

GMI Steering Committee Meeting

10 March 2021
Virtual Meeting



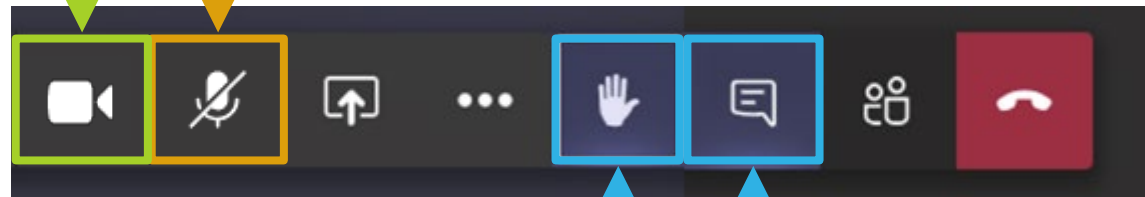
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WELCOME

Opening of Meeting
Helen Ryan

Brief Introductions – Tour de Table
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Tour de Table Etiquette

- Let's meet each other – we invite you to turn your camera on!
- Partner Country introductions
 - We will call on each country in alphabetical order
 - Each country representative is invited to introduce themselves -- state your name and affiliation
 - One representative from each country is invited to:
 - Take 2 minutes to share one goal they would like GMI to achieve in 2021

Meeting Objectives

- Determine the details for re-chartering of GMI, including:
 - Governance model
 - Steering committee size and composition
 - Subcommittee composition
- Review the proposed process for re-chartering, including:
 - Process for updating the Terms of Reference
 - Date for the new charter to take effect
- Discuss list of activities to support the potential UN Declaration on Methane Management

All participants are encouraged to actively engage in virtual feedback activities and group discussions to be facilitated during this meeting.

Adoption of the Agenda

- Meeting Objectives; Adoption of the Agenda (5 min) – Helen Ryan
- GMI's Global Impact Since 2004 (10 min) – Monica Shimamura, Secretariat
- GMI Governance structure (30 min) – Helen Ryan and Monica Shimamura, Secretariat
- Health break (10 min)
- Process for updating the Terms of Reference (10 min)– Helen Ryan, with support from Monica Shimamura, Secretariat
- Discuss support for the potential United Nations Declaration on Methane Management (20 min) – Helen Ryan
- Update on Secretariat activities (10 min) – Monica Shimamura, Secretariat
- Wrap up and closing remarks (10 min) – Helen Ryan, with support from Monica Shimamura, Secretariat
- Adjourn



Global Methane Initiative

GMI's Global Impact Since 2004
Secretariat

Global Methane Initiative (GMI): A Critical Role



Per Article 2 of the Paris Agreement

The global community strives to hold the increase in the global average temperature to well below 2°C above pre-industrial levels and ideally limit the temperature increase to 1.5°C above pre-industrial levels.

Importance of Methane

Because methane is a potent greenhouse gas that is short-lived in the atmosphere, reducing methane emissions is an effective strategy to mitigate climate change impacts in the short term. Reducing methane also reduces the formation of harmful ground-level ozone.

Methane reductions have been successfully demonstrated around the globe across key sectors with economic, air quality, health, and safety benefits.



- Uniquely qualified with the tools, resources, and expertise to enable countries to reduce methane quickly and cost-effectively
- Proven and unparalleled track record of developing and disseminating technical expertise, tools, and resources, enabling countries to reduce methane quickly and cost-effectively
- Strong ability to work with countries to develop methane mitigation strategies, action plans, policies, tracking methods, and best practices to achieve national level emissions reduction goals
- Since 2004, GMI has partnered with 45 countries and hundreds of private sector and multilateral partners, reducing methane emissions by more than 454 MMTCO₂e



Accomplishments

GMI Activities Since 2004

Assessments

Identifying opportunities for emissions reductions

1,629	Measurement studies/ Prefeasibility studies
111	Publications/Reports
33	Study Tours
41	Tools/Models
23	Demonstration Projects
18	Policy Analysis

