

GMI Steering Committee Meeting

18 May 2021
Virtual Meeting



Housekeeping – Tips for using Teams

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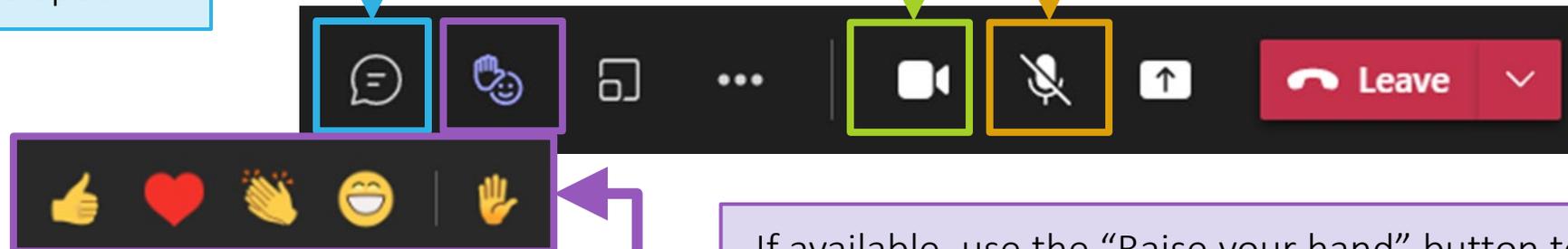
Consider turning your camera on so everyone can see you.

Mute your microphone.

Everyone should set the microphone to mute unless actively speaking. If participating by phone, press *6 to mute your phone.

Use the chat pane.

Enter questions here. Type “Raise My Hand” to be called upon to speak.



If available, use the “Raise your hand” button to be called upon to speak. Use the emoticons to react to speakers during the meeting.

Help!

If you need help, please send an email to asg@globalmethane.org

WELCOME

Opening of Meeting
Helen Ryan

Brief Introductions – Tour de Table
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Introductions Etiquette

- Let's meet each other – we invite you to turn your camera on!
- Partner Country introductions
 - We will call on each country in alphabetical order
 - Each country representative is invited to introduce themselves -- state your name and affiliation



Meeting Objectives

- Adopt the new Terms of Reference
- Discuss “opt-in” and Vice Chair selection processes for Steering Committee members
- Review upcoming events

All participants are encouraged to actively engage in group discussions to be facilitated during this meeting.

Adoption of the Agenda

- Meeting Objectives; Adoption of the Agenda (5 min)
Helen Ryan, Associate Assistant Deputy Minister, Environmental Protection Branch, Environment and Climate Change Canada; GMI Steering Committee Chair
- Adoption of the new Terms of Reference (25 min)
Monica Shimamura, GMI Secretariat
- Steering Committee membership (5 min)
Monica Shimamura
- Secretariat Update: June 3 event (5 min)
Monica Shimamura
- Wrap up and closing remarks (5 min)
Helen Ryan, with support from Monica Shimamura
- Adjourn

Adoption of the new Terms of Reference



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Revisions Shared with Steering Committee

- Revised Terms of Reference shared with Steering Committee on 5 May 2021
 - “Clean” file with all edits incorporated
 - “Edits Tracked” file that shows all edits with explanations for updates
 - Table of meeting decisions and TOR edits – summarizes edits made in the context of Steering Committee decisions
 - Effective date will be 1 June 2021

Meeting Decision	Relevant Section of new TOR	Notes
December 2020 Steering Committee Meeting		
Formalize GMI's engagement with like-minded organizations.	Section 3.2: Strategic Partners of the Initiative are external organizations with whom coordination and collaboration are mutually beneficial. The Steering Committee may choose organizations to be designated as Strategic Partners based on consensus. Current Strategic Partners are listed on [website URL].	Strategic partnerships will be listed on the website URL specified in the TOR, in order to avoid having to continuously update the TOR document with new strategic partners.
Continue strategic partnership with CCAC and UNECE		
Explore further opportunities to collaborate with sector-specific or environmental groups	Section 2.6: Foster cooperation with the private sector, research organizations, development banks, and other relevant governmental and non-governmental organizations.	No change required to existing TOR text – this is a standing item that the GMI should also seek to explore opportunities for engagement.
GMI to establish a joint committee with CCAC	Section 2.7: Integrate and coordinate Initiative activities with related activities and initiatives such as the Climate...	It is outside the scope...
March 2021 Steering Committee		
Adopt the chair/vice chair(s) model	Section 3.4: The Steering Committee's leadership will be comprised of a Chair and up to two (2) Vice Chairs, each for a two year term that can be extended by the Steering Committee by consensus. After a two year term as Chair, unless their term has been renewed by the Steering Committee, the Chair's term will end. The position of Chair will then be assumed by a Vice Chair, or another Partner Country, by consensus of the Steering Committee. In the event that the Steering Committee is unable to select a new Chair, one of the Vice Chairs may be asked to act as interim Chair until such time as they can be confirmed by the Steering Committee or until such time as the Steering Committee selects a new Chair.	New content in the TOR details the new model, and includes expectations for partners who take on a leadership role.

