

Oil & Gas Subcommittee
18 April 2018
Toronto, Canada

MEETING MINUTES

The Global Methane Initiative (GMI) Oil & Gas Subcommittee Meeting was held on 18 April 2018 in Toronto, Canada as part of the Global Methane Forum. Participants represented governmental, private sector, and non-governmental organizations, including the GMI Administrative Support Group (ASG) staff and GMI Oil and Gas Subcommittee Members from Argentina, Canada, Colombia, Ghana, Mexico, Saudi Arabia, Turkey, Ukraine, and the United States. Oil and Gas Subcommittee and Project Network members actively contributed and presented on a variety of topics. Several of the Oil and Gas Subcommittee presentations are available on the [2018 GMF website](#).

Annex I provides the list of attendees. A copy of the final agenda, which was approved by the Subcommittee, is included as Annex II to these minutes.

Introductions and Welcoming Remarks

The GMI Oil and Gas Subcommittee Co-Chairs, Mr. James Diamond, Environment Canada (Canada) and Ms. Paulina Serrano, PEMEX (Mexico), provided the introductions and welcoming remarks.

Ms. Serrano welcomed the participants and reviewed the following goals and objectives of the meeting:

- Adopt the updated Oil and Gas Subcommittee Action Plan to better align with member needs and GMI's mission
- Discuss ways to leverage resources and streamline activities with participating partners, such as the Climate and Clean Air Coalition Oil & Gas Methane Partnership (CCAC OGMP) and the United Nations Economic Commission for Europe (UNECE)
- Discuss recent methane reduction activities and achievements

She also provided an overview of the structure of the Subcommittee, in which 27 GMI Partner countries currently participate.

ASG Charge to the Subcommittee

Ms. Monica Shimamura, Director of the GMI's ASG, provided an overview of the GMI Steering Committee meeting held on 16 April 2018, focusing specifically on the charge to the Oil and Gas Subcommittee to identify members to participate in the Methane Challenge Task Force. Ms. Shimamura responded to questions about the purpose of the Methane Challenge Task Force and encouraged the Subcommittee members to take an active role. She also confirmed that the GMF Communiqué was being finalized, noting that the Communiqué would be shared during the closing plenary session on 18 April 2018. The Communiqué and details about the Steering Committee meeting are available on the [2018 GMF website](#).

Adoption of the Revised Oil and Gas Action Plan

Mr. Diamond led a discussion about the Subcommittee's Action Plan (Action Plan) and confirmed that it was last updated in 2006. Members discussed updating the Action Plan at the June 2017 Oil and Gas Subcommittee

meeting in Calgary, Canada. The draft version of the updated Action Plan was reviewed and the participants were encouraged to provide feedback during the discussion.

The co-chairs asked the membership to consider whether to drop any of the actions from the plan, based on the ambitious amount of work. Mr. Dan Hooper (United States) expressed his appreciation for the members' efforts to update the Action Plan, noting that volunteers are needed for all identified actions. He also recommended that the objectives - develop tools and resources to enhance capacity building efforts, and identify country-specific needs and opportunities, should be considered priority actions. In addition, Mr. Eduardo José Sánchez-Sierra (Colombia) and Mr. Hamoud R. Al-Otaibi (Saudi Arabia) supported the update to the Action Plan, highlighting that all proposed objectives should be included.

The draft Action Plan was adopted with no substantive changes. The Action Plan is available on the [GMI website](#).

Discussion on Upcoming Meetings and Activities

Mr. Diamond reviewed the Oil and Gas Subcommittee's strategic alliances with CCAC and UNECE, emphasizing the importance of close collaboration among the three entities. Beginning in 2019, the Oil and Gas Subcommittee meeting will be co-located with UNECE's Group of Experts on Gas meeting in Geneva, Switzerland (March 2019). Consideration is being given to conducting a half-day meeting of the Oil and Gas Subcommittee the day before the two-day UNECE meeting. All participants were encouraged to plan to attend the Oil and Gas Subcommittee meeting as well as the UNECE meeting. Simultaneous translation for the meeting is planned and more details will be shared about the meeting as the details are finalized.

During the discussion, several participants expressed interest in participating in task forces aligned with the updated Action Plan. It was suggested that an informal survey be conducted to prioritize actions. A recommendation was also made to schedule an Oil and Gas Subcommittee conference call shortly after the 2018 GMF. The frequency of Oil and Gas Subcommittee conference calls and the platform for conducting the calls or virtual meetings was discussed. Ms. Serrano suggested bi-monthly phone calls; for example, the second Wednesday every 2 months.

