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IMEO Advisory Council

18 November 2025

16:30-17:30 CET

Summary

Agenda

- **Presentation of key findings of the 2025 Eye on Methane Report**

UNEP's IMEO reported an uptake on the use of its data tools to reduce emissions by companies and governments but stressed that this needs to be accelerated.

- **IMEO Highlights from COP30**

- **Super Pollutants Meeting,** November 9, co-convened by COP30 Presidency, China & UK. Led to Statement on *Drastically Reducing Methane Emissions in Global Fossil Fuel Sector* referencing OGMP 2.0 & CCAC Super Pollutant Country Action Accelerator.

- **IMEO COP30 Ministerial,** November 14, co-organized by Japan and the European Commission at Japan Pavilion. Launched an enhanced Eye on Methane data platform | IMEO.

- **Global Methane Pledge Ministerial,** November 17, launched UNEP's Global Methane Status Report , providing updates on global progress on methane mitigation and call for accelerated action to achieve the Global Methane Pledge, as well as the potential for further ambition.

- **Update on IMEO Governance Reform**

At its meeting on 11 September, the IMEO Implementation Committee approved the reform of IMEO's governance structure, transforming it into a Board. The Board will assume functions similar to those of the Implementation Committee - guiding IMEO's strategic direction, ensuring policy relevance, endorsing the annual work plan, and overseeing the budget.

As part of its commitment to increased transparency, IMEO started publishing the Terms of Reference of the Board and all the other governance bodies (Scientific Oversight Committee and Advisory Council), along with meeting summaries, on its website.

Another improvement includes adding a standing agenda item at each IMEO Board meeting to consider recommendations from the Advisory Council – to strengthen alignment between the Council and the Board and make sure that the Council's expertise consistently informs IMEO's strategic direction.

The Board also welcomed Japan as a new member, following its contribution to IMEO earlier this year.

- **AOB**

Members discussed background and follow-up to the COP30 Statement on *Drastically Reducing Methane Emissions in Global Fossil Fuel Sector*, the proposed idea of a methane treaty and increased coordination in key countries.