

# Steering Committee Decisions

Outcomes and Charges to the Initiative

**2<sup>nd</sup> GMI Steering Committee Meeting**  
**March 2013**

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**Vancouver, British Columbia**  
**Canada**



# Meeting Summary

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- Country Updates
- Subcommittees Updates
- Major decisions and outcomes
  - GMI Partner Action Plans
  - Relationship with CCAC
  - Financing methane projects and funding activities
  - Communications and outreach update
  - Next steps for GMI
- Charges to ASG, Partners, and Subcommittees



# Major Decisions and Outcomes: GMI Partner Action Plans

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- Low rate of partner completion of action plans
- Identified key barriers:
  - Jurisdictional conflicts
  - Resources
  - Action plan “fatigue”
- Expressed support for development and completion of GMI Partner Action Plans
  - Beneficial way to communicate priorities, opportunities, activities and accomplishments across the partnership.
- Suggestions for moving forward:
  - Emphasize flexibility: in structure, format, even name
  - Don’t want to duplicate planning efforts – take advantage of ongoing work through NAMAs, etc.
  - Better to do sector-specific plans than not at all

# GMI Partner Action Plans (2)

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- Tasked ASG with providing a high-level summary of the key benefits of the GMI action plans to help persuade home offices of their importance
- Tasked ASG with revising guidance to emphasize flexibility
  - Allowing for re-naming as needed to meet countries' needs (e.g., Methane Documents, Methane Activities, Methane Planning, etc.)
  - Where appropriate, the Plan can consist of a high-level summary with links to relevant plans describing current activities and/or existing documents
    - E.g., NAMAs, SLCP action plans, other national climate change strategies, etc.
  - Emphasize ability to update frequently

# Major Decisions and Outcomes: Relationship with CCAC

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- Discussed the respective origins, missions, and roles of the two partnerships
  - Some clear overlap in mission: methane
  - Some overlaps in membership: 19 GMI Partners are also CCAC partners
  - Some sectoral and substantive overlaps: oil & gas, MSW, action planning, financial incentives
- GMI's recognized strengths are technical expertise, development of pipeline of project opportunities, established public-private networks
- CCAC is relatively new; respective strength is high-level political engagement and resources

## Relationship with CCAC (2)

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- Some concerns about potential for duplication of efforts, and the lack of definition of scope for the initiatives that are closely related to the GMI sectors
- Consensus that both can play important roles and that they are mutually beneficial
  - Soccer analogies: “we are on the same team”; “now we have two strikers on the field”
  - Recognized synergies of co-locating meetings and events -- as at the Vancouver Expo

## Relationship with CCAC (3)

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- Tasked the ASG with increased communication to GMI Partners regarding CCAC developments.
  - Mid-year update to the Steering Committee meeting
- Supported more active coordination and communication with CCAC to clarify distinct activities, ensure no overlap or duplication
  - Subcommittee / sectoral level: MSW, Oil & Gas, and forthcoming Ag initiatives
  - Cross-cutting: Financing, action planning initiatives
- Encouraged Partnership to seek opportunities for further collaborations, e.g.,
  - Joint GMI/CCAC meetings
  - Joint GMI/CCAC projects or activities

# Major Decisions and Outcomes: Financing/Funding Methane Activities

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- Encouraged Partners to share information on potential funding assistance (e.g., bilateral or multilateral funding; grant opportunities) through appropriate venues:
  - GMI Partner Action Plans
  - ASG to circulate or post information about opportunities
- Tasked the ASG with:
  - Tracking and communicating on the ongoing CCAC finance initiative led by the World Bank
  - Reviewing the forthcoming G8 Methane Finance Study Group report and developing for the Steering Committee suggestions for implementation or next steps.

# Financing/Funding Methane Activities (2)

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- To the extent they are actively engaged in methane-related CCAC initiatives, encourage GMI Partners to leverage funding opportunities for these activities.
- Evaluate potential opportunities to fund GMI activities including travel support.
- Evaluate potential opportunities to leverage efforts through the Sustainable Energy for All initiative.
- Engage the multilateral development banks for regular updates on their funding opportunities to identify ways to leverage or engage in joint activities and projects
- Task the Subcommittees with identifying needs and barriers related to financing for each of the sectors.