Revised Terms of Reference

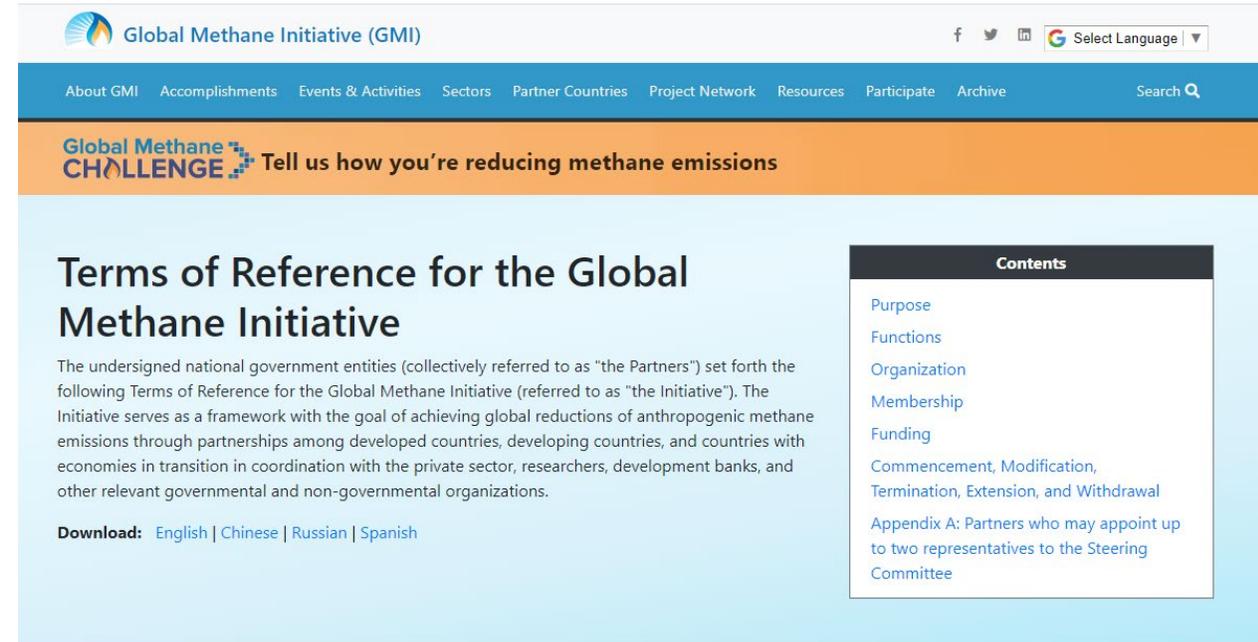
Revisions reflect decisions made at the December 2020 and March 2021 Steering Committee meetings

Revision	TOR Section
Re-charter GMI for 10 years	6.1
Position GMI as a methane hub, and focus on opportunities to deliver technical solutions	1
Adopt the chair/vice chair(s) leadership model	3.4
Define minimum requirements and expectations of Partners in leadership roles	3.5
Implement an “opt-in” requirement for Steering Committee membership	3.7
Create a formal designation of “Official Observers” to expand Steering Committee membership	3.8
State explicitly that Subcommittees may extend membership to Project Network members	3.11
Change references to the “Administrative Support Group” (or ASG) to the “Secretariat”	Multiple