1,855 Total

Capacity Building/ Information Sharing

Fostering best practices

291	Workshops/Trainings
91	Website updates and other outreach efforts

382 Total

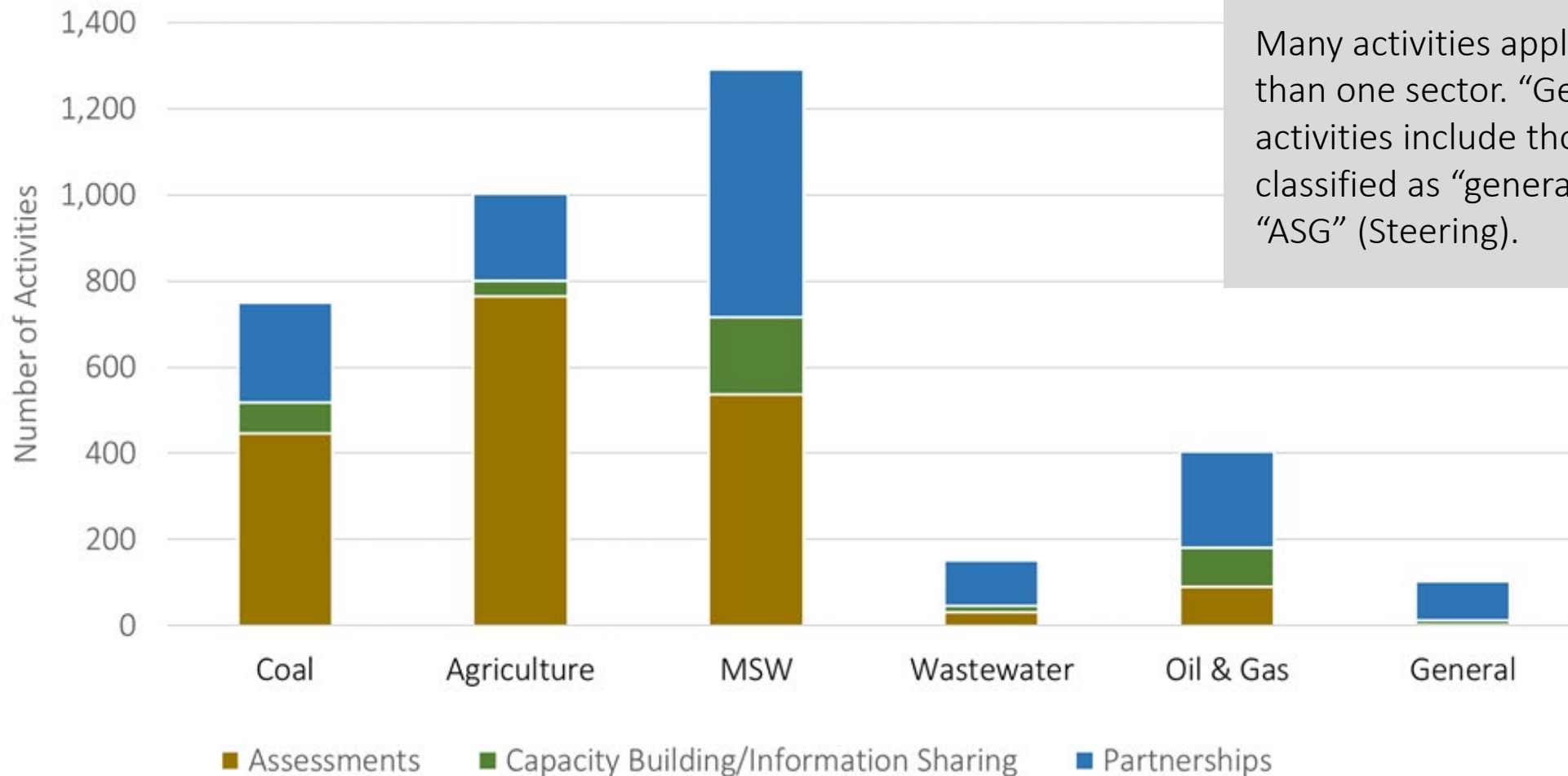
Partnership Activities

Building relationships to foster action

287	Site Visits
273	Conferences
239	Numerous stakeholder coordination meetings
143	Technical Presentations
98	Subcommittee Meetings
13	Steering Meetings

1,053 Total

GMI Activities Since 2004 by Industry Sector



Many activities apply to more than one sector. “General” activities include those classified as “general” or as “ASG” (Steering).

GMI Governance Structure

Helen & Secretariat



Recap of December Meeting: GMI Governance Discussion

■ Consensus:

- Strong support for exploring other governance models
- General support for expanding the Steering Committee membership beyond Partner country delegates
- Clarify the role of non-Partner organizations in the Subcommittees
- Interest expressed for improving the governance structure to increase engagement

■ Next Steps:

- Secretariat will explore and identify options for the Steering Committee's membership and potential changes to the co-chair model

Goals

- Increase the depth of leadership for the Steering Committee
- Encourage and foster more direct engagement from Partners
- Adapt to changes in the availability of resources from Partner countries
- Establish a lean, efficient, and engaged Steering Committee membership
- Expand the partnership beyond partner country delegates
- Revitalize participation and engagement

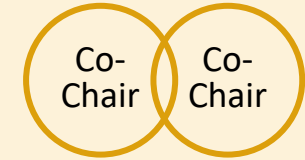
GMI Steering Committee Governance Model

- **Key question:**
 - Should the GMI Steering Committee retain its current governance model of two Co-Chairs [status quo]?
 - Should the GMI Steering Committee adopt a different governance model comprised of a Chair and up to two Vice-Chairs?
- **Secretariat recommendation:**
 - Adopt new governance model

Status-Quo:

Two Co-Chairs

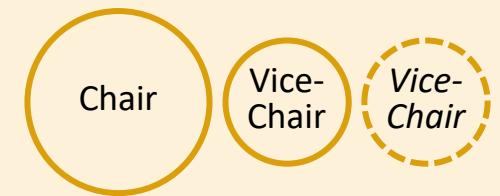
- Staggered 2-year terms
- Equally Shared Responsibilities



New Model:

Chair and Vice-Chairs

- Chair is supported by up to 2 Vice-Chairs
- Staggered 2-year terms
- Succession plan if 2 Vice-Chairs
- When the Chair's term expires, Vice-Chair becomes new Chair, and new Vice-Chair is selected

