

# Methane Mondays

## 10<sup>th</sup> Meeting

Tenth meeting, Tuesday, 5 September 2023, 16:00-17:30 Geneva time

Online

### **Draft outline**

- **Topic:** *Politics of Methane.*
- **Focus:**
  - What is the actual impact of the existing initiatives to reduce methane emissions from the coal mining sector.
  - How to change methane from a divisive political matter to a unifying global challenge
- **Issues to be addressed:**
  - Review of the existing agreements and/or initiatives targeting methane emissions undertaken by:
    - the governments,
    - the industries;
  - Assessment of up-to-date results of the existing methane emissions reduction initiatives;
  - Does politization of the problem prevent the governments from making a real difference?
    - How to reconcile the positions of the developing and the developed States?
    - How to give methane real importance domestically and escape from the short term focus of policymakers which is driven by election cycle politics.
  - What is the role of the civil society in addressing the issue of methane emissions?
  - What next?
    - Are we doomed to fail?
    - Should the world give more attention to adaptation?

### **Plan of the event:**

Housekeeping, Mr. Michal Drabik, Secretary, UNECE Group of Experts on CMM and JT (5 minutes)

Welcoming remarks, Mr. Raymond Pilcher, Chair, UNECE Group of Experts on CMM and JT (5 minutes)

Presentations: (45 minutes)

- The existing international agreements/initiatives and voluntary private sector actions targeting methane emissions and their effects, Ms. Felicia Ruiz, CATF
- Methane mitigation – communicating the importance & opportunity; it's all about drivers and communication, Mr. Richard Mattus, RM Consulting
- The problem of methane debate's politization, Kim O'Dowd, Fossil Fuel Campaigner, Environmental Investigation Agency

Summary by Mr. Raymond Pilcher, Chair, UNECE Group of Experts on CMM and JT (5 minutes)

Debate moderated by Mr. Raymond Pilcher, Chair, UNECE Group of Experts on CMM and JT (30 minutes)