

**Panel Discussion: Coal mine methane and its strategic role in climate change mitigation**

**Organizers:** UNECE, Global Methane Initiative

**Target group:** Open to all participants

The panelists will discuss the issue of how coal mine methane (CMM) can be used in climate change mitigation.

**Guiding questions:**

- What is the role of the Global Methane Initiative (GMI) in supporting national methane mitigation strategies?
- How can countries incorporate CMM into their environmental strategies?
- How can national policies link to implementation plans for these strategies?
- What examples from coal producing countries tell us about the link between policies and methane emissions reductions? Give examples.
- What are the benefits of CMM projects and how do they depend on the project’s scale?

Time	Content	Resource person
<b>Coal mine methane and its strategic role in climate change mitigation</b>		
14.00-14.05	Introduction by the moderator	Ms. Felicia Ruiz, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (moderator)
14.05-14.55	Presentations by each panelist	Ms. Felicia Ruiz ( <i>Climate Change Division, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency</i> ) <i>Representative of the Polish Government (tbd)</i> Ms. Meredydd Evans ( <i>Pacific Northwest National Laboratory</i> ) Ms. Xu Xin ( <i>China Coal Information Institute</i> ) Mr. Clark Talkington ( <i>Advanced Resources International</i> )
14.55-15.30	Facilitated discussion	All participants