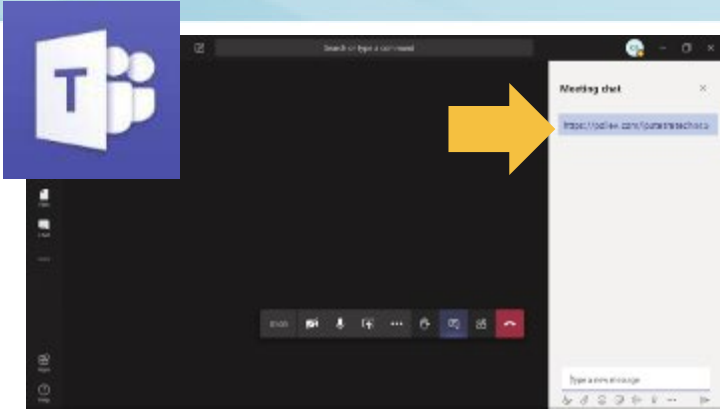


Options for Consideration: Steering Committee Governance Model

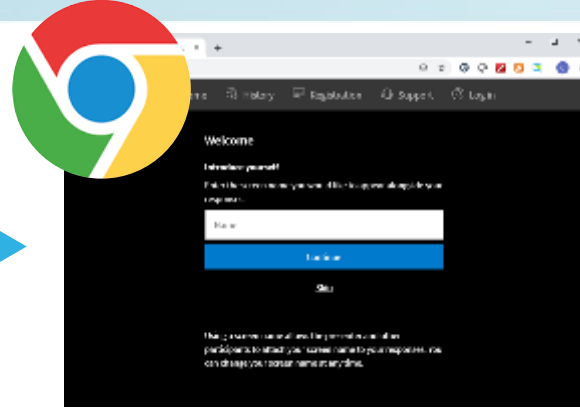
Benefits	Potential Constraints
Option 1.1: Retain current Co-Chair Model [status quo]	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> This model has worked well for GMI, incorporating more Partners in leadership roles. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Risk of single Partner taking on entirety of leadership role if other Co-Chair cannot effectively participate. If terms are not staggered, potential for lapses in leadership or ineffective transitions.
Option 1.2: Adopt Chair/Vice Chair Leadership Structure*	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Provides continuity and easy transition of roles for the organization, i.e., a Vice Chair to step into the role of chair when chair is not available. Allows partner serving as Vice-Chair time to prepare for future term as Chair. Allows partner serving as Chair to have a clear, strong leadership role. Allows opportunity for more Partners to participate in leadership roles. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Less flexibility for a motivated Chair to continue in their leadership role. Assessing which of the two Vice-Chairs would assume the role of Chair could create confusion and would need to be discussed among Partners in leadership roles.

* *Secretariat Recommendation*

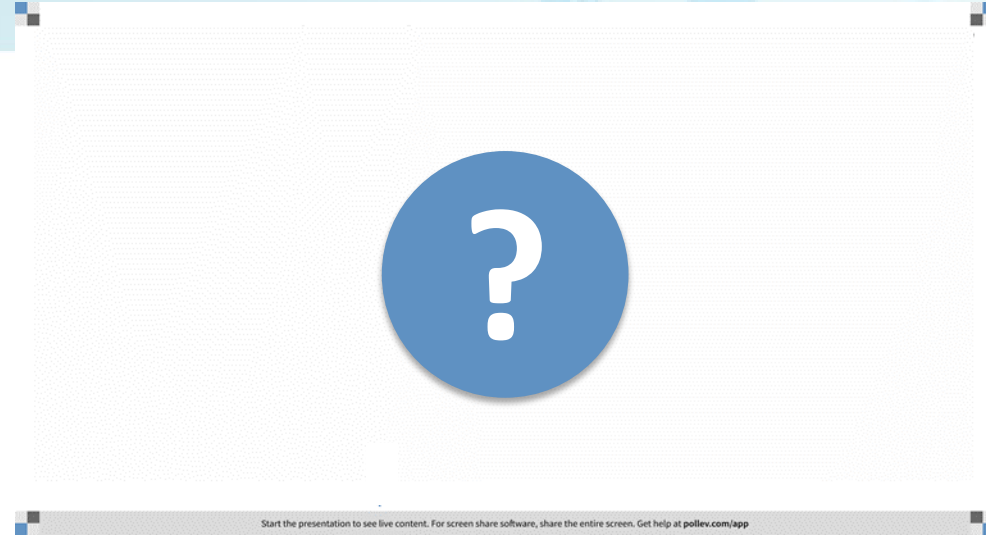
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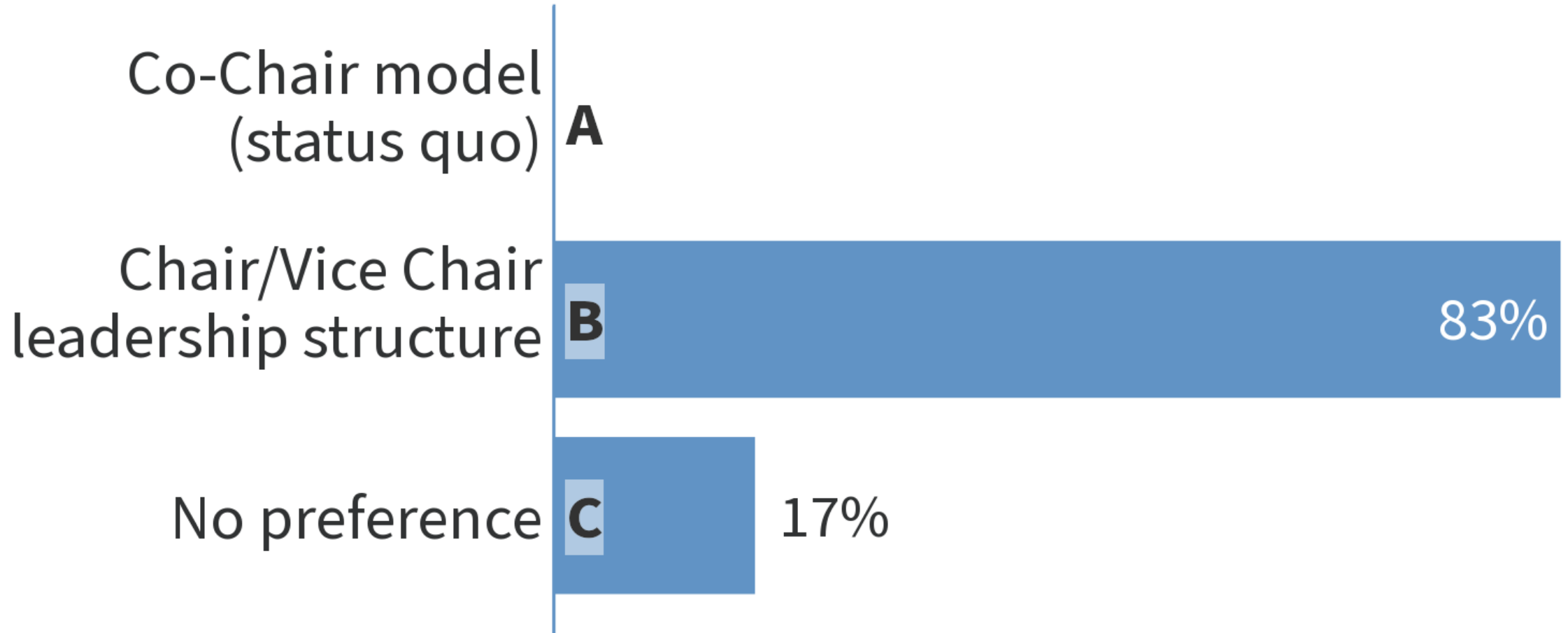
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Which leadership structure should the GMI Steering Committee implement?