ADOPTION OF TERMS OF REFERENCE

Next Steps

- Incorporate final changes (if any)
- Post new Terms of Reference on GMI's website; they will be effective as of 1 June 2021
- Prepare & post translations:
 - Chinese
 - Russian
 - Spanish
- Promote to stakeholders and Partners via listserv and social media



The screenshot shows the Global Methane Initiative (GMI) website. The header includes the GMI logo, navigation links (About GMI, Accomplishments, Events & Activities, Sectors, Partner Countries, Project Network, Resources, Participate, Archive), and a search bar. A blue banner below the header reads "Global Methane CHALLENGE Tell us how you're reducing methane emissions". The main content area features the title "Terms of Reference for the Global Methane Initiative" and a paragraph of text: "The undersigned national government entities (collectively referred to as 'the Partners') set forth the following Terms of Reference for the Global Methane Initiative (referred to as 'the Initiative'). The Initiative serves as a framework with the goal of achieving global reductions of anthropogenic methane emissions through partnerships among developed countries, developing countries, and countries with economies in transition in coordination with the private sector, researchers, development banks, and other relevant governmental and non-governmental organizations." Below this text is a "Download:" link with options for English, Chinese, Russian, and Spanish. On the right side, there is a "Contents" table of contents listing: Purpose, Functions, Organization, Membership, Funding, Commencement, Modification, Termination, Extension, and Withdrawal, and Appendix A: Partners who may appoint up to two representatives to the Steering Committee.

<https://globalmethane.org/terms>



Global Methane Initiative

Steering Committee Membership

Status of Opt-in Process

Opt-in

Process for Initial Opt-in Period

One Delegate per Partner Country to complete an “opt-in” form by 30 June 2021

- Identify up to 2 active delegates per country
- Identify an alternate delegate
- *Or decline to participate, with opportunity to reassess in 2 years*

Non-responses:

- Will be considered an official declination
- Opportunity to rejoin at a later date if desired
- Members will be removed from Steering Committee communications and remain on general GMI mailings

- To date, reaffirmed Countries:
 - Canada
 - China
 - Colombia
 - European Commission
 - India
 - Finland
 - Nigeria
 - United States
- 2-year term is effective June 2021 through June 2023
- Looking ahead: Secretariat will reach out in Spring 2023 to repeat the process for the next 2-year term

Next Steps for selecting Vice Chair(s)

- Steering Committee delegates are encouraged to submit a formal expression of interest in nominating a high-level official from their country
- Secretariat shares nominations or expressions of interest with the Steering Committee and requests feedback including expressions of support or objections, if any
- Priorities for selecting Vice Chairs:
 - Diversity of experience and perspective
 - Representatives of developed and developing nations
 - Organizational experience serving on the Steering Committee
 - Higher-level delegate equivalent to/or similar Assistant Administrator or Associate Assistant Deputy Minister level
- Goal: Vice Chair(s) in place by September 2021



Will your country nominate a Vice Chair?

Confirm your country's interest with the Secretariat!

- Respond by 30 June 2021, including the name and title of proposed Vice Chair
- Secretariat will keep you posted

Interested and have questions? Contact the GMI Secretariat at asg@globalmethane.org

A graphic of a video conference window with four participants. The window is divided into four quadrants, each showing a different person. Each quadrant includes a microphone icon and a video camera icon. The text "Update on Secretariat Activities" is overlaid in the center of the window.

Update on Secretariat Activities



A Call to Action on Methane:

an international dialogue
hosted by the GMI

Thursday, 3 June 2021, 8:00-10:30 am EDT (UTC -4)
Microsoft Live event

▶ OPENING ADDRESS:

- Jonathan Wilkinson, Canadian Minister of Environment and Climate Change (invited)

▶ KEYNOTE:

Methane Mitigation Policy to Achieve Climate Goals

- Michael Regan, Administrator, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (invited)

▶ EVENT MODERATOR:

- Helen Ryan, Associate Assistant Deputy Minister, Environmental Protection Branch, Environment and Climate Change Canada (confirmed)

FEATURED PRESENTATIONS:

▶ Global Trends in the Energy Sector: Impact on Methane

- Fatih Birol, Executive Director, International Energy Agency (invited)

▶ Opportunity for Global Action on Methane: *International Decade of Methane Management*

- Olga Algayerova, Executive Secretary, UNECE (confirmed)

