

31 January 2024

Dr. Gianpaolo Balsamo
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Subject: Invitation to Speak at the 2024 Global Methane Forum in Geneva, Switzerland

Dear Dr. Balsamo,

On behalf of the Global Methane Initiative (GMI), I cordially invite you to speak during the Keynote session, *A Global Call to Mobilize Methane Action*, at the 2024 Global Methane Forum on 19 March 2024. The Forum, co-hosted by GMI and the United Nations Economic Commission for Europe (UNECE), in partnership with the Global Methane Hub and the Climate and Clean Air Coalition, will be held in Geneva, Switzerland from 18-21 March 2024. The theme for the Forum is **Mobilizing Methane Action**, reflecting the urgent need for the global community to adopt replicable methane mitigation successes and mobilize action to continue making progress towards reducing methane emissions.

As a keynote speaker, you will be part of a cross-cutting plenary session on Tuesday, 19 March 2024, featuring high-level speakers from government, international organizations, and industry. The distinguished invitees for the Keynote session include: Secretary John Kerry, United States Special Presidential Envoy for Climate; María P. Neira, Director of Public Health, Environment and Social Determinants of Health Department, World Health Organization; Tim Gould, Chief Energy Economist, International Energy Agency; and Rachel Kyte, Dean Emeritus of the Fletcher School of Law and Diplomacy, Tufts University.

The Global Methane Forum is a premier event for stakeholders from around the world to engage with each other and stimulate action with a special focus on reducing methane emissions from the biogas, coal mines, and oil and gas sectors. Since 2007, the Forum has proven to be a unique platform for bringing together the global community to explore opportunities to reduce methane emissions and encourage a dialogue on approaches to effective monitoring, reporting, and mitigation. The previous Forum, held in Washington, D.C. in 2022, attracted over 850 in-person and virtual attendees from more than 60 countries representing both the public and private sectors. The 2024 Forum will build on the success of previous events held every two to three years. More details about the Forum, including the preliminary agenda are available at: <https://globalmethane.org/2024forum/>. A formal invitation from the UNECE will be sent shortly.

To confirm your participation or to request more information about the event, please contact the GMI Secretariat at secretariat@globalmethane.org. We kindly request your response to this non-transferable invitation at your earliest convenience or by 9 February 2024. I look forward to welcoming you to the Forum in March.

Sincerely,



Denise Mulholland
Director, Secretariat
Global Methane Initiative
Hosted by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency