



Linking Policy to Changing Conditions: Framework for Stimulating Investment

Global Methane Forum

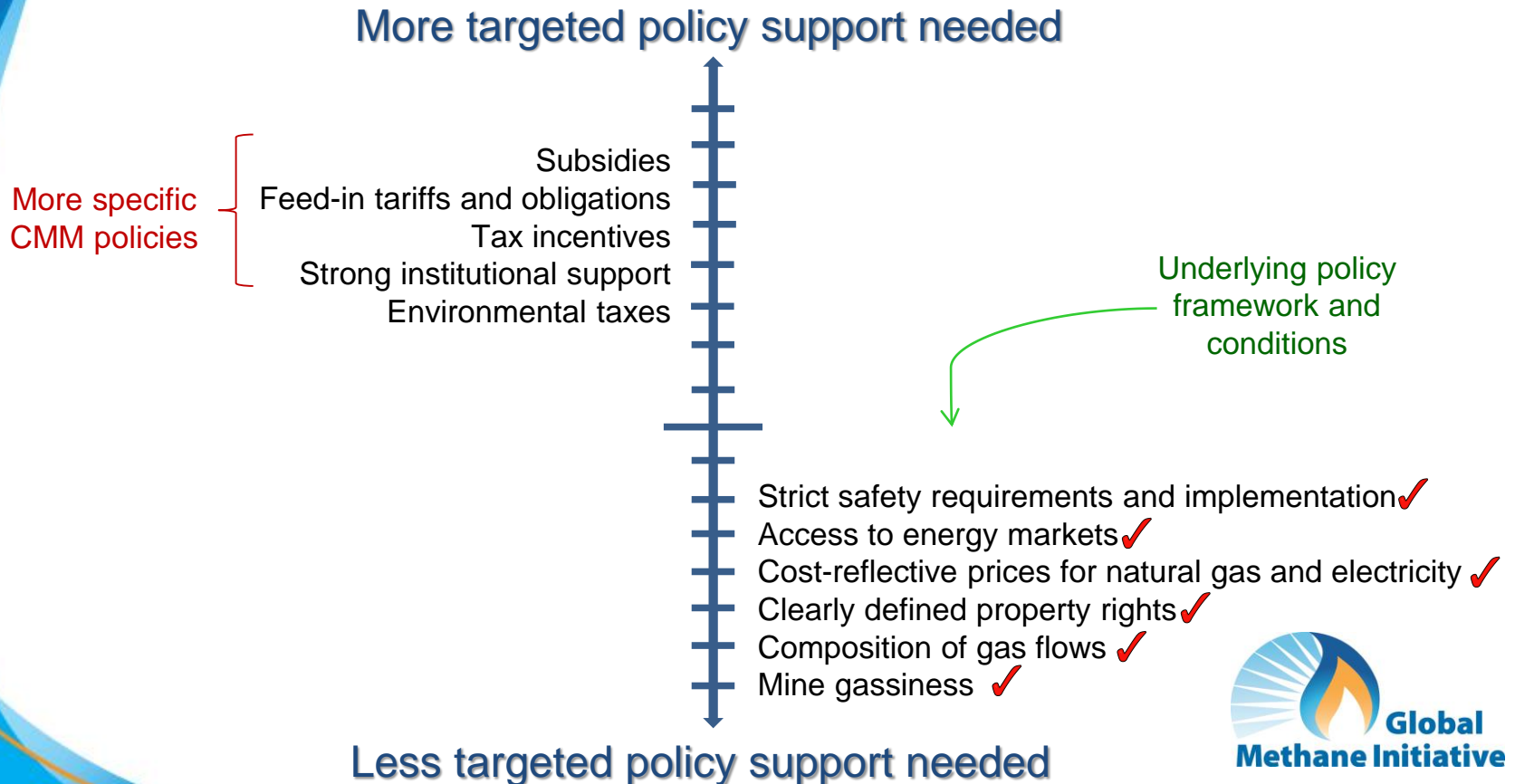
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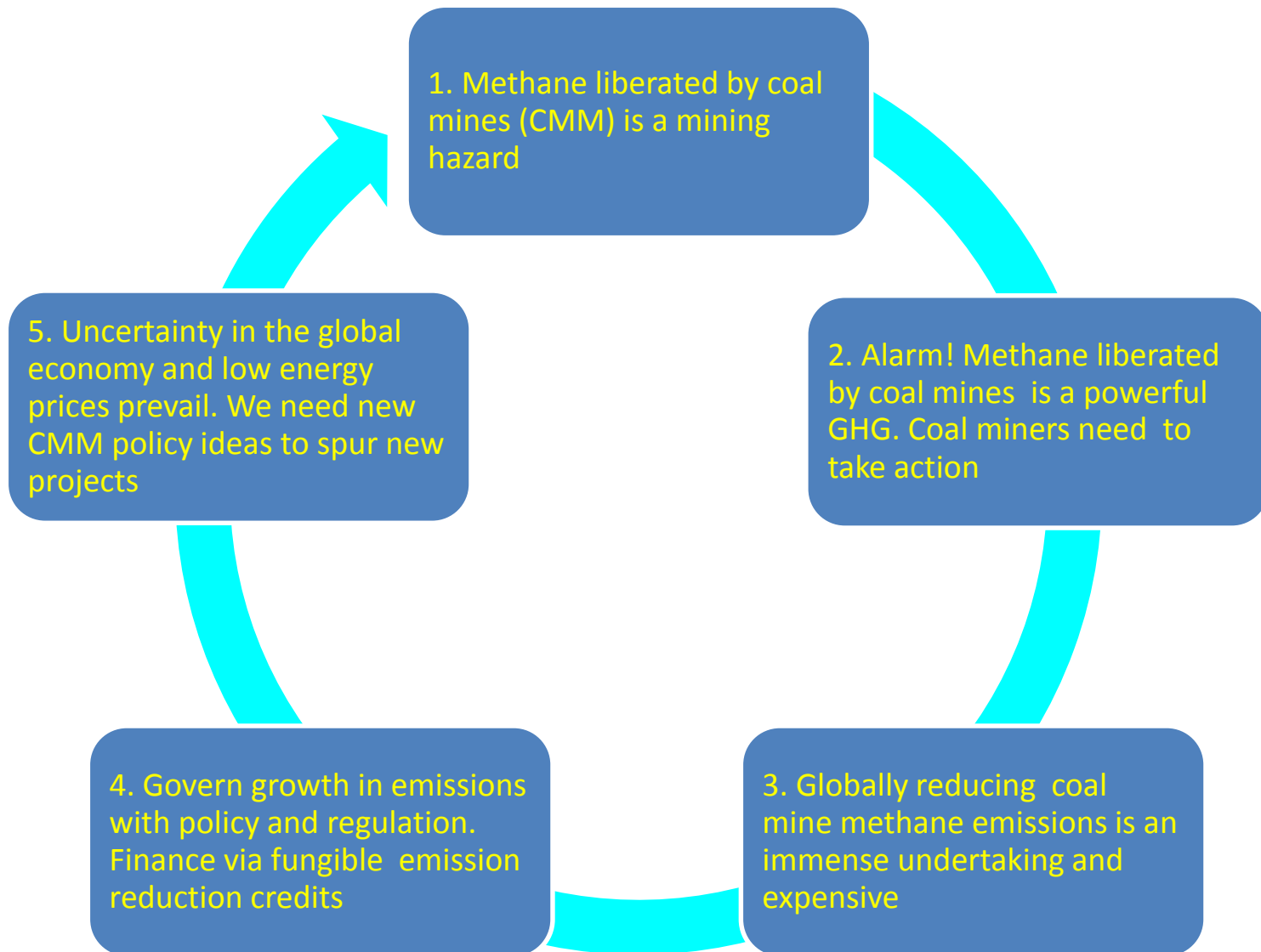


A framework for functionally categorizing policies...

- When the underlying policy framework and conditions are favorable, CMM-specific policies might not be needed



The policy attention cycle— 25 years later, where do we go with CMM emissions policy?



After Anthony Downs, 1972, The issue attention cycle and the political economy of improving our environment.



Policy wish list: a framework to provide certainty for business

- Change the perception that coal mine methane is only a liability and hazard.
- Promote its capture and use and facilitate its transformation into an asset which can provide revenue and contribute to operational certainty, while protecting the global environment
- Policies should do two things:
 - Clarify the legal rights and obligations related to gases associated with coal:
 - Laws and regulations should protect the safety of the miner
 - Provide clear paths to ownership and responsibility for the gas that is liberated during mining
 - Provide mechanisms for monetization of coal-associated gases that are captured and used by mining companies





Discussion questions

- What kind of policies can be effective given the current financial stress of the coal industry?
- How can countries best develop a comprehensive CMM policy, recognizing Nationally-Determined Contributions (NDCs) and the differing legal and economic conditions?