



# Methane to Markets

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Coal Subcommittee Meeting

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## **Administrative Support Group (ASG) Update**

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# Overview

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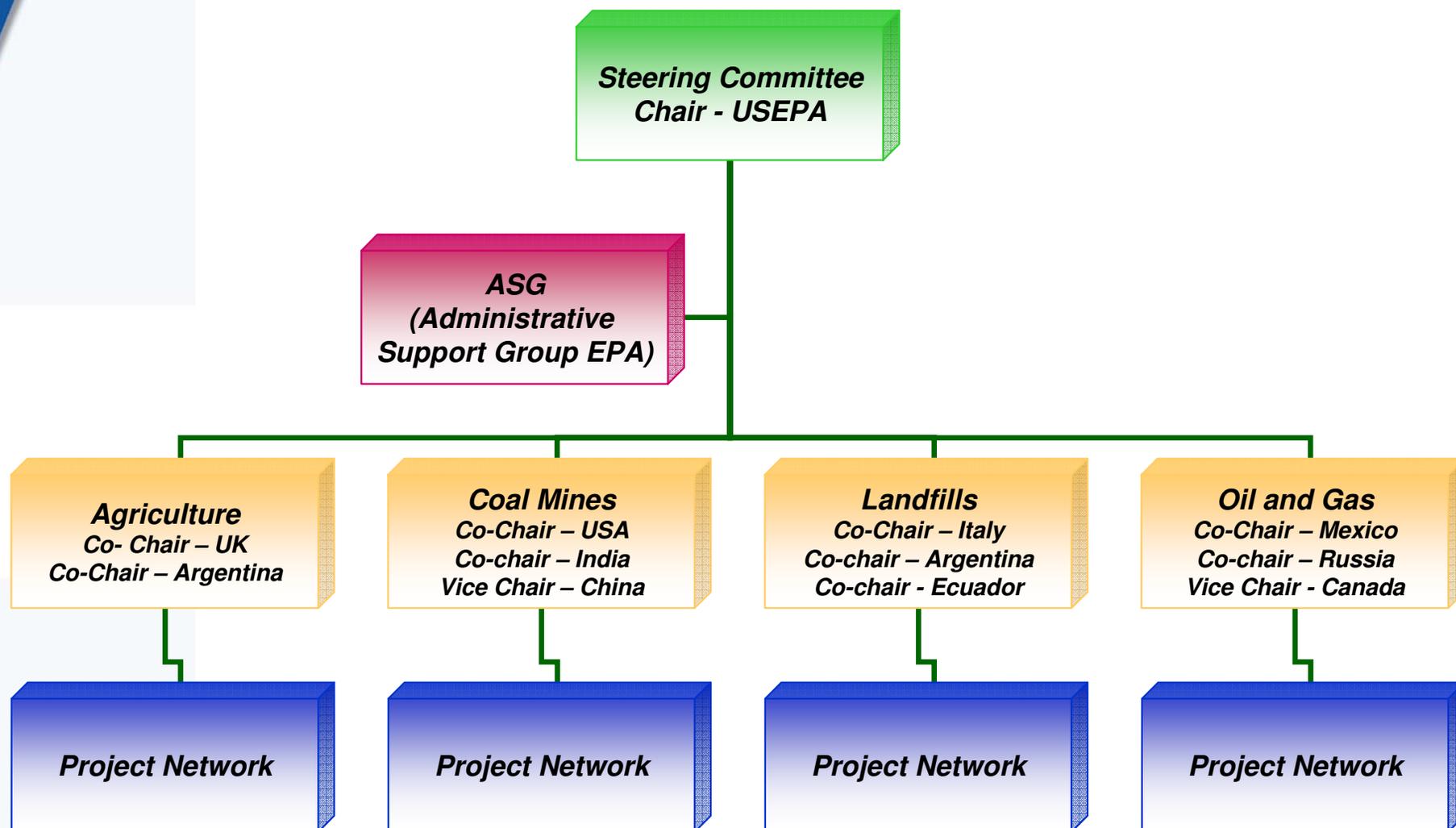
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- Expo Follow-up/Planning
- Overview of Discussion Papers
- Upcoming Meetings and Events

