



Methane to Markets

Report from Steering Committee

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Overview

- Major Outcomes of Steering Committee
- Charge to Partners
- Charge to Subcommittees
- Closing

Steering Outcomes: New Partners and Steering

- Ethiopia and Ghana's requests to join the Partnership and the Steering Committee were approved.
 - Ghana will participate in Landfill and Oil & Gas.
 - Ethiopia will participate in Agriculture and Landfill.
- Steering Committee agreed upon revised process for expressing desire to be a Steering Committee member.
 - Partners are considered Steering Committee “observers” from the time they join the Partnership.
 - After 12 months (and any time thereafter), a Partner may request to become a Steering Committee member via letter to the ASG, which should outline their engagement in the Partnership to date.
- The ASG will develop guidance to help Partners describe their engagement in Steering Committee request letters.

Steering Outcomes: Wastewater Treatment

- The Steering Committee has decided to add wastewater treatment as a focal area of the Partnership.
- The Landfill Subcommittee is charged with exploring options for engagement in the sector and making recommendations on how it should be incorporated into the Partnership structure.
- If Partners outside this subcommittee are interested, they can contact ASG to participate.

Steering Outcomes: UNFCCC Status

- The Steering Committee decided not to continue seeking observer status for the Partnership in the UNFCCC.
- Partners should work with the ASG to ensure that the Partnership is well-represented at the COP through national mechanisms.

Steering Committee: Terms of Reference (TOR)

- The Steering Committee completed a working draft of a revised TOR.
 - Expanded scope to include abatement
 - Included wastewater
 - Subcommittee leadership
 - Communicating progress/accomplishments
 - Action plans
 - UNFCCC linkage
- By 31 March 2010, the ASG will circulate a clean version of these revisions to all Steering Committee members for 60-day review. The final draft will be made available to all Partners in advance of the Ministerial.

Steering Committee: Partnership Ministerial

- Mexico will host a Ministerial in conjunction with the pre-COP or the COP itself.
- The elements of the Ministerial event, which is expected to last approximately half a day, will likely include:
 - A Ministerial declaration.
 - The ASG will develop an initial draft that will be reviewed by the Steering Committee, then circulated to all Partners for input.
 - The goal is to finalize the declaration approximately one month prior to the Ministerial.
 - Country statements, photo opportunities, press events, success story posters.
- Steering Committee meeting will take place on preceding day(s).