important to continue to improve communication and coordination:
 - Especially between GMI and CCAC to avoid overlap or duplication of activities and efforts (e.g., roadmaps, resources) and to make it clear to all parties how GMI and CCAC collaborate. For example, explore developing a road map / rubric / wheel to help people find what they need, such as *Need help with national action plans? Contact CCAC; Need help with technical expertise and resources? Contact GMI.*
- Given numerous resources available, GMI could explore the feasibility of setting up a webpage/search engine allowing searches across all methane organizations.

The Steering Committee requested that the Secretariat:

- Consolidate/update the Engagement Strategy and the Action Plan into one document and share with the Subcommittee for review and comment.
- Update the Strategic Priorities and share with the Steering Committee for review and comment.
- Conduct an assessment of Partner Country priorities and needs and report back on findings at the March 2024 Steering Committee meeting.
- Develop a plan and timeline for reengaging with the Project Network members and provide an update at the March 2024 Steering Committee meeting on progress.

Establishing a GMI Presence at COP28: Discussion

M. Nagaraju led a discussion about GMI's participation at COP28 and invited recommendations for how GMI can support events of GMI Partner Countries who plan to attend.

Highlights of the discussion included:

- Several countries, including Canada, Ghana, Finland, Saudi Arabia, and the United States, acknowledged they would have a pavilion although most Steering Committee members would not attend in-person. UNECE and CCAC will be on the ground at COP28.
- Countries expressed interest in: developing a plan for how GMI delegates on the ground will showcase GMI activities; identifying which delegates will be on the ground who could be tapped to promote GMI messaging; sharing GMI messages, videos (e.g., new promotional video) and materials; showcasing what GMI is doing; highlighting cross sector projects; potentially hosting panel discussions or side events; and possibly exploring ways to incorporate GMI into COP28 electronic messaging.
- Interest was expressed in developing a matrix to track events hosted by GMI Partner Countries, CCAC, the Global Methane Hub, World Bank, and other organizations.
 - The matrix could be used to highlight daily events on GMI's website and social media.

The Steering Committee requested that the Secretariat:

- Reach out to Partner Countries and Strategic Partners to share promotional materials and key messages with them and ask if they will attend the COP and if they have any methane-related events or projects that GMI can promote.
- Set up a matrix of COP28 events and pavilions hosted by GMI Partner Countries.
- Use the matrix to share information with the broader GMI audience about planned events of GMI Partner Countries, CCAC, etc., and encourage delegates to attend ministerials.

Steering Committee Meeting in March 2024: Discussion

S. Lie opened a discussion about the next Steering Committee meeting in March 2024 in Geneva and invited recommendations for the agenda.

Suggestions included:

- Report on the progress made to re-engage with the Project Network.
- Provide an update on how the Secretariat plans to help Partners and the private sector more readily find tools and resources; progress made on “one-stop shopping for methane resources.”
- Invite updates from Partner Countries who do not sit on the Steering Committee to participate in the Steering Committee to provide country updates and ask them how GMI can better help them.
- In response to a question about developing a Steering Committee communique/statement at the Forum, the challenges of finalizing the joint GMI-CCAC statement at the 2022 Forum were noted.
- Schedule a virtual meeting after the Forum to serve as a debrief session for the Steering Committee.

The Steering Committee requested that the Secretariat:

- Begin preparing for the March 2024 Steering Committee meeting, incorporating recommended agenda items.
- Schedule a virtual debrief session for the Steering Committee in early April 2024.

Secretariat Update

D. Mulholland provided an update on the activities of the Secretariat, including plans for the new GMI Policymaker’s Framework (estimated to be available in November 2023) and cross-sectoral quarterly newsletters. She invited Steering Committee members to send updates and news that the Secretariat could share on the GMI website, in social media, and in the quarterly newsletter.

The Steering Committee requested that the Secretariat:

- Share the Policymaker’s Framework with the Steering Committee once launched.
- Invite suggestions from the delegates on case studies for the Policymaker’s Framework and other communications products.

Wrap-up and Next Steps

T. Carbonell thanked participants for very productive discussions over the 2-day meeting and expressed appreciation for the delegates' time to participate in the meeting and all their contributions to GMI.

