



Methane to Markets

Second Ministerial Meeting

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Background

- At September 2009 Steering Committee meeting, discussions focused on revising the TOR and planning for the Partnership's future.
- Delegates decided a Ministerial event would be appropriate to announce the revised TOR and allow countries to make new commitments to the Partnership. Delegates discussed possible locations and timing:
 - In conjunction with India Expo.
 - As a stand-alone event.
 - In conjunction with UNFCCC COP16 preparatory meetings in Mexico.
- Delegates decided that a Ministerial in conjunction with a COP16 preparatory meeting would be best.
- Subsequently, Mexico has suggested to hold the Ministerial in conjunction with COP itself (29 Nov – 10 Dec 2010).

Potential Elements of Ministerial Agenda

- The Steering Committee should determine the agenda elements of the Ministerial meeting, which could include:
 - Ministerial declaration to emphasize importance of Partnership in addressing the challenges of clean energy/climate change and to note significance of revised TOR.
 - Country statements to demonstrate individual support for the Partnership, highlight successes, and announce future plans and commitments.
 - Official photograph with attending Ministers.
 - Press event to publicize revised TOR and renewed Partners commitments.
- A signing ceremony is not required under the terms of the current TOR and would prove difficult logistically given the large growth in Partners since 2004.

Proposed Ministerial Declaration Development Process

- If the Steering Committee agrees to the idea of a Ministerial Declaration, the ASG proposes the following timeline:
 - **March-April:** Delegates inform ASG of points of contacts (POCs) for declaration development process.
 - **May:** ASG circulates draft declaration to delegates, administrative liaisons, and other POCs for consideration.
 - **June:** ASG incorporates comments, circulates revised text, and convenes teleconference to discuss.
 - **Day before event:** Steering Committee meets to finalize any unresolved issues.

Items for Consideration

- **Schedule and Process**
 - Does the Steering Committee wish to have the Second Ministerial Meeting in conjunction with COP16?
- **Ministerial Declaration**
 - Does the Steering Committee agree to the development of a Ministerial Declaration in the manner proposed by the ASG?
- **Agenda**
 - Which of the suggested elements (e.g., country statements, declarations, press event, official photo) would the Steering Committee like to see as part of the Second Ministerial Meeting?
 - Are there other issues (i.e., beyond TOR) that the Steering Committee might wish to consider/address during the Ministerial Meeting or at the Steering Committee meeting immediately preceding?