



Methane to Markets

Future of Methane to Markets: Outcomes

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Discussion Topics

- Dominican Republic Approved to Join the Partnership
- New and Increased Commitments:
 - National Methane Action Plans
 - Resource Commitments
- Project Network and the Role of Development Banks
- Enhanced Monitoring and Reporting
- New Sources
 - Enteric Fermentation and Rice
 - Wastewater
- Linkage to the UNFCCC
- TOR Renewal

New and Increased Commitments

Discussion included new and increased commitments by Partners (e.g., national methane action plans, enhanced resource commitments).

Outcomes/Consensus/Next Steps:

- **Consensus on the value of national methane action plans.**
 - Plans can be blueprint for guiding coordinated action on methane reduction.
 - Developing countries might need resources to complete plans.
 - Need to connect to country climate action plans, and include appropriate linkages to national inventories.
- **Take message home and discuss need for additional resources commitment for enhanced M2M initiative.**
 - Communication should be both top-down (via U.S./Mexico in reference to Ministerial) as well as bottom-up.
- **New TOR signing would be optimal opportunity to announce new Partnership support and resources (e.g., financial or technical).**

Project Network and the Role of Development Banks

Discussion included the Project Network and the Role of Multilateral Development Banks (e.g., engaging MDBs in a more strategic manner or official capacity, improving coordination with MDBs and facilitating the flow of funding to methane projects).

Outcomes/Consensus/Next Steps:

- Recognition that the Project Network is a valuable part of the Partnership, and there needs to be more strategic MDB involvement.
- Regular participation in the Steering Committee is not the most ideal role for the MDBs, but should be included on an ad-hoc basis as appropriate.
- The ASG will collect information on how the MDBs would like to be involved in the Partnership and report back to the Steering Committee.
- The ASG will investigate holding a stakeholders meeting at India Expo.
- There is another level of financial institution (i.e., national development bank) that needs greater engagement.

Enhanced Monitoring and Reporting

Discussion included enhanced monitoring and reporting.

Outcomes/Consensus/Next Steps:

- Acknowledgement of the value of enhanced monitoring and reporting to highlight Partnership activities and results.
- Consensus to add some element of reporting to the TOR.
- Agreement that reporting mechanisms should not be burdensome to Partners.

New Target Methane Emission Sources: Enteric and Rice

Discussion included new target methane emission sources (e.g., broadening agriculture scope by including enteric fermentation and rice cultivation, which offer benefits beyond clean energy).

Outcomes/Consensus/Next Steps:

- The ASG will solicit interest among Partners to participate in further discussions/consideration.
- Investigate opportunities to incorporate an enteric/rice session as part of the Agriculture policy/technology track at India Expo.
 - Gauge interest based on session participation.
- Evaluate new TOR language.
 - Position M2M as methane information “hub,” with an emphasis on capture and use.
 - Expand beyond capture and use to include abatement and destruction.

New Target Methane Emission Sources: Wastewater

Discussion included new target methane emission sources (e.g., possible expansion to wastewater treatment, where mitigation actions yield clean energy benefits).

Outcomes/Consensus/Next Steps:

- General consensus that wastewater is an important sector but shared concerns over the need for new expertise within existing Subcommittees.
- The ASG will convene a new Task Force co-chaired by Mexico and the United Kingdom to gauge interest and explore possibilities for expansion.
- The ASG will also raise the issue at the upcoming Landfill Subcommittee meeting in Long Beach, CA.
- The Task Force will summarize its findings/results for discussion at the India Expo.

Linkage to the UNFCCC

Discussion included linkage to the UNFCCC process.

Outcomes/Consensus/Next Steps:

- There should also be language in the TOR reinforcing the link to UNFCCC process.
- Consensus on developing new outreach materials for UNFCCC highlighting the importance of methane and role of M2M.
- General consensus that it would be good to have language raised about M2M in the Working Group on Various Mechanisms under the LCA.
 - The ASG will investigate what actions Partners might take to support inclusion.
- There was consensus on the value of observer status.
 - The ASG will investigate what actions Partners might take to support the application.

TOR Renewal

Discussion included a new TOR development process (e.g., extending the existing TOR for set time period or until a new TOR is developed, establishing a process for modifying/renewing the TOR, determining whether the process should conclude with a Ministerial-level meeting/signing event).

Outcomes/Consensus/Next Steps:

- The existing TOR should be extended until a revised version is put into place.
- A Ministerial Meeting should be held to launch revised TOR in conjunction to a COP-16 preparatory Ministerial meeting in Mexico.
- The ASG will develop a redlined, strike-out version for discussion at the next Steering Committee meeting, incorporating suggestions from the 6th Steering meeting.
 - The ASG will circulate the version no later than the end of January 2010.