

# Steering Committee Meeting Outcomes and Proposed Roadmap

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October 31, 2014

# Steering Committee Meeting Details

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- 16-17 October 2014, Montreal, Quebec, Canada
- Participating countries:
  - Argentina
  - Australia
  - Canada
  - China
  - Italy
  - Poland
  - United States

# Meeting Objectives

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- Begin a dialogue among GMI Partners about the role of GMI moving forward.
- Assess interest and achieve consensus on pursuing an extension of the GMI Charter beyond 2015.
- Discuss and identify ways in which GMI should adapt to be as effective as possible.
- Begin a dialogue about how the work of GMI could support and complement broader international approaches to methane mitigation.
- Establish a roadmap for the next 12 months to define the future of GMI post-2015.

# Consensus Points

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- “Robust enthusiasm” for engaging in discussions for GMI post-2015.
- Recognition that this is a key transformational moment in time, and an opportunity to assess the future of GMI.
- Recognition of overlapping opportunities between GMI and CCAC and the need to be more efficient
- Support for creating a framework for GMI post-2015 that enables partners to participate fully regardless of CCAC partnership status.
- Strong support for coal mining sector
- Support for pursuing near term opportunities such as co-branding and co-locating events to be more efficient
- Interest in linking post-2015 GMI to a “bigger, bolder” international initiative but unclear on what that would entail

# Outcomes

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- Agreement to establish a task force to make specific recommendations regarding GMI post-2015
- Consensus to extend the GMI charter from current end date of October 1, 2015, for an additional six months
  - Will request concurrence of remainder of Steering Committee
- Plan to use International Methane Forum as platform for re-launch of GMI post-2015
  - Forum being planned by US EPA, to be held in Washington, D.C., late 2015 or first quarter 2016

# Next Steps

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- Share meeting minutes, draft consensus document, and task force charter questions with Steering Committee meeting participants by **31 October 2014**
  - Request one week review (**7 November 2014**)
- Share meeting summary, task force charter questions, and request consensus on TOR extension with entire Steering Committee (**18 November 2014**)
  - Request response by **3 December 2014** (if no negative response, assume concurrence)
- Share with GMI community: consensus document, and task force charter questions **5 December 2014**
- Establish task force by **12 December 2014**

# Transformation Task Force

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## Objectives:

- Develop answers to “charter questions” developed by Steering Committee
- Develop a recommendation for new path for GMI post-2015

## Timeline:

- ASG requests nominations for Task Force membership by **3 December 2014** (including project network suggestions)
- Membership finalized by **12 December 2014**
- ASG sends Task Force members charter questions
- Teleconference monthly - starting **16 December 2014**
- Targeted Task Force completion date: **September 2015**

# Transformation Task Force

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## Participation

- Seek diverse representation from Steering Committee as well as non-Steering Committee, across all sectors, developed / developing countries, and some representation from the project network
- Balance diversity with need for effective working size

# Task Force Charter Questions

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1. What should be the focused mission for GMI post-2015?
2. What are some of the “low risk” or “no regrets” actions GMI could take in the near term to streamline its operations?
3. What are some of the sector-specific ways in which GMI could align its work with existing initiatives, including CCAC, in each of the key methane sectors?

# Task Force Charter Questions

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4. What are the strengths and weaknesses of GMI?
5. How can we continue robust engagement with the project network, including the private sector, in GMI post-2015?
6. What would a proposed model/framework for GMI look like? Which elements of the GMI Terms of Reference (TOR) need to be amended?

# Task Force Charter Questions

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7. Is it feasible to align “international methane forum” event (planned for late 2015) with the “re-launch” of GMI?
  - In terms of timing?
  - Is it feasible to consider aligning this event with a CCAC high-level assembly (HLA)?

# Task Force Charter Questions

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8. What are specific suggestions for future leadership model of GMI?
9. Are there specific suggestions for secretariat function of GMI?
10. Are there any aspects of GMI's current portfolio / mission that could be considered "complete" or "accomplished"? (i.e., do not need to be included in mission of GMI post-2015)

# Task Force Charter Questions

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11. What is the appropriate way to communicate within the GMI community about our accomplishments / ongoing activities / transformation itself?
12. When Methane to Markets was re-launched in 2010 as “Global Methane Initiative” it was re-branded. Should GMI consider changing its name again?