

Strategic Partnerships with CCAC and UNECE

**7th Steering Committee Meeting
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Washington, DC, USA



Strategic Partnerships

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Background

- Number of common partners:
 - GMI and CCAC have 24 country partners in common
 - GMI and UNECE have 15 partners in common
- Both CCAC and UNECE have methane-specific activities that align with or complement GMI activities:
 - CCAC: Three sector-focused initiatives (Ag, MSW, Oil & Gas), as well as cross-cutting initiatives (SNAPs, regional assessments, financing).
 - UNECE: Group of Experts on Coal Mine Methane (e.g., co-hosted GMI Coal Subcommittee, worked with GMI to identify Best Practices for CMM Drainage); Group of Experts on Oil & Gas.

Background (con't)

- Task Force recommendations:
 - CCAC: Seek “non-state” partner status, more formally align GMI subcommittees with CCAC counterparts (where applicable).
 - UNECE: Align GMI coal mine sector work with the UNECE Group of Experts on Coal Mine Methane, explore a similar collaboration between GMI Oil & Gas Subcommittee and UNECE Sustainable Energy Division Group of Experts on Natural Gas.

Background (con't)

- Task Force recommendations (con't):
 - World Bank: Continue to explore opportunities to align with World Bank's climate change group (e.g., Pilot Auction Facility for Methane and Climate Change, Global Gas Flaring Reduction Partnership).

Actions Taken: CCAC

- In 2015, GMI provided updates to CCAC Steering Committee and Working Group, which resulted in GMI reference in CCAC 5-year strategic plan and Global Methane Forum (GMF) co-organization.
- Ongoing collaboration at GMI sector/CCAC Initiative level (e.g., joint GMF meetings/workshops) to share technical information and discuss plans for future collaboration and sharing of expertise.

Actions Taken: CCAC (con't)

- Submitted letter seeking CCAC Non-State Partner status for GMI (approved in March), which allows GMI to send an official representative to CCAC Working Group meetings.
- Still need to decide whom to represent GMI at the CCAC meetings:
 - ASG staff
 - GMI Steering Committee designee
 - Rotating membership of the GMI Steering Committee.

Actions Taken: UNECE

- Continued successful ad-hoc coal mines sector collaboration (e.g., GMI Coal Subcommittee meetings with UNECE's Group of Experts on Coal Mine Methane, joint GMI/UNECE *Best Practice Guidance for Effective Methane Drainage and Use in Coal Mines*).
- GMI Oil & Gas Subcommittee joint meeting with UNECE – and CCAC – during GMF to discuss better sector collaboration.

Items for Steering Committee Consideration

- How does the Steering Committee recommend that GMI should be represented at CCAC Working Group meetings?*
- Would the Steering Committee like to request an update—prior to or at its next meeting—from the three GMI subcommittees (Biogas, Coal, and Oil & Gas) about the progress of collaboration with their counterparts in CCAC and UNECE?

* *In the near term, GMI has the opportunity to send an official representative to the Working Group Meeting in Washington, DC on 1 April 2016.*