Engagement for Partners in Leadership Roles

- **Key question:**
 - Should GMI specify minimum engagement requirements for Partners in leadership roles?

- **Secretariat recommendation:**
 - Define a minimum level of engagement of Partners in leadership roles
 - Active participation in the planning activities of the Secretariat
 - Active participation in the Steering Committee meetings of the GM
 - Clarify expectations of Partners in leadership roles:
 - Host a GMI meeting or event (virtually or in-person)
 - Provide strategic direction on GMI initiatives

Should GMI specify minimum engagement requirements for Partners in leadership roles?



DISCUSSION & DECISION

Should GMI adopt a new Chair/Vice-Chair(s) leadership structure?

Should GMI specify minimum engagement requirements for Partners
in leadership roles?

Size and Composition of the GMI Steering Committee

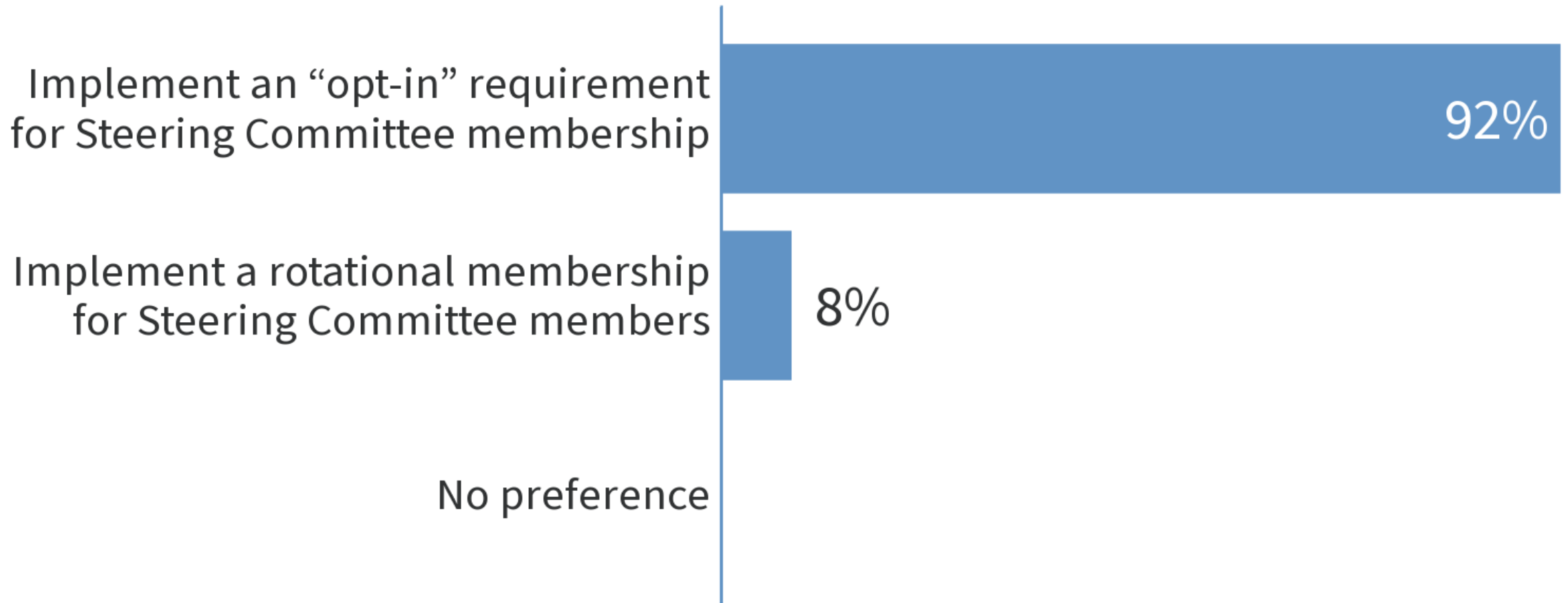
- **Key question:**
 - A. How can GMI ensure that the Steering Committee remains active and engaged?
- **Options:**
 - Put in place an opt-in requirement for Steering Committee membership, or
 - Implement a rotational membership for Steering Committee members
- **Secretariat recommendation:**
 - Initiate an opt-in requirement for Steering Committee membership

Options for Consideration: Maintain Steering Committee Membership

Benefits	Potential Constraints
Option 2.A.1: “Opt-In” Requirement for Steering Committee Membership*	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Partners with most interest in participating in Steering Committee will be engaged. “Opt-in” requirement will allow a mechanism by which inactive Partner countries can be removed from Steering Committee, with the option to rejoin at a later date if desired. Opportunity to “open up” Steering Committee beyond current membership at a regular interval. Opt-in exercise will have administrative benefit of ensuring contact lists are updated on a consistent basis. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> There is a risk that “opting-in” will be a burden for some countries to secure approvals from their departments/agencies, particularly if the process is too formalized.
Option 2.A.2: Implement a Rotational Membership for Steering Committee Members	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Rotating membership provides opportunity for more diverse participation as rotation allows for new members. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Rotating membership could deprive the GMI of the support and engagement of active Partners once their term ends and they are rotated “off” the Steering Committee. This process risks making membership overly formalized, and risks increasing the burden of administrative management.

* *Secretariat recommendation*

How should the GMI Steering Committee maintain membership and engagement?



DISCUSSION & DECISION

Should GMI implement an “opt-in” requirement or rotational membership for Steering Committee members?

Size and Composition of the GMI Steering Committee

- **Key question:**

B. How can the Steering Committee better leverage the knowledge, support, and engagement of non-governmental organizations, including strategic partners?