Summary of key takeaways, priorities and next steps coming out of the Steering Committee meeting:

- **Action Plan and Strategic Priorities:** Agreed upon updates to GMI's strategic priorities and the need for a single action plan; Tasked the GMI Secretariat with updating the action plan and strategic priorities to reflect GMI's ongoing work and the ideas generated by this meeting.
- **Partner Country Needs:** Confirmed the importance of ensuring GMI is meeting the needs of its Partners; Tasked the GMI Secretariat with assessing the priorities and needs of Partner Countries and sharing the findings at the March 2024 Steering Committee meeting.
- **Project Network:** Affirmed that re-engaging with the Project Network is a key priority; Tasked the Secretariat with reengaging with the Project Network members and providing an update at the March 2024 Steering Committee meeting on progress.
- **Collaboration:** Affirmed the value of collaboration; Tasked the GMI Secretariat with continuing to collaborate with key Strategic Partners.
- **COP28:** Confirmed value of assessing ways to amplify GMI messaging at the COP; Tasked the Secretariat with reaching out to Partner Countries to identify who's hosting a pavilion and/or events, noteworthy activities to promote, and potential speakers, if needed. As appropriate, develop communications and/or other materials for COP28 that can be cross-promoted at CCAC and UNECE ministerials.
- **2024 Global Methane Forum:** Agreed that mobilizing methane action through the Forum is a key priority; Tasked the Secretariat to explore inclusion of suggested enhancements identified. The 2024 Global Methane Forum should be followed with a virtual debrief session with the Steering Committee in early April.

APPENDIX A

Meeting Participants (35)

Steering Committee

Canada:

De Kerckhove, Diane, Environment and Climate Change Canada

China:

Jiaye, Han, China Coal Information Institute (virtual)

Lan, Huang, China Coal Information Institute (virtual)

Finland:

Kupiainen, Kaarle, Finland Ministry of the Environment

Ghana:

Bempah, Juliana, Environmental Protection Agency (virtual)

Benefoh, Daniel Tutu, Environmental Protection Agency (virtual)

Lampsey, Daniel, Environmental Protection Agency (virtual)

India:

Kumar, Ajay, Central Mine Planning & Design Institute Ltd.

Nagaraju, M., Ministry of Coal of India

Patra, Chiranjib, Central Mine Planning & Design Institute Ltd

Prasanta, Roy, Central Mine Planning & Design Institute Ltd

Nigeria:

Abubakar, Bahijjahtu, Nigeria Federal Ministry of the Environment

Saudi Arabia:

Almusa, Faisal, Ministry of Energy

Qurooni, Faisal, Ministry of Energy

Serbia:

Dokić, Sandra, Ministry of Environmental Protection (virtual)

Mehandžić, Dragana, Ministry of Environmental Protection (virtual)

United States:

Carbonell, Tomás, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency

Franklin, Pamela, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency

Lie, Sharyn, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency

Rochberg, Daniel, U.S. Department of State

Subcommittee Co-Chairs

Biogas:

Hamilton, Matt, Environment and Climate Change Canada, Canada (virtual)
Shimamura, Monica, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, United States

Coal Mines:

Roshchanka, Volha, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, United States

Oil & Gas:

Diamond, James, Environment and Climate Change Canada, Canada (virtual)

External Organizations:

Climate and Clean Air Coalition: Cavalieri, Sandra

Global Methane Hub: Rhee, Patty and Manjyot Ahluwalia (virtual)

International Energy Agency: Bredariol, Tomás (virtual)

United Nations Economic Commission for Europe: Liguti, Dario and Drabik, Michal (virtual)

World Bank: Bamji, Zubin (virtual)

Secretariat

Mulholland, Denise, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, United States

Zimmerman, Klara, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, United States

Ferguson, Shannon, Tetra Tech, United States

McGill, Cathy, Tetra Tech, United States



APPENDIX B
AGENDA

Global Methane Initiative
Steering Committee Meeting
Final Agenda
5-6 September 2023
Washington, DC

Day 1: 5 September 2023

	Time	Topic	Lead(s)
1.	9:30 – 9:35 AM (5 minutes)	Welcome, Opening of the Meeting	Mr. Tomás Carbonell, Chair
2.	9:35 – 9:55 AM (20 minutes)	Tour de Table /Brief Introductions <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Introduce new Vice Chairs Tour de Table: <i>invite each participant / delegation to make brief introductions (2 minutes each for introductions - name, affiliation, country)</i> 	Mr. Tomás Carbonell, Chair
3.	9:55 – 10:15 AM (20 minutes)	Setting the Scene: Meeting Objectives <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Adoption of Agenda, Review of GMI Strategic Priorities 	Mr. Tomás Carbonell, Chair
4.	10:15 – 10:30 AM (15 minutes)	GMI Today: Members, Accomplishments and Highlights <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Snapshot (total number of Partner Countries, new Steering Leadership team, new Steering delegates, number of Project Network members, etc.) 	GMI Secretariat
5.	10:30 – 11:30 AM (60 minutes)	Subcommittee Updates and Discussion: Overview of current state of play/opportunities, challenges, and strategies to overcome challenges, past and upcoming products, and events with Q&A <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Coal Mines Oil & Gas Biogas 	Secretariat to call on Subcommittee Co-Chairs
6.	11:30 AM – 12:30 PM (60 minutes)	Collaboration and Progress on Methane Initiatives: Updates and Discussion <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Update on ongoing collaboration and initiatives, including implementation of Global Methane Pledge and other relevant activities by: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Dario Liguti, United Nations Economic Commission for Europe (online) Sandra Cavalieri, Climate & Clean Air Coalition Global Methane Hub (online) Zubin Bamji, World Bank (TBC) Tomás Bredariol, International Energy Agency (online) 	Mr. Tomás Carbonell, Chair

