Methane to Markets

Partnership Update

Coal Subcommittee Meeting Tuscaloosa, Alabama 22-23 May 2006

Erin Birgfeld, Head Administrative Support Group (ASG)



Overview

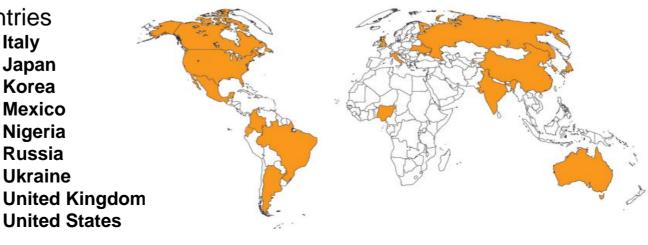
- Steering Committee Decisions and Outcomes from November 2005
- Charge to Subcommittees and Goals for this meeting
- Outreach and Communication Updates
- Tracking System



Methane to Markets Partnership Overview

Advances recovery and use of methane as a valuable clean energy source Encourages development of **cost-effective** methane recovery and use opportunities in

- coal mines
- landfills
- oil and gas systems and
- agriculture (manure waste management)
- Private companies, multilateral development banks and other relevant organizations participate by joining the *Project Network* – over 280 organizations now participating
- **17 Partner Countries** Argentina Italy Australia Japan Korea Brazil Canada Mexico Colombia Nigeria China Russia Ecuador Ukraine Germany India **United States**





Steering Committee Decisions and Outcomes from Buenos Aires

- Subcommittees to further refine Action Plans
 - Living documents to be updated at each subcommittee meeting
 - Provides guidance for activities for Partners and PN members
 - Focus on developing actions and projects that respond to country specific circumstances (e.g. specific barriers to projects in Russia, Mexico etc...)
- Develop and implement a tracking system for Methane to Markets projects and activities
 - Results and outcomes must be tracked
 - Highlight opportunities for projects
- Methane to Markets Project and Technology Expo in 2007
 - Goal is to help catalyze near-term project development
 - Taskforce convened and developed recommendations for the Steering Committee



Key Items for Subcommittee Action

- Update Sector Action Plan
 - Move from global to country specific focus to encourage project collaboration amongst Partners and Project Network, targeting concrete activities.
- Plan Partnership Expo
 - Optimal focus to create a valuable event for the coal sector
 - Activities to promote the event
 - Provide feedback to ASG
- Tracking Projects and Project Ideas On-line
 - Actively track projects in coordination with ASG
 - Encourage use of Project Submission Form



ASG Outreach and Communication

- Translated outreach materials available
 - Russian, Spanish, Chinese
 - Review requested
- July Issue of Methane International
 - Input requested from Partners and PN members
- Help us keep the Website Current and Useful!
 - Email us at asg@methanetomarkets.org



M2M Funding Opportunities

- USAID's Global Development Alliance (GDA)
 - Private sector eligible
 - <u>http://www.usaid.gov/our_work/global_partnerships/gda/</u>
- USAID's India Mission provides \$400,000 of funding through GDA grants
 - Private sector is eligible
 - RFP ends June 16, 2006
 - <u>http://www.usaid.gov/in/working_with_us/grant_opportunity.htm</u>
- U.S. EPA Grant for M2M Projects for up to \$2.5 M over 3 years
 - Request for proposals begin summer 2006 for funding in early FY07
 - Non-profits eligible



Recent and Upcoming M2M Events

- 2 May 2006 Commission on Sustainable Development
 - Partnership Fair
- 12 May 2006 Landfill Subcommittee Meeting Cologne, Germany
 - Co-located with Carbon Expo
- 23 May 2006 Coal Subcommittee Meeting, Tuscaloosa, Alabama, U.S.
 - Co-located with International Coal Mine Methane Symposium Agriculture Subcommittee Meeting – TBD
- Steering Committee Meeting 4th Quarter 2006
 - Meeting of the Steering Committee only. Subcommittee co-chairs should also plan to attend to provide updates on their progress.
- Fall 2007– Beijing, China Partnership Expo
 - Co-located with Steering Committee and all subcommittee meetings

On-Line Tracking System

- Goals
 - Project Ideas matching with developers
 - Tracking Methane to Markets Activities
 - Tracking projects and activities to highlight in the Project Expo 2007
- ASG Developing on-line system now
 - Launch by Fall 2006
 - Encourage countries and PN members to include all methane project related activities
 - Will allow us to track the impact of the Partnership on project development, capacity building etc...