- **Options:**

- Create a formal designation of “Official Observers”, or
- Retain status-quo of informal engagement with strategic partners

- **Secretariat recommendation:**

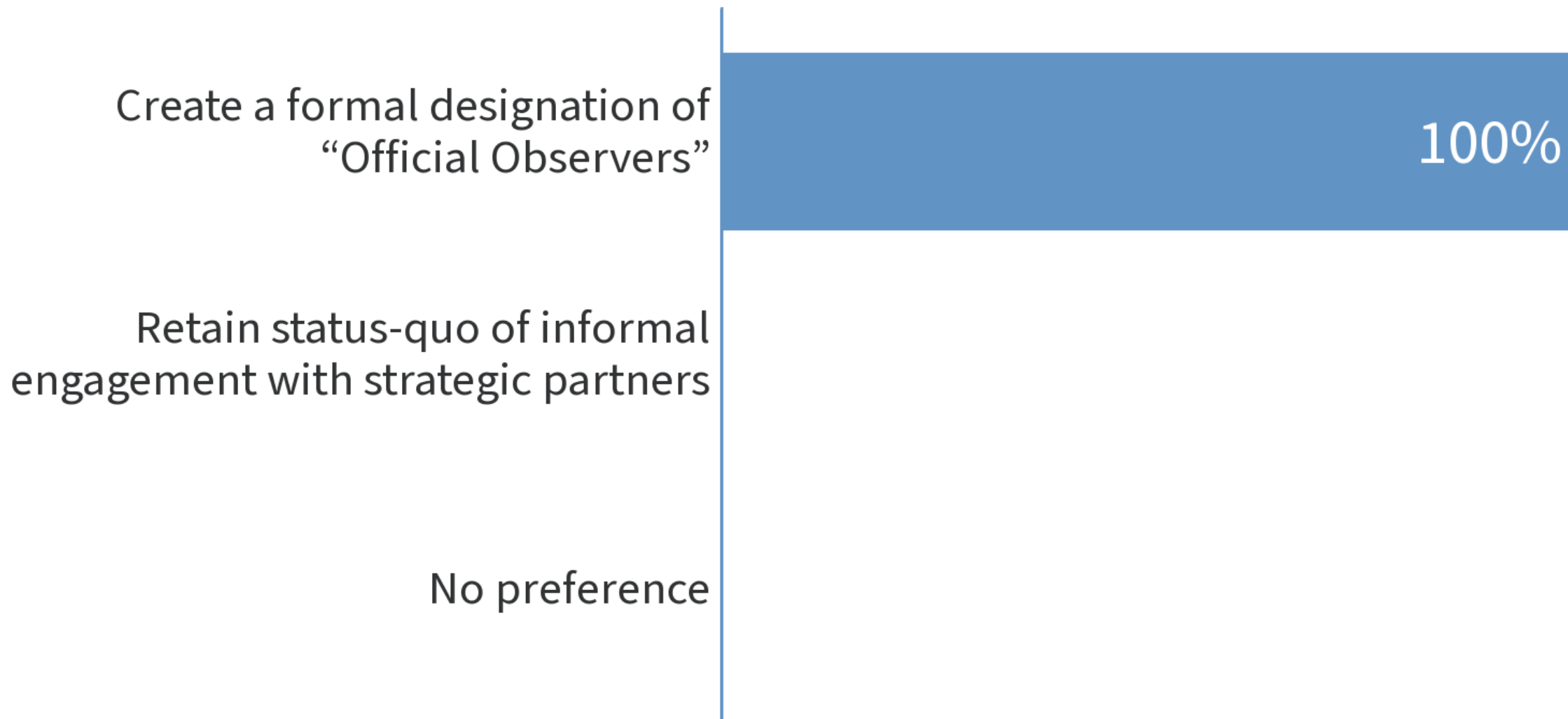
- Create a designation of “official observers,” which would allow regular participation of non-governmental organizations, including but not limited to, Strategic Partners
- Update the Terms of Reference to create clear parameters for the role of “official observers”
 - Welcome to offer ideas, insights and perspectives in Steering Committee discussions
 - Would not participate in decision-making activities of the Steering Committee

Options for Consideration: Expand Steering Committee Membership

Benefits	Potential Constraints
Option 2.B.1: Create a formal designation of “Official Observers”*	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Increases active participation by relevant stakeholders. Allows for more visibility and awareness of what cross-cutting organizations are doing regarding methane, including more visibility for GMI. Incorporates diverse ideas from key strategic partners across the methane community and allows for strategic collaboration. Creates clarity on the role of non-governmental participants in Steering Committee meetings. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Balance between Partner and Observer participation may need to be managed.
Option 2.B.2: Retain status-quo of informal engagement with strategic partners	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Flexible approach requires less administrative burden. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Possible uncertainty on when to extend invites to strategic partners or other organizations, as they would not be invited by default.

**Secretariat recommendation*

How should GMI expand Steering Committee membership?



DISCUSSION & DECISION

Should GMI create a formal designation of “Official Observers”?

Composition of the Subcommittees

- **Key questions:**
 - Who is eligible to participate in the Subcommittees?
 - Can Project Network members participate as “official delegates” to the Subcommittees?
- **Terms of Reference finalized in 2016 provide 2 distinct ways that Project Network members may participate as “official delegates” in the Subcommittees:**
 - As an officially nominated delegate for a country Partner.
 - As an official “at large” delegate to the Subcommittee (not affiliated with a specific country).
- **Secretariat recommendation:**
 - Adjust the Terms of Reference to explicitly state (clarify) that Subcommittees may extend membership to Project Network members

As currently stated in the Terms of Reference

As an officially nominated delegate for a country Partner.

Section 3.5:

“The Subcommittees will be comprised of representatives from interested Partners. A Subcommittee may link formally or informally to other international organizations or partnerships. Each Partner may appoint up to three members to each Subcommittee.”

As an official “at large” delegate to the Subcommittee (not affiliated with a specific country).

Section 3.6:

“A Project Network Member may serve as an official delegate in sector Subcommittees by consent of that Subcommittee.”

Should GMI's Terms of Reference be updated to explicitly state that Subcommittees may extend membership to Project Network members?