Ongoing efforts to develop and disseminate a GMI/UNECE best practice guidance for reducing methane emissions from the upstream oil and gas, and downstream gas industries were highlighted. Mr. Diamond referred to a presentation about the project by lead consultants [Torlief Haugland, Carbon Limits](#), and [Michael Drabik, UNECE](#), during the Oil and Gas session on 17 April 2018. Mr. Diamond confirmed that members of the Oil and Gas Subcommittee will receive emails about opportunities to participate in the project; for example, by commenting on draft documents and providing case studies.

Partner Country Updates

Partner countries were asked to provide updates on their current and future activities in the oil and gas sector. This included:

- Ms. Giselle Moritan, Oil and Gas Subcommittee Member (Argentina)
- Mr. Ramazanov Vladyslav, Oil and Gas Subcommittee Member (Ukraine)
- Ms. Gulvira Bakytzy, KazMunayGas (on behalf of Mr. Bakhyt Makhanov) (Kazakhstan)
- Ms. Li Xiang, National Center for Climate Change Strategy and International Cooperation (China) – *please note that China is not a member of the Oil and Gas Subcommittee*

Path Forward / Next Steps

Ms. Serrano provided a summary of action items/outcomes from the Oil and Gas Subcommittee meeting:

- Post the updated Action Plan online, and set up regular Oil and Gas Subcommittee conference calls to work on the implementation of the updated Action Plan (calls to be held every 2 months)
- Identify options for continued collaboration amongst the GMI Oil and Gas Subcommittee Members and the Project Network
- Identify Subcommittee members to participate in the Methane Challenge Task Force

Adjournment

Ms. Serrano thanked participants for their active engagement and encouraged everyone to stay committed to the activities and objectives discussed during the meeting.

The meeting was adjourned.

ANNEX I

Meeting Participants

James Diamond – Canada (Oil and Gas Subcommittee Co-Chair)
Paulina Serrano – Pemex/Mexico (Oil and Gas Subcommittee Co-Chair)
Adel Alghamdi - Saudi Arabia (Oil and Gas Subcommittee Member)
Hamoud Alotaibi - Saudi Arabia (Oil and Gas Subcommittee Member)
Joseph Essando-Yeddu - Ghana (Oil and Gas Subcommittee Member)
Dan Hooper – United States (Oil and Gas Subcommittee Member)
Giselle Moritan – Argentina (Oil and Gas Subcommittee Member)
Eduardo José Sánchez-Sierra – Colombia (Oil and Gas Subcommittee Member)
Emre Ozgür – Turkey (Oil and Gas Subcommittee Member)
Ramazanov Vladislav – Ukraine (Oil and Gas Subcommittee Member)
Neda Amralah - Environment Canada
Malcolm Argyle - Sander Geophysics
Gulvira Bakthyzy - KazMunayGas/ Kazakhstan
Paul Balcombe - Imperial College London
Marieke Beckmann - National Physical Laboratory (on behalf of UK Government)
Lorenzo Cremonese - IASS
Richelle Foster - Canadian Natural Resources LTD.
Pamela Franklin – United States Environmental Protection Agency
Chelsie Hall - FluxLab
Jackson Hegland - Methane Emissions Leadership Alliance
Martha Herrera - Ecopetrol S.A.
Dean Jenkins - Encana
Audrey Mascarenhas – Questor Technology
Cathy McGirl - Tetra Tech
Ainslie Murdock - Union Gas
Peter Mussio - Union Gas
Lana Phan - Enbridge Gas Distribution
Drew Pomerantz - Schlumberger
Abdullah Sarhan - Saudi Arabia
Sherry Sian – Canadian Association of Petroleum Producers
Shane Siebenaler - Southwest Research Institute
Philip Swanson – Climate and Clean Air Coalition
Colin Terry - Sander Geophysics
Li Xiang - National Center for Climate Change Strategy and International Cooperation/ China
Ming Xue – China National Petroleum Corporation (Research Institute of Safety and Environmental Technology)

ANNEX II



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Final Agenda

10:20-10:25	Introductions and Welcoming Remarks
10:25-10:45	Adoption of the Revised Oil and Gas Action Plan
10:45-10:55	Discussion on Upcoming Meetings and Activities
10:55-11:45	Partner Country Updates
11:45-11:50	Path Forward / Next Steps