

2024 Asia Methane Convening Agenda (*Tentative*)

May 22-24, Hotel Naru (Gallery 1&2), Seoul, South Korea

Objective of Convening

In the second quarter of 2024, the Global Methane Hub (GMH) and its convening partner, Solutions for our Climate (SFOC), are preparing the first civil society methane convening in Asia. This in-person gathering at a regional level will provide a unique opportunity to:

- a) Bring together a small but growing network of climate organizations to discuss opportunities for methane mitigation in the region's energy sectors (such as coal, oil and gas) while recognizing the development pathways and articulating the win-wins.
- b) Identify shared or different socioeconomic aspects, political contexts, and industry landscapes affecting methane emissions from this sector.
- c) Create a safe and trusted community of practice to inform, share best practices, build capacity and bolster CSO influence in the region to accelerate methane mitigation aligned to a 1.5C trajectory; support the region in becoming a global climate leader through near-term action on methane mitigation, while ensuring socio-economic co-benefits to the communities where we operate.

Goals:

- **Goal 1:** Develop a shared understanding of the current methane mitigation landscape (historic emissions, trends and opportunities) in the energy sector for Asia.
- **Goal 2:** Identify our biggest aspirations and opportunities for methane reductions in Asia and beyond for 2030, that will work as guiding stars for us as individual organizations and as a community.
- **Goal 3:** Cultivate an ecosystem of existing and relevant civil society actors working on/interested in methane mitigation to play to our comparative advantages, collective influence, promote knowledge sharing, and identify potential gaps we can fill as a community of practice.

Key Deliverables:

- **Deliverable 1:** Co-create a draft 'Asia Methane Energy Action Plan (Timeline) 2024 and beyond' that elevates our singular efforts to maximize collaborative climate impact in the region.
- **Deliverable 2:** Develop a community of practice with collective agreements on shared goals and vision for methane mitigation in Asia, including a cadence for regular peer-to-peer learning, knowledge sharing and strategic internal communications, including identifying who else may need to be involved in future discussions.

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Day 0: Arrivals & Welcoming Dinner – Tuesday May 21 st , 2024	
Time	Session
All day	Arrival & Check-in
	Welcome Dinner
Day 1: Presentation Day – Wednesday May 22 nd , 2024	
Time	Session
9:00-9:30	Registration & Coffee
9:30-10:00	Welcome & Opening Remarks <ul style="list-style-type: none"> · Jungwon Doh, Head, Climate Change Implementation Team, Chungcheongnam-do Provincial Government · Manjot Ahluwalia, Regional Lead - Asia, Global Methane Hub · Joojin Kim, CEO, Solutions for Our Climate Tour De Table - Sharing our methane win-win aspirations
10:00-10:40	Methane 101: The Asia Methane Landscape & Trends in the Global Context <ul style="list-style-type: none"> · Fan Dai, Director, California-China Climate Institute, UC Berkeley
10:40-11:00	Coffee Break
11:00-12:00	China: An Overview of the Methane Landscape <ul style="list-style-type: none"> · Fu Sha, Director, Strategy & Planning, Energy Foundation China · Xiaonan Zhang, Methane Manager, Environmental Defense Fund
12:00-13:30	Lunch Break
13:30-14:30	Japan, Korea, Australia: An Overview of the Methane Landscape <ul style="list-style-type: none"> · Jinsun Roh, Head of Industry & Methane Lead, Solutions for Our Climate · Toshikazu Ishihara, Senior Research Fellow, Climate Change, Renewable Energy Institute · Harkiran Narulla, Senior Strategist, The Sunrise Project
14:30-14:45	Coffee Break
14:45-15:45	Methane Data to Action 1: Emission Inventories <ul style="list-style-type: none"> · Sarah Ann Smith, Program Director – Energy, Global Methane Hub · Irina Semykina Senior Consultant, Carbon Limits · Kwang-Joo Moon, Senior Researcher, Korea Environmental Science Institute · Rachael Shin, Senior Researcher, Oil & Gas, Solutions for Our Climate
15:45-16:00	Coffee Break
16:00-17:00	Methane Data to Action 2: Measurement <ul style="list-style-type: none"> · Shareen Yawarajah, Director, Energy Transition, Environmental Defense Fund · Alexandra Hegarty, Critical Minerals & Methane Analyst, International Energy Agency (Virtual)
17:00-17:30	Wrap-up - Summary of points discussed, glimpse of Day 2
17:30-18:00	Break Time
18:00-20:00	Dinner

Day 2: Joint Strategy Sessions – Thursday, May 23rd, 2024	
Time	Session
9:00-9:30	Coffee
9:30-10:00	Day 1 Summary - Panel session (3 panelists)
10:00-11:00	<p>India, Indonesia & Malaysia: An Overview of the Methane Landscape</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> · Vidyapati Bajpai, Associate Fellow – Energy, Climate & Development, Swaniti Global · · Anjulie Razak, Project Coordinator & Researcher, UM-CERAH
11:00-11:20	Coffee Break
11:20-13:00	<p>[Interactive Session] Identifying Cross-regional Opportunities and Challenges <i>Designed to facilitate exchange. Each group will designate a notetaker and rapporteur report back at the end of the session.</i></p> <p>Group discussion by country groupings Report back (rapporteurs)</p>
13:00-14:00	Lunch
14:00-15:30	<p>[Strategic Objective Session] Identifying Regional Opportunities Through Pillars <i>This breakout group discussion aims to identify Asia-wide regional goals on each pillar. Each group will designate a notetaker and rapporteur report back at the end of the session.</i></p> <p>Breakout group discussions</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Pillar 1: Coal (Upstream) 2) Pillar 2: Oil & Gas (Upstream) 3) Pillar 3: Leveraging Import Standards/Buyers' Club to Drive Down Methane Emissions 4) Pillar 4: Leveraging Industry for Fossil Energy Methane Reduction <p>Report back (pillar rapporteurs)</p>
15:30-16:00	Coffee Break
16:00-17:40	<p>[Action Plan] Timeline of Key Actions <i>This breakout group session is designed to identify key moments that could be leveraged to advance our objectives.</i></p> <p>Breakout Group discussions by pillar Report Back (pillar rapporteurs)</p>
17:40-17:55	Wrap-up - Summary of points discussed, glimpse of Day 3
17:55-18:00	Commemorative Photo
18:00-20:00	Networking Session & Official Dinner
Day 3: Convening Wrap-Up & Skill Sharing Session – Friday, May 24th, 2024	
Time	Session
10:00-11:00	<p>Skill Sharing Session: Tactics & Tools in Achieving Goals <i>This panel session aims to share our tactics, tools and best practices to advance our shared goal to reduce methane emissions throughout Asia.</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Research & Data • Corporate Engagement • Policy Engagement <p>Wrap-up: flipchart exercise</p>
11:00-12:00	<p>Drafting Convening Outcomes <i>This session aims to document the outcomes and agreements of the Convening, namely an action plan (timeline) for 2024 and beyond & a collective agreement on the regular cadence for future Cooperation.</i></p> <p>Wrap-up: Documentation on future channels and sectional talks</p>
12:00-13:00	Lunch
14:00-15:00	(Optional) Gas Power Plant Visit or Departure