DISCUSSION & DECISION

Should GMI adjust the Terms of Reference to explicitly state that Subcommittees may extend membership to Project Network members?

Are there any other concerns, suggestions, or recommendations from Steering Committee members on how to include Project Network members in the Subcommittees?

Health Break



10

minutes



Process for updating the Terms of Reference

Helen Ryan



Updating the Terms of Reference

- The Terms of Reference will be updated to reflect the decisions made at the December Steering Committee meeting and at today's meeting
- Based on decisions made in December:
 - 10-year extension of the GMI charter, with the potential for 5-year check-in for potential revisions
 - Change references to the “Administrative Support Group” (or ASG) to the “Secretariat”
- Updates based on today's discussions (Agenda item 5)
 - Leadership model
 - Minimum requirements and expectations of Partners in leadership roles
 - Opt-in requirement or rotational membership
 - “Official Observer” designation
 - Composition of Subcommittees

Proposed Next Steps

- The Secretariat will propose edits to the Terms of Reference
- The revised Terms of Reference will be shared with the Steering Committee for final review, comment, and concurrence
 - Members may be asked to confirm their country's participation in the Steering Committee as part of their concurrence on the revised Terms of Reference
- The Steering Committee will reconvene in May 2021 to formally adopt the new Terms of Reference
- In the meantime, the current (2016) Terms of Reference, which are set to expire March 31, 2021, will need to be extended until such time as new Terms of Reference are adopted.
- Public announcement of the re-charter will be made at the June 2021 online event

DISCUSSION & DECISION

Opportunity for comments and discussion on the proposed plan
for re-chartering:

1. Extend current charter
2. Edit Terms of Reference, distribute for comments and approval
3. Reconvene in May 2021 to adopt new Charter
4. Public announcement at June 2021 online event

Discuss support for the potential United Nations Declaration on Methane Management

Helen Ryan



Declarations - Process Overview

What

The UN General Assembly (UNGA) may pass a Resolution to designate international days, weeks, years, or decades to call attention to and raise visibility of an issue or cause

How

One or more Member UN States submit a resolution to the General Assembly for a vote

- Resolution must have an associated “Program of Activities” that is commensurate with the time period
- The UN does not provide funding; the Member State(s) must estimate and commit funding to carry out the Program

Implementation

Timing: Typically, there is a lag time between UN General Assembly approval and the start date of the designated time (e.g., UN Resolution passed in September 2021 may become effective in 2023)

Secretariat: a designated entity, funded by Member State(s), may act as a secretariat, dedicated to coordinating and organizing the activities

Declaration on Methane Management: Background / UNECE Efforts

- In 2019, the UNECE Executive Committee voted to send a recommendation for an “International Year or Decade of Methane Management” to the UN Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC)
 - ECOSOC “took note” of the recommendation, thereby formally recognizing the request
- The UNECE Committee on Sustainable Energy requested member States to support calls by partners for the UN General Assembly to consider declaring an International Decade for Methane Management
- April 2021: biennial ECE Commission meeting; opportunity for another statement in support of the International Decade

▶▶▶ UNECE Committee on Sustainable Energy has been socializing this concept with member states including US Mission to the UN

- At this time, not aware of a country with specific plans to introduce a Resolution to the UN General Assembly

▶▶▶ UNECE is willing to host the secretariat to act as the overall coordinator of an International Decade program of activities

- Would require extra budgetary funding

Recap from December 2020 Meeting:

GMI support for a *UN Year/Decade of Methane Management*

■ Consensus:

- Strong support for GMI’s participation in a UN Declaration on Methane Management
- Steering Committee indicated strong support for a UN International *Decade* of Methane Management, over a UN International *Year* of Methane Management

■ Next Steps:

- Secretariat will continue discussions with the United Nations Economic Commission for Europe (UNECE) and Climate and Clean Air Coalition (CCAC) to help identify countries that would be willing to do one or both of the following:
 - Introduce the resolution at the 2021 United Nations General Assembly (UNGA) meeting
 - Act as a “champion” in the months leading up to that meeting
- Secretariat will continue developing a GMI-led “Program of Activities” to be implemented in support of the International Decade (if passed)

Possible Roles for GMI



As a multilateral partnership, GMI roles are limited:

- Cannot introduce a Resolution at the UN General Assembly
 - Does not have a trust fund to commit funding
- GMI could play a role in supporting passage of a Resolution:
 - Endorse the Declaration on Methane Management and encourage support of GMI Partners
 - Encourage GMI Partner countries to consider introducing / championing resolution
 - Offer a GMI-led “Program of Activities” that would advance methane mitigation efforts globally
 - GMI, along with other partnerships and initiatives (e.g., CCAC, UNECE), could be referenced in the Resolution itself
 - Provides visibility and conveys UN imprimatur
 - GMI could support implementation of the Program of Activities
 - Could be independent or jointly in collaboration with CCAC, UNECE, or other organizations
 - e.g., organizing a Global Methane Forum; trainings and workshops on MRV and ways to track methane mitigation in national inventories



Proposed/Notional GMI-Led Program of Activities

[Note: these could be incorporated into a broader Program of Activities by the Member State sponsoring the Resolution]

Direct Technical Assistance and Capacity Building:

- Provide technical support to identify, implement mitigation policies, programs to reduce sector-specific methane emissions:
 - **Information** on opportunities to use methane mitigation strategies to achieve national greenhouse gas reduction goals
 - **Direct technical assistance, training and capacity-building, tools and resources, case studies, and best practices guidance** on methane mitigation project design and development, country-level methane emissions data collection (monitoring, reporting, verification processes) including through workshops, study tours, information exchanges
 - **Facilitation of peer exchange** on successes, best practices and mitigation opportunities
 - **Prefeasibility and feasibility studies, pilot projects** that can be replicated and scaled up regionally
 - **Sector-specific Centers of Excellence** that facilitate peer exchange, capacity building, project replication

Proposed / Notional GMI-Led Program of Activities (2)