# Partnership Background

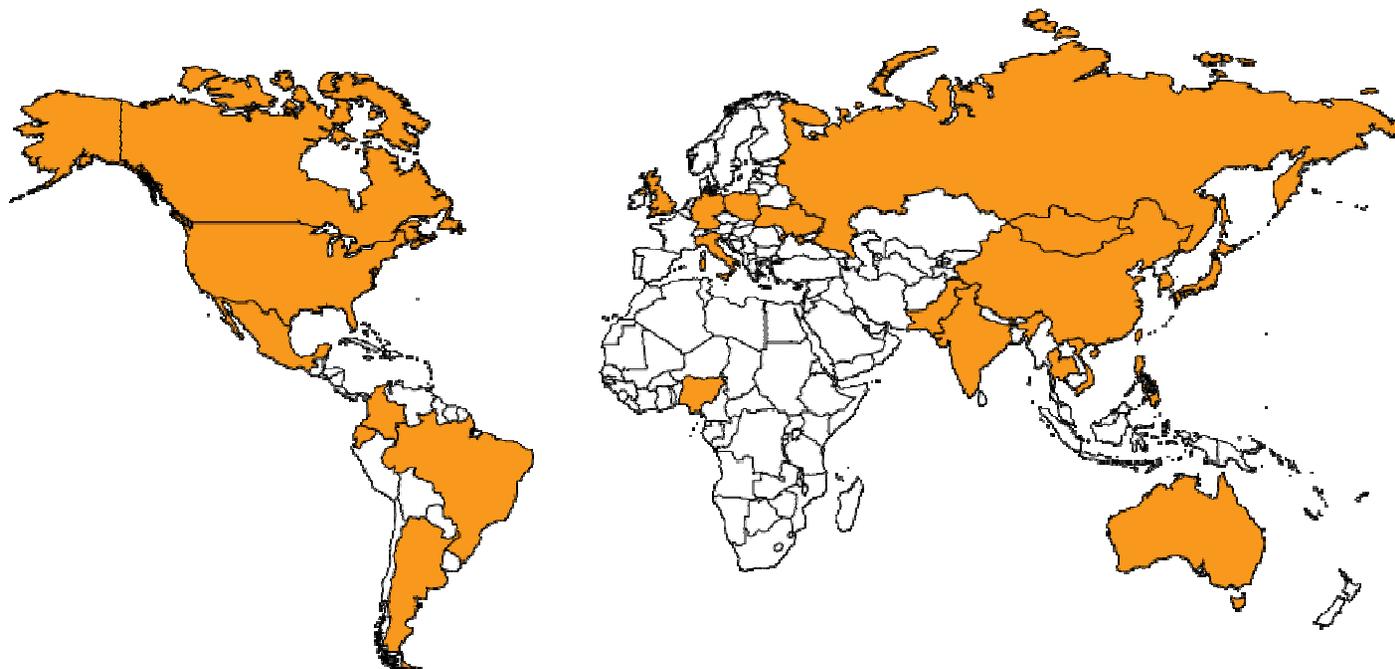
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- Advances recovery and use of methane as a valuable clean energy source.
- Encourages development of **cost-effective** methane recovery and use opportunities in:
  - Agriculture (e.g., animal waste management)
  - Coal mines
  - Landfills
  - Oil and gas systems
- Acts as a mechanism to bring together interested parties from governments and the private sector to facilitate methane project development and implementation around the world.

# M2M Partnership Organization



# 25 Partners as of March 2008 -- 741 Project Network Members



# Steering Committee Meeting – Major Outcomes

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- **Welcomed European Commission to the Steering Committee**
- **Discussed preliminary 2007 Partnership Expo outcomes**
  - Tasked the ASG and Expo Task Force to develop a more formal assessment for review and consideration whether to hold another Expo in 2009/2010.
- **Reviewed Project Network status**
  - Tasked the ASG and Subcommittees with developing recommendations for recognizing Project Network contributions.

# Steering Committee Meeting – Major Outcomes (cont'd)

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- **Outreach and Communications Efforts**
  - Continue efforts underway (e.g., Web site, newsletter).
  - Improve press coverage of M2M activities.
  - Continue presence at major conferences (e.g., Carbon Expo, COP).
  
- **Reviewed methane opportunities paper**
  - Agreed to develop as potential outreach piece for review at 2008 Steering Committee meeting.
  
- **Discussed proposed Partnership-wide Accomplishments Report**
  - Tasked ASG to develop annotated outline and revised schedule for review and consideration.

# Steering Committee Meeting – Major Outcomes (cont'd)

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- **Developed Year 4 Charge to Subcommittees**
  - Update action plans to reflect current issues and activities (i.e., country-specific strategies).
  - Continue outreach efforts to recruit Project Network members and encourage greater participation, develop recognition recommendations.
  - Continue utilization of communications and outreach vehicles (e.g., Web site, newsletter) to promote activities.
  - Increase utilization of online project tracking system.

## 2007 Expo Follow-up



- Deemed a great success!
  - More than 750 people attending from over 40 different countries.
  - Showcased 91 project opportunities from 11 countries.
  
- At least 8 projects are moving forward and/or are in negotiations with potential investors now.
  
- The ASG continues to follow-up with showcased projects to learn how activities are progressing and will provide a recap at the Steering Committee meeting in December 2008.

## Next Expo: Planning Update

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- Based on 2007 Expo outcomes and Task Force recommendations, the Steering Committee unanimously agreed to hold another Expo in late 2009/early 2010.
- Expo Task Force has been resurrected and additional interested parties are encouraged to participate in the planning.
- Request for host country has been issued.

# Partnership-wide Accomplishments Report

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- **Objective:** To provide a broad summary of the Partnership, its activities and its progress to date.
- **Timing:** Anticipated production/availability will coincide with next Expo.
- **Next Steps:**
  - Steering Committee currently reviewing annotated outline, with input due late May 2008.
  - Begin developing content in June 2008, draft text available for review by October 2008.
  - Provide draft mockup for review at Steering and Subcommittee meetings in December 2008.
  - *Need to identify Subcommittee leads for Ag Sector content*

## Country-Specific Strategic Plans

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- ***Objective:*** To develop country-specific strategic plans that focus Partnership activities more strategically, depending on the experiences and needs of each individual country:
- ***Next Steps:***
  - Discussion paper developed by Chair (see documents 1-3)
  - Agenda item for further discussion

# Project Network Recognition

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- **Objective:** Increase involvement of the Methane to Markets Project Network by encouraging participation in Partnership activities (e.g., Subcommittee meetings, project opportunities), and acknowledging Methane to Markets accomplishments and contributions of these members.
  
- **Timing:** Implement recognition program in 2009.
  
- **Next Steps:**
  - White paper developed (attachment #2 to agenda)
  - Agenda item for further discussion
  - Incorporate input from Subcommittee and provide final recommendations to the Steering Committee in December 2008.

## Upcoming Meetings and Events

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- **Carbon Expo:** 7-9 May 2008 (Cologne, Germany)
- **UNFCCC COP-14/CMP-4:** 1-12 December 2008 (Poznan, Poland)
- **Next Coal Subcommittee Meeting and Steering Meeting:**
  - Tentatively scheduled for December 15, 2008 (still seeking host).

## For More Information

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