Administrative Support Group (ASG) Update

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Overview

- GMI Membership
- Action Plans
- Ongoing Activities
- Partnership-wide Meeting
- Third Expo



GMI Membership

• 39 Partners to date...approaching 40!

- Jordan approved in April 2011; will participate in Agriculture, Landfill, and Wastewater.
- Sri Lanka pending approval; interest in Agriculture and Landfills.





Action Plans

- In October 2010, the Steering Committee agreed to move forward with the development of country strategic action plans.
- ASG tasked with developing guidance to help partners develop a plan and ideally, what should be included:
 - Objectives/priorities
 - Existing activities
 - Assistance needed/available



Action Plans (con't)

- The ASG is currently soliciting feedback on draft guidance, distributed week of 23 May.
- All delegates encouraged to review and provide comments by end of June.
- Goal to approve final guidance at next Steering Committee meeting in late 2011.



Ongoing Activities

- Outreach: Partnership and Mitigation fact sheets available in Chinese, Korean, Russian, and Spanish on the GMI website. Sector-specific factsheets and others in process of revision.
- Wastewater: The ASG continues to explore the best way to engage in this sector. This should be included in forthcoming U.S. EPA grant solicitation.



Partnership-wide Meeting

- Anticipated late September or early October 2011.
- Poland will host the meeting in Krakow.
- 2-3 days, including:

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- Sector-specific technical and policy sessions
- Subcommittee and Steering meetings
- Site tours (Poland's Gaz-System, SA will help organize a tour outside Krakow)



Third Expo

- Tentatively planned for late 2012.
- Currently seeking host country. Partners encouraged to notify ASG if they are interested in hosting.
- Same basic framework as the previous Expos (e.g., concurrent sector-specific sessions, site visits, exhibition hall, project opportunities).



Summary

- Action Plan Guidance open for comment.
- Next in-person meeting of Oil and Gas Subcommittee in Krakow, Poland (last week of September or early October).
 - Need topics for oil and gas technical and policy session.
- Wastewater options still open, several events planned.
- 3rd Expo planned for late 2012—still seeking host country.