# Major Decisions / Outcomes: Communications and Outreach

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- There are numerous venues for outreach and communications about GMI and methane-related activities:
  - Website
  - Social media
  - Methane International newsletter
- All Partners are encouraged to provide the ASG with information about events, partners
- New partners, new activities, new initiatives are very welcome!

# Major Decisions and Outcomes: GMI Future

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- 2014 will be GMI's 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary!
- We should celebrate this important milestone
  - Acknowledge our accomplishments through a summary report
  - Highlight Best Practices across the methane sectors
  - Host an all-Partnership meeting

# Charge to Partnership: Action Plans

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## **ASG:**

- Revise guidance to emphasize flexibility.
- Develop a summary of benefits of action plans.

## **Partners:**

- Develop or update plans, including sectoral plans.
- Incorporate existing tools and/or resources from other climate initiatives or plans (e.g., NAMAs) into GMI Partner Action Plans.
- Include information on bilateral or multilateral funding assistance in GMI Partner Action Plans.

## **Subcommittees:**

- Continue to identify how to support Partners in the development and implementation of the GMI Partner Action Plans.

# Charge to Partnership: Relationship with CCAC

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## **ASG:**

- Increase communication to GMI Partners regarding CCAC developments particularly in methane-related or cross-cutting areas.

## **Partners:**

- For Partners engaged in both GMI and CCAC, look for ways to leverage efforts in both (e.g., meetings, activities that could be mutually beneficial)

## **Subcommittees:**

- Consider co-locating meetings with CCAC initiatives where it would be beneficial

# Charge to Partnership: Financing/Funding Methane Projects

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## **ASG:**

- Circulate forthcoming G8 Methane Finance Study Group report, and suggest ways to implement results/findings.
- Track the ongoing CCAC Financing initiative led by the World Bank.

## **Partners:**

- Seek to leverage funding opportunities for CCAC methane-related activities.
- Share information about potential funding opportunities with other partners.
- Identify opportunities to provide travel assistance for GMI meetings and activities.

## **Subcommittees:**

- Identify key barriers and needs related to financing in each sector.

# Charge to Partnership: Outreach & Communication

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## ASG:

- Work with Partners and Subcommittees to obtain information for **website** postings, particularly as it relates to country resources and project success stories.
- Continue to use **social media** to communicate effectively.
- Conduct periodic check-in with Partners for activities or other stories they might contribute to **newsletter**.
- Continue to develop and circulate **outreach materials** (e.g., forthcoming Wastewater fact sheet).

# Charge to Partnership: Outreach & Communication

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## Partners and Subcommittees:

- Work directly with the ASG to provide information for the **website**, especially project success stories, **press releases**, or other new items.
- Follow GMI through **social media (Facebook, Linked In, Twitter)**
- Use the **newsletter** to highlight projects, conferences, or other success stories.
- Distribute **GMI outreach materials** through presentations at energy-, environment-, or industry-related conferences.

# Charge to Partnership: GMI Future

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## **ASG:**

- Explore options and seek host for a partnership-wide meeting in 2014 to celebrate GMI's 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary.
- Develop a schedule of milestones for the accomplishments report.
- Develop a scoping report for Best Practices.

## **Partners:**

- Consider hosting a 2014 all-partnership meeting.
- Identify a point of contact to provide information for the 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Partnership Accomplishments Report.

## **Subcommittees:**

- Provide information about Best Practices
- Provide information about sector-specific lessons learned.

**Many thanks**  
***Merci beaucoup***  
**to our**  
**gracious Canadian hosts!**

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# Steering Committee: Next Steps

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- We should meet at least once in person if possible by end of 2013,
  - possibly co-located with a CCAC or other meeting,
  - possibly in addition to a virtual meeting
- Request Partners
  - All Partners: to assign points of contact / participants for a Partnership Accomplishment Report Task Force
  - Developed country partners: evaluate opportunities to fund travel support for developing country delegates
- Task ASG
  - Develop a schedule on Accomplishments Report
  - Scoping paper on Best Practices
  - Devise a new format / guidelines for Subcommittee progress reports