

Steering Committee/Ministerial Decisions

Outcomes and Charge to Subcommittees

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Overview

- Ministerial Meeting Overview – Launch of the Global Methane Initiative
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Methane to Markets Ministerial – Launch of the Global Methane Initiative
Held October 1, 2010 - Mexico City

- Mexico's Environment Minister, Juan Elvira, and U.S. EPA's Assistant Administrator Gina McCarthy led Mexican & US delegations in launching an expanded effort to accelerate global methane reductions.
- They asked developed country Partners, and others in a position to do so, to make new financial commitments to this new Global Methane Initiative (GMI).
- The United States pledged at least \$50 million over five years to GMI.

Mexico City Ministerial (Cont'd)

The GMI builds on the existing structure of M2M and is supported by the revised Terms of Reference.

- *Key New Elements of the Global Methane Initiative Include:*
 - **Expanded Scope**
 - Abatement and avoidance from wastewater treatment, landfills, agriculture.
 - **Methane Action Plans**
 - All partner countries are encouraged to develop national methane action plans to coordinate methane reduction efforts at home and abroad.
 - Developed countries provide coordinated assistance to developing countries.
 - **New Resource Commitments** from Developed Country Partners, the International Community, and Others in a position to do so.

Ministerial (Cont'd)

- All existing Partners and activities under the Methane to Markets Partnership will become part of GMI.
- The Methane to Markets Partnership program materials will be modified over the coming months to reflect the enhancements and expansions of GMI – and a new brand will be developed.
- Additional information on the GMI can be found at: www.methanetomarkets.org/gmi.

Steering Committee Meeting Outcomes

Steering Committee Meeting: Overview

- Meeting was held concurrently with Ministerial event.
- Decision items included:
 - New Partners
 - TOR Adoption
 - Action Plans and Reporting
 - Wastewater Meeting/Recommendations
 - Partnership Expo

Steering Committee Meeting: Outcomes

- Approved Nicaragua and Turkey's requests to join the Partnership.
 - Nicaragua will participate in Agriculture and Landfill.
 - Turkey will participate in Coal Mines, Landfill, and Oil & Gas.

- Adopted Revised Terms of Reference (TOR) that now includes:
 - Action Plans and Reporting
 - Methane Abatement
 - Review of Leadership
 - New Sector (wastewater)
 - Global Methane Initiative

Steering Outcomes (Cont'd)

- Partnership Expo
 - Agreed to hold a third Methane to Markets Partnership Expo.
 - ASG will explore potential locations, Partners encouraged to notify ASG if they are interested in hosting.
 - Adopted the same basic framework as the previous Expo (e.g., concurrent sector-specific sessions, site visits, exhibition hall, project opportunities).

Action Plans/Reporting

- Agreed to move forward with development of country strategic action plans with initial drafts encouraged by end of 2011.
 - The ASG will develop list of questions to help partners to craft country strategic action plans. Questions will help to outline key elements of a plan.
- ASG will identify possible recommendations for streamlining reporting such as development of a template or general guidelines.
 - Partners are encouraged to report annually on activities/ accomplishments in support of their Action Plans.
 - Partners are encouraged to provide the ASG with specific comments on aspects of the current reporting system that could be improved to facilitate future reporting.
- The ASG will solicit specific feedback about the performance and operability of the on-line tracking system.

Wastewater Meeting

- Approval to move forward with a Wastewater Task Force meeting, to be held jointly with Agriculture and Landfill Subcommittee meetings.
- Partners were encouraged to identify additional participants for the Wastewater Task Force and/or meeting.

Specific Charge to Subcommittees

Action Plans/Reporting

- Subcommittees are encouraged to support and assist Partners in both the development and implementation of country strategic action plans.

Leadership

- Review current leadership and/or query delegates to determine if there might be other Partners interested in serving as chair(s).

Methane Abatement

- Determine the role of methane abatement within each sector, and update Subcommittee Action Plans accordingly.

Wastewater Sector

- Identify additional participants for the Wastewater Task Force

Conclusions/Thank You

- The launch of the Global Methane Initiative offers an excellent opportunity to build on the success of Methane to Markets.
- We are hopeful that the Global Methane Initiative will help us to achieve deeper emissions reductions from more sectors and will garner new resource commitments from current and future partners.
- Thank you to everyone on the Agriculture and Landfill Subcommittees for your effort, participation, and contributions to the past success of the Methane to Markets Partnership.
- Your efforts will provide the Global Methane Initiative with the momentum and achievements it needs to move forward for the next five years.