

Status of GMI Partner Action Plans

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Action Plans

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Background

- Since 2004, Subcommittees have worked to create sector-specific action plans in order to identify needs, opportunities, and priorities for project development in a sector.
- In 2007, Steering Committee members discussed need to create country-specific sector action plans and directed Subcommittees to work with Partners.
- As part of the 2010 GMI launch, the Steering Committee incorporated these country-specific action plans as “GMI Partner Action Plans” into the TOR.
- ASG developed GMI Partner Action Plan guidance, disseminated late 2011.

Background (2)

- GMI Partner Action Plan guidance presented four key questions:
 1. What are your country's objective and priorities for participating in GMI?
 2. What are you doing now in your country—or in other countries—to advance methane project development and mitigation?
 3. What is your country seeking from—or planning to contribute to—GMI?
 4. Share any additional information, accomplishments, or successes related to your participation in GMI.

Status of GMI Action Plans

- In 2011, the Steering Committee adopted the proposed guidance and encouraged Partner Countries to complete GMI Partner Action Plans prior to the Methane Expo 2013.
- Steering Committee consensus:
 - Requested Partners to designate one official GMI Action Plan representative.
 - Requested Partners to incorporate or leverage existing tools and resources from other climate initiatives into Action Plans.
 - Suggested performing periodic updates to GMI Action Plans.
 - Agreed that Action Plans would be posted on GMI website.
- Two Partners have submitted new or revised plans since 2011.
- ASG estimates approximately 30% of all sector-specific action plans have been submitted.

Status of GMI Action Plans (2)

- Based upon feedback from Partner Countries, ASG believes that the following barriers contribute significantly to the low completion rate:
 - Difficulty reaching across multiple jurisdictions
 - Lack of resources to complete plans
 - Action plan “fatigue”
- To help facilitate GMI Partner Action Plan development, ASG suggests the Steering Committee discuss the original intent of these plans and the challenges Partners have experienced in attempting to develop them.
 - Are there other key barriers to Action Plan development?
 - How can these other barriers be overcome?

Challenges to Action Plan Completion

- Barrier: Difficulty achieving coordination across multiple agencies.

Potential Solutions:

- Provide explicit guidance to Partners clarifying the flexibility of the GMI Action Plans.
- Clarify that information provided in the plan identifying future priorities is non-binding.
- Encourage all Partners to update or submit sector-specific action plans for sectors in which they are actively engaged.

Challenges to Action Plan Completion (2)

- Barrier: Limited financial or staff resources.

Potential Solution:

- Identify needs and discuss ways in which actions already underway—or could be initiated—to assist in development of plans.
- Barrier: Action plan “fatigue.”

Potential Solution:

- Identify how planning processes for GMI Partner Action Plans and similar—but distinct—initiatives (e.g., NAMAs, CCAC) can complement each other and how to avoid duplication of efforts.

Possible Avenues to Leverage Existing Tools, Resources, and Efforts

- **Nationally Appropriate Mitigation Actions (NAMAs):** Policies, programs, or projects implemented at the national, regional, or local levels that contribute to the goal of measurable and verifiable GHG reductions.
 - Intended to enable mitigation action and provide access to financing under future climate agreements.
 - Recognize that countries might take different nationally appropriate GHG mitigation actions.
 - Emphasize the need for financial assistance from developed countries to developing countries.

NAMAs

- NAMAs introduced as part of the 2007 Bali Road map.
- Formed part of the 2009 Copenhagen Accord, which called on participating countries to pledge specific GHG mitigation actions:
 - Developed countries to set quantified economy-wide emission target for 2020.
 - Developing countries to implement NAMAs.
 - Pledges aim to reduce global GHG emissions 4% – 16% below business as usual by 2020 through specific actions.

NAMAs (2)

- A number of GMI Partners are engaged in efforts to support the development of NAMAs, including:
 - MSW Subcommittee efforts on Measuring, Reporting and Verification (MRV).
 - Environment Canada NAMA efforts in Latin America (e.g., MSW in Colombia, Oil and Gas in Colombia and Mexico).
 - Japan's NAMA assistance in Ethiopia and Serbia.
- For GMI Partners that include methane reductions in their NAMA, particularly as they relate to any GMI activities they have undertaken or are planning, the methane section of their NAMA could serve as their GMI Partner Action Plan.

Possible Avenues to Leverage Existing Tools, Resources, and Efforts (2)

- Under **Climate and Clean Air Coalition (CCAC)** to reduce SLCPs, Mexico leads an initiative to develop National Action Plans for SLCPs. This includes:
 - Inventory development
 - Building on existing air quality
 - Climate change and development agreements
 - Assessment, prioritization, and demonstration of promising SLCP mitigation measures
- Many GMI Partners have joined the CCAC. Efforts should be made to coordinate the SLCP Action Plans so that the GMI Methane Action Plans comprise the methane component of those plans, eliminating duplication of effort.

Issues for Steering Committee Consideration

- Does the Steering Committee wish to charge the Subcommittees with continuing to identify how they can support and assist Partners in both the development and implementation of sector action plans and overarching partner action plans?
- Does the Steering Committee wish to task the ASG with tracking progress and communicating with appropriate entities to facilitate the completion of GMI methane action plans to avoid duplication and ensure mutual support?
- Does the Steering Committee wish to ask the ASG to issue revised guidance on action plans that provides additional direction on encouraging linkages to any existing climate plans (E.g., NAMAs, SLCP Action Plans, or other planned or existing country climate plans)?