	Time	Topic	Lead(s)
	12:30 – 2:00 PM (90 minutes)	Group Photo and Lunch Break	
7.	2:00 – 3:30 PM (90 minutes)	Country Updates with Facilitated Discussion (Part 1) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Country Presentations: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ghana • India • Saudi Arabia • Partner Countries will have ~15 minutes each to share an update on current methane priorities and activities (each can use 3-5 PowerPoint slides if desired) • Facilitated discussion on successes, challenges, lessons learned, and areas where GMI support was or could be helpful • Q&A; Open discussion 	Dr. Daniel Benefoh, Vice Chair
	3:30 – 3:45 PM (15 minutes)	Health Break	
8.	3:45 – 5:15 PM (90 minutes)	Country Updates with Facilitated Discussion (Part 2) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Country Presentations: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Canada • Finland • Turkey • Partner Countries will have ~15 minutes to share an update on current methane priorities and activities (each can use 3-5 PowerPoint slides if desired) • Facilitated discussion on successes, challenges, lessons learned, and areas where GMI support was or could be helpful • Q&A; Open discussion 	Dr. Daniel Benefoh, Vice Chair
9.	5:15 – 5:30 PM (15 minutes)	Recap and Wrap-up of Day 1 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What did we hear today? 	Mr. Tomás Carbonell, Chair
	5:30 PM	Adjourn	
	6:00 PM	Optional group pay-your-own dinner; all are welcome (Central Michel Richard, 1001 Pennsylvania Ave NW, Washington DC 20004)	

Day 2: 6 September 2023

	Time	Topic	Lead(s)
10.	9:00 – 9:10 AM (10 minutes)	Welcome, Recap of Day 1 and Goals for Day 2	Mr. Tomás Carbonell, Chair

	Time	Topic	Lead(s)
11.	9:10 – 10:10 AM (60 minutes)	Country Updates with Facilitated Discussion (Part 3) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Country Presentations <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Nigeria (TBD) Serbia (virtual) United States Partner Countries will have ~15 minutes to share an update on current methane priorities and activities (each can use 3-5 PowerPoint slides if desired) Facilitated discussion on successes, challenges, lessons learned, and areas where GMI support was or could be helpful Q&A; Open discussion 	Dr. Daniel Benefoh, Vice Chair
12.	10:10 - 11:00 AM (50 minutes)	2024 Global Methane Forum: Update and Discussion <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Update on Executive Planning Committee meetings Status of planning (draft agenda, logistics) Next steps (speaker invitations, etc.) Invite feedback from Steering Committee regarding: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Specific topics Suggestions for additional speakers Ideas for potential exhibits 	GMI Secretariat, Mr. M. Nagaraju, Vice Chair
	11:00 – 11:15 AM (15 minutes)	Health Break	
13.	11:15 – 12:30 PM (75 minutes)	Revisit Strategic Opportunities and Priorities: Discussion <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Recap on themes, needs, opportunities shared during country, strategic partner, and Subcommittee updates What did we hear? How should this affect our planning? Confirm strategic opportunities and priorities 	Mr. Tomás Carbonell, Chair
	12:30 – 2:00 PM (90 minutes)	Lunch Break	
14.	2:00 – 2:45 PM (45 minutes)	Establishing a GMI Presence at COP28: Discussion <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Which Partner Countries are attending? Are you interested in hosting a GMI methane event at the COP? Do you know of others intending to host methane-related events that we should connect with? How can GMI support Partner Countries at COP28? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> e.g., Provide GMI key messages and updates that could be showcased at COP, provide speakers, promote the event, etc. 	Mr. M. Nagaraju, Vice Chair
15.	2:45 – 3:15 PM (30 minutes)	Steering Committee Meeting in March 2024: Discussion <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Invite discussion / ideas for agenda Discuss goals for the meeting – what do the Steering Committee members want to accomplish? 	Mr. M. Nagaraju, Vice Chair

	Time	Topic	Lead(s)
16.	3:15 – 3:30 PM (15 minutes)	Secretariat Update <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Review 2023-2024 calendar, including key events and upcoming deliverables Other Secretariat updates 	GMI Secretariat
	3:30 – 4:00 PM (30 minutes)	Health Break	
17.	4:00 – 4:30 PM (30 minutes)	Wrap-up and Next Steps <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Summarize key decisions and next steps 	Mr. Tomás Carbonell, Chair
	4:30 PM	Adjourn	