Events and Outreach

- Facilitate peer exchange on methane management successes and resources at events, meetings, and workshops
 - Co-host GMI-UNECE Global Methane Forums (one every 2 - 4 years)
- Promote activities, events, successes, and resources via GMI web page, listserv messages, and social media

Identifying Policy, Program and Project Financing

- Identify funding opportunities
- Collaborate with financial institutions to connect GMI Partners with financing or funding opportunities
- Provide capacity building and assistance to develop and implement more effective tracking systems to monitor and measure success
- Collaborate with GMI Strategic Partners to develop tools and resources that assist in identifying financing opportunities
- Explore opportunities to leverage or design other innovative funding mechanisms, including country-specific options, incentives (such as through grant-funding, etc.) and economic mechanisms

A graphic of a video conference window with four participants. The window is divided into four quadrants, each showing a stylized person. The top-left quadrant shows a man with short dark hair wearing a yellow and green plaid shirt. The top-right quadrant shows a woman with dark curly hair wearing a teal turtleneck. The bottom-left quadrant shows a woman with long blonde hair wearing a dark blue jacket over a red top. The bottom-right quadrant shows a man with a beard wearing a dark suit, white shirt, and red tie. Each quadrant contains a microphone icon and a video camera icon. The text "Update on Secretariat Activities" is centered over the top two quadrants, and "Secretariat" is centered over the bottom two quadrants.

Update on Secretariat Activities


Secretariat

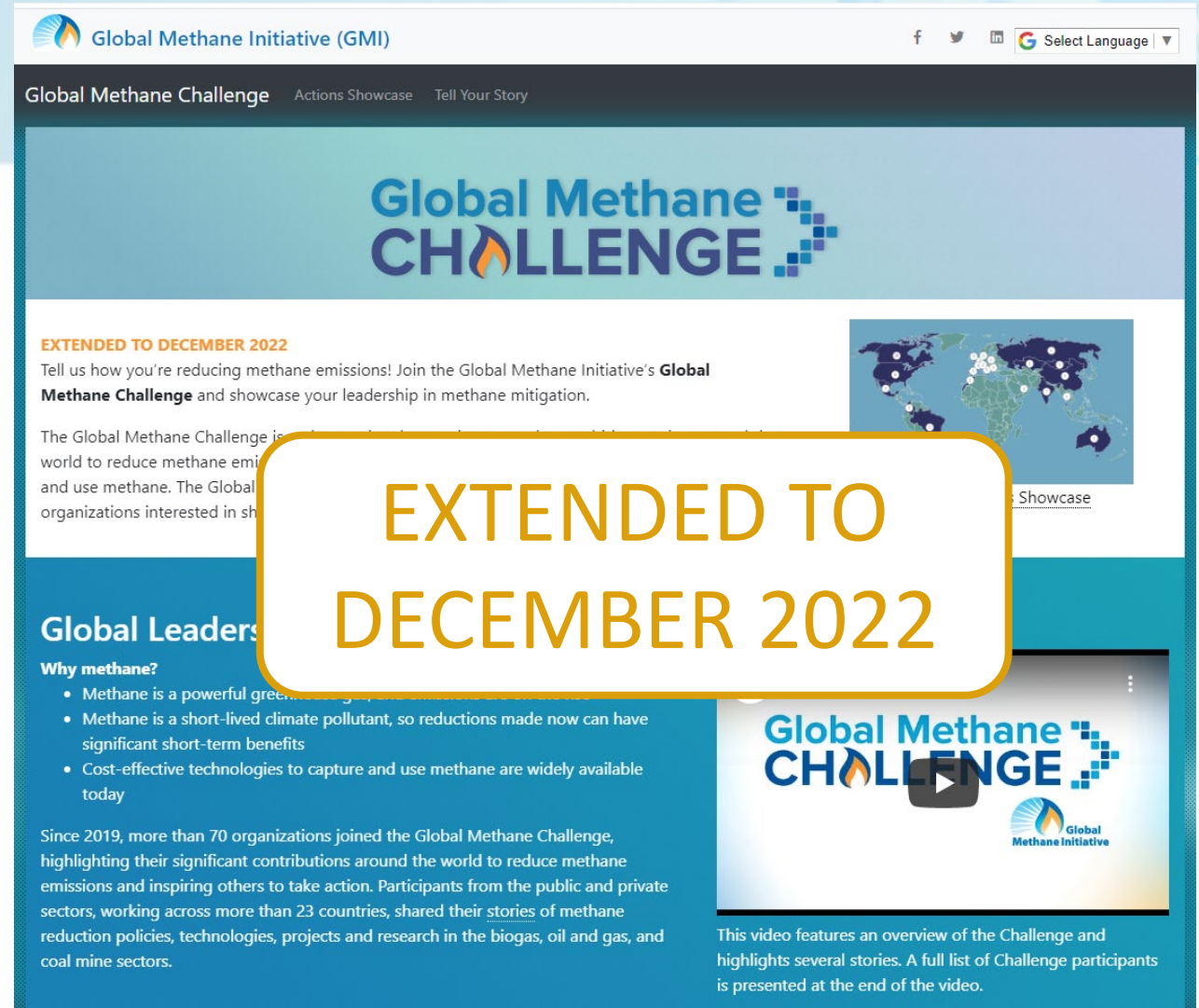
Updates on Strategic Partnerships

- Secretariat reached out to the IEA to determine their interest in formalizing their relationship with GMI
 - Expressed interest in further collaboration with GMI and participating in Steering Committee meetings, subject to availability
 - A more formal “invitation” detailing requested participation and commitment would be welcome
- Identified suggestions for how to include Strategic Partners in portions of Steering Committee meetings; can designate Strategic Partners as “official observers”
- Invite Subcommittee Co-Chairs to identify sector-specific and environmental organizations to collaborate with, determine their interest, and then formalize partnerships or continue engaging more informally, as appropriate
- Next steps:
 - Invite Strategic Partners to join GMI in the Virtual Event in June 2021