▶ Importance of Action on Methane

- Fred Krupp, President, Environmental Defense Fund (confirmed)

▶ Global Methane Assessment: Benefits and Costs of Mitigating Methane Emissions

- Drew Shindell, Chair, Scientific Advisory Panel, Climate & Clean Air Coalition (confirmed)

▶ Industry Panel Discussion and Moderated Q&A

Moderator: Drew Shindell (confirmed)

- Vicki Hollub, President and Chief Executive Officer, Occidental Petroleum (confirmed)
- David Newman, President, World Biogas Association (confirmed)
- Demetrios Papathanasiou, Global Director, The World Bank (invited)



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Objectives:

Raise international awareness of critical need to reduce methane emissions

Emphasize opportunities for GMI and strategic partners to take action to reduce methane

Celebrate re-chartering of GMI

Outcome:

Engaged, empowered government partners prepared to act on methane

Registration is open!

- ▶ This event will be conducted as a Microsoft Live event.
- ▶ Registrants will receive the meeting link approximately 72 hours before the event.
- ▶ Complete the simple online registration form at the website below.

Help spread the word!

<https://globalmethane.org/calltoaction>

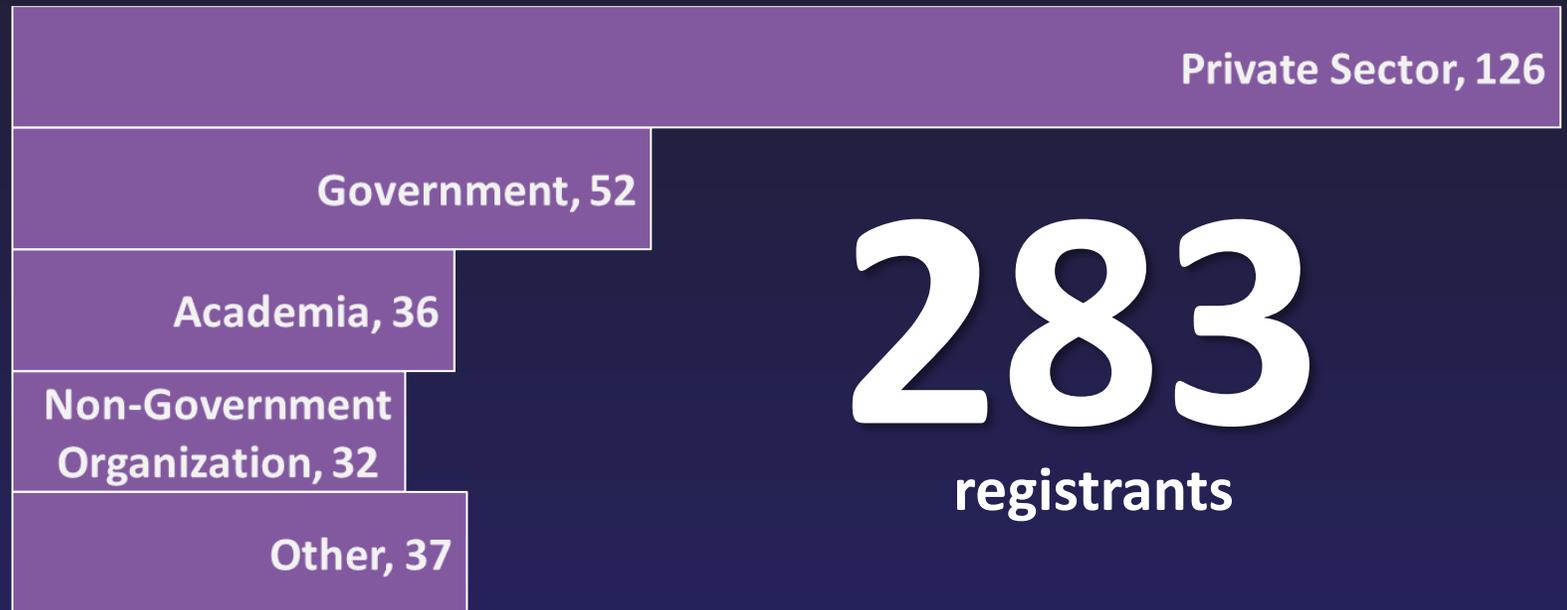




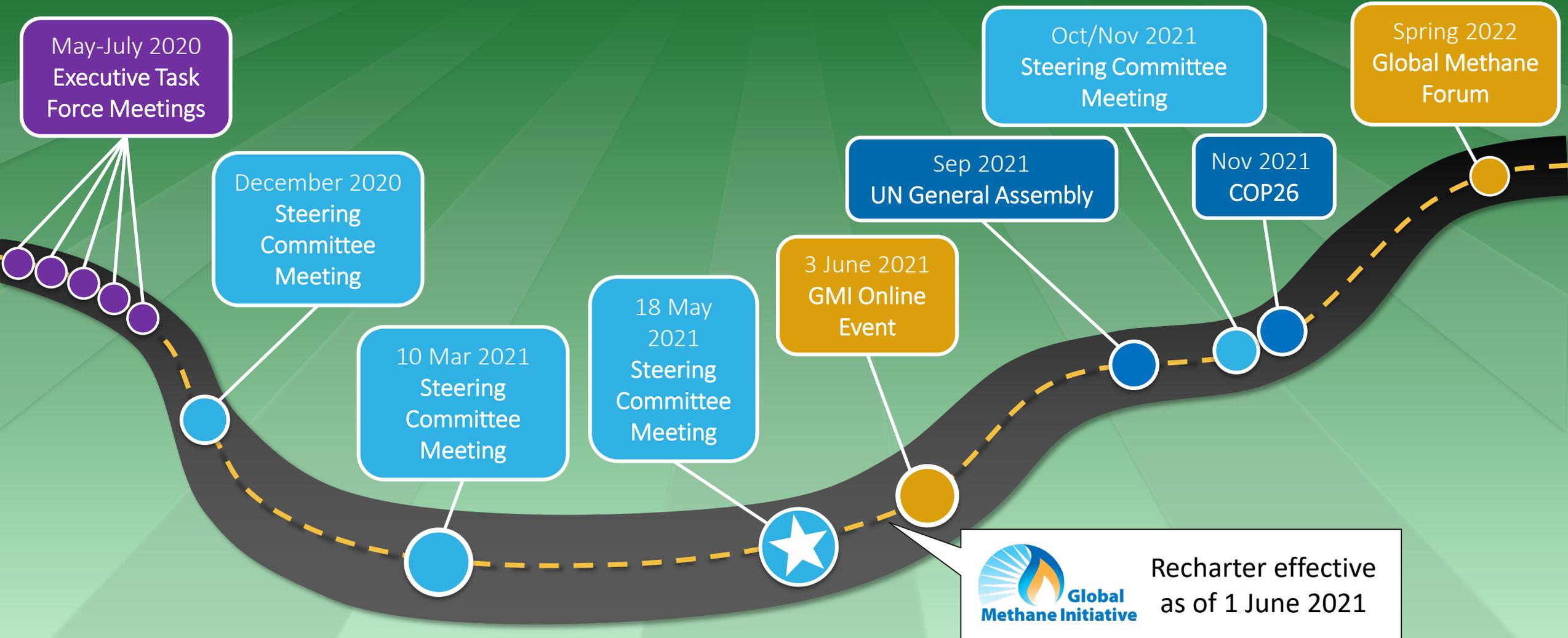
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Registration as of 17 May 2021:



Steering Committee Road Map



The Path Forward through 2021

Path forward for 2021

1. Celebrate the recharter of GMI; June 3 Call to Action on Methane
2. Confirm Vice Chair(s)
3. Host a Steering Committee meeting in Fall 2021
4. Provide support for a UN Decade of Methane Management (if resolution passes UN GA)
5. Prepare for the Global Methane Forum in 2022 (pending ability for international travel)
6. Continue the Global Methane Challenge

TOUR DE TABLE

Closing Comments (Time Permitting)



THANK YOU

for your participation

Wrap Up and Closing Remarks



- Reminder: Deadline for “Opt-in” process and expression of interest in Vice-chair role – 30 June 2021
- Secretariat Action Items:
 - Meeting summary
 - Presentation to be posted on GMI webpage
 - Revised Terms of Reference posted on GMI webpage, taking effect 1 June 2021



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Please join us on 3 June!

Register today at <https://globalmethane.org/calltoaction>

Adjournment

