

GMI's Relationship with CCAC

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- CCAC Methane Initiatives
- Potential Opportunities for Joint GMI/CCAC Engagement
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Climate and Clean Air Coalition (CCAC) to Reduce Short-Lived Climate Pollutants (SLCPs)

- Voluntary partnership uniting governments, intergovernmental, and non-governmental organizations and representatives of civil society.
 - First global effort to treat SLCPs as a collective challenge.
 - Launched in February 2012 by six countries and UNEP.
 - Objective to support fast action to mitigate methane, black carbon, and HFCs.
- Membership as of February 2013
 - 28 state partners (of which 19 are GMI Partners)
 - 28 Non-State Partners (NGOs and multilateral institutions)

CCAC Background

- To date, CCAC has collected more than \$14 million in pledges for its Trust Fund (administered by UNEP), to be used for technical work to support the initiatives (see below) and the secretariat functions.
- CCAC has officially launched seven initiatives, two of which have strong focus on methane:
 - Municipal Solid Waste (MSW) Management Initiative
 - Accelerating Methane and Black Carbon Reductions from Oil and Natural Gas Production

CCAC Methane Initiatives

- **MSW Management Initiative**
 - Seeks to address methane and black carbon across the MSW sector by working directly with cities and national governments.
 - Holistic approach to include capping/closing open dumps, capturing/utilizing landfill gas, and ensuring proper waste handling and organics management.
 - Will deploy technical assistance and bring cities/ countries together to share best practices.
 - CCAC partners leading this initiative include: Canada, Mexico, UNEP, United States, World Bank, and the C40 Cities in collaboration with the Clinton Climate Initiative.
 - Initial focus on 10 pilot cities to be expanded over time, and a knowledge sharing platform.

CCAC Methane Initiatives (2)

- Accelerating Methane and Black Carbon Reduction from Oil and Natural Gas Production
 - Seeks to work with stakeholders to encourage implementation of new and existing measures to reduce methane emissions from natural gas venting, leakage, and flaring.
 - Intends to build upon technical expertise and industry knowledge of GMI, Natural Gas STAR International Program, and the Global Flaring Reduction Partnership.
 - CCAC partners leading this initiative include: Australia, Canada, France, Italy, Mexico, Nigeria, Norway, Sweden, UNEP, United States, and World Bank.
 - Involves high level (Minister to CEO) outreach and voluntary commitments.

CCAC Methane Initiatives (3)

- Both of these initiatives were conceived of, designed, and led by GMI Partner countries.
 - Intended to build upon GMI accomplishments and leverage the high-level political will created by the CCAC.
 - Initiatives are more broadly focused than GMI activities (e.g., include black carbon as well as methane).
- Other potential areas of intersection with GMI:
 - National action planning for SLCPs - initiative already endorsed by the Working Group, under development.
 - Agriculture sector - Broad interest across CCAC membership in developing an initiative focused on the agriculture sector. Scope to be defined.
 - Financing – initiative has been proposed by World Bank.

Opportunities for Beneficial Engagement

- GMI and CCAC share certain characteristics
 - Voluntary, non-binding international public private partnerships.
 - Aligned interest in methane emissions reductions
 - Some overlap in Partner membership
- Distinct initiatives with complementary missions.
 - CCAC is more broadly focused (three SLCPs)
 - GMI more targeted focus on methane in five key sectors
 - GMI has a more clearly defined structure, has developed action plans at the sectoral and national level, strong track record of project identification, technical assessments, tool and resource development, capacity building and training
- CCAC has clearly benefited from GMI input, experience, technical expertise, tools, resources
 - Oil & Gas and MSW Initiatives conceptualization, implementation
 - Methane Expo as a catalyst for bringing diverse groups together.

Opportunities for Beneficial Engagement (2)

CCAC offers potential opportunities to enable GMI to achieve methane reduction goals:

- Garnering high level attention and political will to the issue of SLCPs including methane
 - Opportunity for GMI to expand its outreach, communicate more broadly
- Engaging with new strategic partners
 - Mayors of major cities, high level officials from global oil and gas companies, multilateral banks
- Potential to dedicate financial or in-kind resources towards activities that promote methane reductions consistent with GMI's mission
 - Funding of specific activities focused on methane emissions reductions would augment GMI efforts
 - Opportunities to leverage ongoing activities such as workshops, trainings, information sharing

Future collaboration

Three primary areas of mutual interest

- Existing initiatives that are methane focused
 - Oil & Gas
 - MSW
 - Track these activities and communicate with appropriate GMI Subcommittees
- Potential new initiatives that have a methane component
 - Agriculture – would be beneficial to be involved in design of this initiative to ensure it is not duplicative of GMI work
 - Financing – GMI has strong equities, technical expertise to contribute
 - Future CCAC action in other sectors?
- SLCP Action Plans
 - GMI has already done significant strategic planning related to methane reduction activities at the sectoral and national level and this should be leveraged.

Future collaboration (2)

- To date, communications across the two initiatives have been extensive but ad hoc and could be strengthened.
 - Strong engagement within the specific methane-focused activities but no consistent communication back to broader GMI community
 - ASG has been providing informal updates on CCAC at GMI subcommittee meetings/webinars based upon reports from direct U.S. Government engagement in CCAC meetings.
 - No official GMI representation or formal communication at the broader coalition level (i.e., CCAC Working Group meetings).

Items for Steering Committee Consideration

- How can GMI and CCAC continue to expand areas of mutual collaboration to the benefit of both organizations and respective partners of each effort, and most importantly to overall methane reduction opportunities?
- Are there ways to strengthen information flow and sharing between GMI and CCAC about relevant methane-related activities such as through a more formalized relationship or modes of communication between the two entities?