



GLOBAL METHANE INITIATIVE COAL SUBCOMMITTEE MEETING

21st Session of the Coal Subcommittee
3 June 2015
Bogotá, Colombia

FINAL MINUTES

The Global Methane Initiative (GMI) Coal Subcommittee held its 21st session on 3 June 2015 in Bogotá, Colombia, in conjunction with a technical workshop on CMM and CBM on 4 June. The meetings were organized and sponsored by the Colombian Ministry of Mines and Energy, the National Hydrocarbons Agency (ANH) of Colombia, the National Mining Agency of Colombia and GMI. Co-chair Felicia Ruiz (United States), Co-chair Huang Shengchu (China), and A. K. Debnath (India) presided over the Subcommittee meeting, welcoming 35 participants, including Partner Country delegates representing five countries. The Administrative Support Group (ASG) provided an update, and the Subcommittee discussed the Steering Committee charges to the ASG, including a new task force developed to propose a plan for GMI's future post-2015. Delegates from China, Colombia, India, Poland and the United States provided updates on recent and future CMM activities in their respective countries. Several Project Network members provided updates on both CMM and CBM activities in Colombia and abroad. The Subcommittee discussed its work products and plans for the GMI Global Methane Forum in 2016.

The following sections provide more details of the meeting's discussions.

Opening Remarks and Introductions

The Coal Subcommittee meeting was attended by GMI Partner Country delegates, Project Network members, and Administrative Support Group (ASG) staff. Presiding over the meeting and providing opening remarks were:

- Co-chair Mr. A.K. Debnath, Chairman Central Mine Planning & Design Institute, India.
- Co-chair Mr. Huang Shengchu, President of the China Coal Information Institute (CCII).
- Co-chair Ms. Felicia Ruiz, Team Lead for the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's (U.S. EPA's) Coalbed Methane Outreach Program (CMOP).

Introductions of country delegates, Project Network members, and other attendees followed.

ASG Update

Ms. Monica Shimamura, GMI ASG Director, announced the ASG is finalizing a four-module GMI video describing why methane is important and covering three technical areas, including CMM, in detail. The ASG is also working on an infographic to highlight GMI's accomplishments and the importance of methane

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mitigation. She also noted the ASG is updating the GMI website to include a map of GMI projects. The ASG welcomes information on any known projects missing from the map.

Ms. Shimamura discussed the GMI Steering Committee meeting held in October 2014 in Montreal, Canada and the establishment of a Task Force in January 2015. The task force will meet monthly and provide a recommendation in September 2015 about the future of GMI. Ms. Shimamura announced that the GMI and Climate and Clean Air Coalition will be co-hosting the Global Methane Forum which will be held in Washington, DC from 28-30 March, 2016. This event will be a launching pad for the new 'post-2015' GMI resulting from the task force recommendations.

A copy of Ms. Shimamura's ASG and Steering Committee update is available on the [EPA website](#).

Group Discussion on GMI Transition

The Co-chairs opened the floor for a group discussion on the future of the GMI Coal Subcommittee post-2015 and the upcoming Global Methane Forum. Topics covered included:

- Future structure of the Coal Subcommittee
- Configuration of Coal Subcommittee Chairmanship
- Coal Subcommittee meetings (frequency, in-person vs. webinar, etc.)
- Coal Subcommittee Program of Work

Partner Country and Project Network Updates

Partner country delegates and Project Network members provided the Subcommittee with updates on recent and future CMM activities in their respective countries. Delegates from China, Colombia, India, Poland, and the United States delivered presentations, which are currently available on the [EPA website](#).

Subcommittee Business

Ms. Ruiz provided an update on recently updated Coal Subcommittee work products:

- *Coal Mine Methane Country Profiles*. Ms. Ruiz noted that, on behalf of GMI, EPA has developed 37 comprehensive profiles that characterize the coal and CMM sectors of 29 GMI Partner Countries and an additional eight coal-producing nations. The Profiles were updated in June 2015 and are on the [EPA website](#).
- *Coal Subcommittee Action Plan and Statement of Purpose*. Ms. Ruiz discussed the revised, draft Coal Subcommittee Action Plan and requested input on the document and purpose statement ahead of the Geneva meeting.

Next Meeting/Closing

The Coal Subcommittee will hold its 22nd session in Geneva, Switzerland, in conjunction with the 10th session of the UNECE Group of Experts on Coal Mine Methane on 27-28 October 2015.

Ms. Ruiz, Mr. Debnath, and Dr. Huang provided closing comments, thanked Colombia Ministry of Mines and Energy, ANH, and the National Mining Agency of Colombia for hosting the meeting, and thanked everyone for attending.

The meeting was adjourned.

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