Global Methane Challenge

- Promoted the extension of the program through December 2022

 Secretariat is exploring options to develop a recognition or awards element



The screenshot shows the Global Methane Initiative (GMI) website. At the top, the GMI logo and navigation links for 'Global Methane Challenge', 'Actions Showcase', and 'Tell Your Story' are visible. The main heading reads 'Global Methane CHALLENGE'. A prominent yellow callout box with a black border contains the text 'EXTENDED TO DECEMBER 2022'. Below this, a section titled 'EXTENDED TO DECEMBER 2022' includes the text: 'Tell us how you're reducing methane emissions! Join the Global Methane Initiative's Global Methane Challenge and showcase your leadership in methane mitigation.' A world map with location markers is shown to the right. Further down, a 'Global Leaders' section is partially visible, followed by a 'Why methane?' section with a bulleted list: 'Methane is a powerful greenhouse gas', 'Methane is a short-lived climate pollutant, so reductions made now can have significant short-term benefits', and 'Cost-effective technologies to capture and use methane are widely available today'. A video player is shown at the bottom right with the GMI logo and the text: 'This video features an overview of the Challenge and highlights several stories. A full list of Challenge participants is presented at the end of the video.'



GMI 2021 Online Event

Date:
Wednesday, 3 June 2021
Microsoft Live event

Outcome:
Engaged, empowered
government partners prepared to
act on methane

Methane: A Global Call to Action

Featuring keynote speeches from global leaders on methane about:

- ▶ Policies to achieve climate goals
- ▶ Opportunity for global action
- ▶ Next steps for engagement

Objectives

- ▶ Raise international awareness of critical need to reduce methane emissions
- ▶ Emphasize opportunities for GMI and strategic partners to take action to reduce methane
- ▶ Raise awareness and support for the potential Resolution in the UN General Assembly for a Declaration on Methane Management (September 2021)



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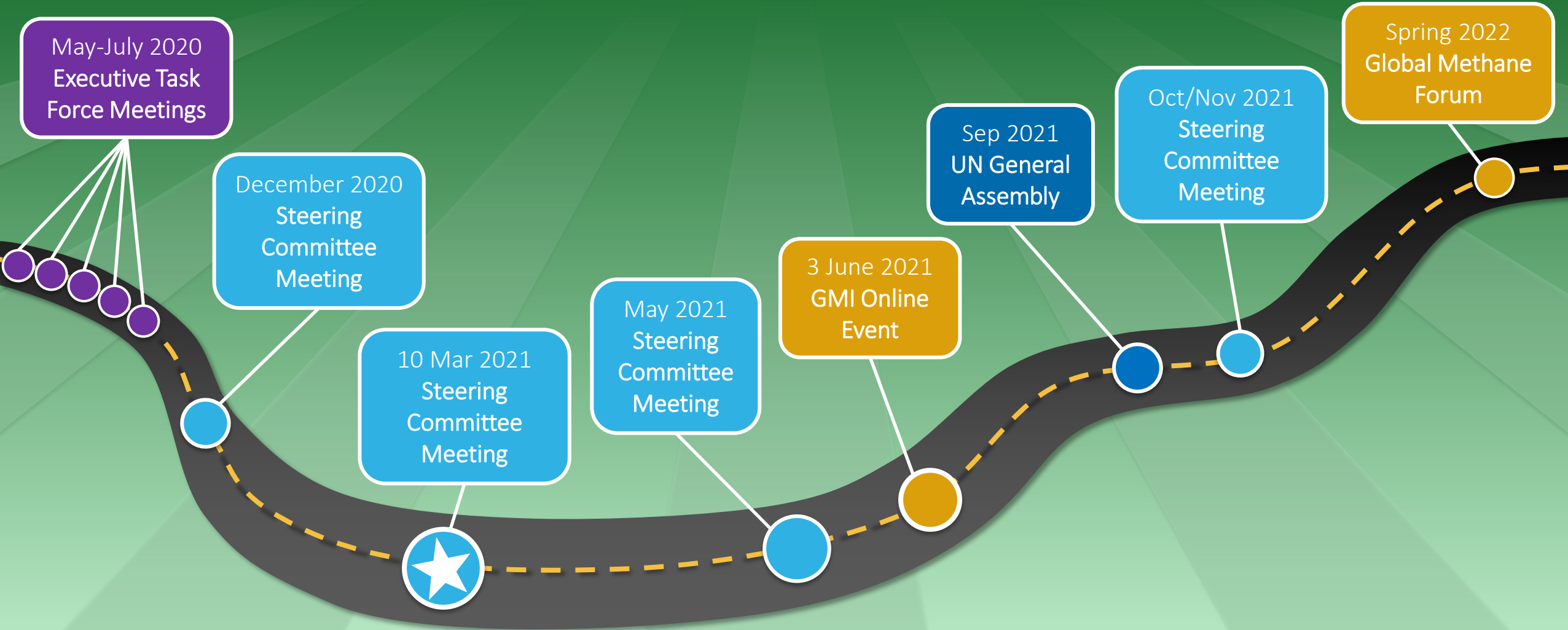
Notional Agenda

Topic
Welcome
Call to Action**
Urgency of Action
Global Assessments / Trends
Multilateral Action
Panel Discussion: Major Sectors <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Oil & Gas• Coal• Biogas

- ** Potential to celebrate / announce:
1. GMI re-charter and/or
 2. Support for UN Declaration on Methane Management
 3. Methane reduction goals and other announcements



Steering Committee Road Map



The Path Forward: Spring 2021

1. Update Terms of Reference
and share with Steering Committee for
review and concurrence

2. Initiate an outreach campaign
to confirm Steering Committee
membership

3. Host a Steering Committee
meeting in May 2021
to approve new Terms of
Reference

THANK YOU
for your participation

Wrap Up and Closing Remarks



- Recap of key decisions and perspectives heard today
- Deliverables:
 - Meeting summary
 - Presentation to be posted on GMI webpage
 - Revised Terms of Reference for your review
 - Save-the-date for the 3 June virtual event
- Next virtual meeting -- May 2021

Adjournment

