

METHANE FLAGSHIP (2022-2024)

“Sustained methane mitigation, wherever it occurs, stands out as an option that combines near and long term gains on surface temperature (high confidence) and leads to air pollution benefit by reducing globally the surface ozone level (high confidence).” - IPCC AR6, 2021

The CCAC-UNEP Global Methane Assessment sets out an opportunity to change the climate trajectory within the next 20 years—a critical timeframe for slowing warming and self-reinforcing feedbacks enough to avoid passing dangerous tipping points. This Flagship aims to engender a global enabling environment necessary to reduce human-caused methane emissions by 2030 to levels consistent with the findings of the Global Methane Assessment. This is essential for limiting warming to 1.5°C with limited overshoot and for achieving the goals of the Paris Agreement.

The CCAC Methane Flagship will help achieve these reductions by engaging and mobilizing CCAC partners and other key actors to take steps to reduce methane emissions. It will provide scientific assessments and tools that support decision-making, political engagement at all levels, awareness raising, and national action. The Flagship will focus and consolidate existing CCAC activities on methane, and catalyze additional activities. It will raise the external profile of the breadth and depth of the CCAC’s efforts to reduce methane emissions. The Board will maintain oversight over the Flagship, with coordination provided by the Secretariat. Except where decided by the Board, the Flagship will seek achieve its objectives and support implementation of activities through existing hubs, CCAC bodies such as the Scientific Advisory Panel, with and through its partners and their initiatives.

Goals of the Flagship

1. Foster and strengthen high level commitments to reduce methane.

To achieve this the CCAC will:

- In cooperation with the Global Methane Initiative compile a database of methane pledges and policies.
- Bring together methane champions and showcase them through communication channels, including by Partners.

2. Mobilize and elevate action on methane in key organisations.

To achieve this the CCAC will:

- Map and engage key institutions including: the World Bank, IEA, UNEP, WHO, FAO, WMO. Create working groups with those organisations to explore strategic collaboration and communications strategies for methane action.

3. Amplify and raise awareness on the need to reduce methane emissions

To achieve this the CCAC will:

- Be an authoritative global voice on the current status of methane emissions, mitigation measures and the economic and multiple-benefits of action.
- Advocate for concerted action with key institutions.
- Lead global communication strategy development and convene communications groups to deliver communications materials and campaigns.
- Participate in key forums and high-level events to engage partners in the public and private sector.
- Build messaging on methane mitigation and the benefits of action into all relevant events and activities.

- Continue to advocate that countries include distinct and ambitious mitigation targets for methane and other SLCPs, consistent with the findings of the Global Methane Assessment.
- 4. Act as resource to enhance and support sectoral and national planning hubs in delivery of engagement strategies to achieve 1.5°C consistent methane mitigation**

To achieve this the CCAC will:

- Showcase the best examples of country action and provide platforms for them to shine.
- In the Coalition's work with developing countries:
 - Provide support to assess additional opportunities to reduce their methane emissions including those mitigation options described in the Global Methane Assessment.
 - Support development and applications of tools, resources and support to communicate the opportunity nationally and sub-nationally.
- Prioritise support to develop and strengthen legislation, regulations, and national and sub-national methane mitigation plans.
- Engage, convene, and coordinate with organisations that have technical expertise to assist countries.
- Identify methane mitigation priorities that support, and are ripe for, implementation from national SLCP plans, NDCs and/or relevant sectoral plans, and increase outreach to new potential CCAC partner countries.

5. Enhance policy-relevant methane analysis and tools to support action and commitments.

To achieve this the CCAC will:

- Support development of an online Global Methane Mitigation Tracker to record and quantify progress towards implementation of measures, policies, regulations – including web-based maps showing where specific methane-related practices and regulations are taking place. Leverage and link to existing efforts to track methane mitigation activity, including those by the Global Methane Initiative and the International Energy Agency.
- Develop an action-oriented global roadmap detailing options, timelines, and good practices to implement methane measures identified by the Global Methane Assessment at a scale consistent with 1.5C. Provide a framework for national methane reduction roadmaps and action plans informed by the global level roadmap.
- Work with partners to produce standardised guidance on measuring, creating baselines, setting targets and reporting on methane emissions and reductions.

6. Scale-up financing for methane reductions

To achieve this the CCAC will:

- Ensure focus on methane as it develops its approach to financing.
- Incorporate Flagship goals in 2022 and 2023 CCAC funding decisions.
- Work with financial institutions to define methane reduction criteria and develop a database that details how funders assess fundable projects.
- Work with countries to build capacity to develop fundable projects and identify national focal points to responsible for delivering funding requests.
- Develop a database of successful projects already implemented by governments and the private sector including enabling regulatory environment, capital needs, etc.