

CEM-MI Joint Steering Committee - Meeting Summary

21 March 2023, 8:00 – 9:15 (BRT)

Chairs: **India** (in capacity as co-Chair of CEM Steering Committee), **United States** (in capacity as Chair of MI Steering Committee)

Participants: **Australia** (MI), **Brazil** (CEM and MI), **Canada** (CEM and MI), **Chile** (CEM and MI), **China** (CEM and MI), **Denmark** (CEM), **European Commission** (CEM and MI), **Germany** (CEM), **India** (CEM and MI) **Japan** (MI), **Saudi Arabia** (CEM and MI), **United Kingdom** (CEM and MI), **United States** (CEM and MI), **TAG Chair** (MI)

Apologies: **Mexico** (CEM)

Additional Invitees: **UK Breakthrough Agenda Team** – for agenda item 4.

Purpose of the Session

Meeting of the Joint CEM and MI Steering Committee (JSC), providing an opportunity to discuss areas of mutual interest for CEM and MI, including possibilities for closer collaboration and strategic alignment. Part of the discussion was also dedicated to discussing the status and implementation of joint CEM-MI projects, such as the Breakthrough Agenda which was brought under the stewardship of the joint CEM and MI Steering Committee at the Global Clean Energy Action Forum in September 2022.

Summary and Next Steps

1) Welcome and opening of the meeting

The Chairs welcomed all CEM and MI Steering Committee representatives (SC representatives) to the meeting and circulated an updated agenda for the meeting which was adopted.

2) Joint Steering Committee – Terms of Reference

The Chair introduced the Terms of Reference (ToR) document for the Joint Steering Committee mechanism which had also been circulated in advance of the meeting together with an Annex related to the JSC's responsibility for the Breakthrough Agenda as a joint project. SC representatives were invited to consider adopting the ToR for the JSC only, noting that the Annex related to the role of the JSC in relation to the Breakthrough Agenda would now be considered separately on a future occasion.

SC representatives noted their appreciation for both the JSC construct and the associated ToR, noting that this was a positive development in terms of coordination between CEM and MI. Whilst some representatives were able to support the adoption of the ToR, others were keen to clarify the relationship of the JSC with respect to the underlying governance structures of CEM and MI.

The Secretariats noted that there is no provision for a JSC construct in the governance documents of CEM and MI but that the CEM and MI SCs have chosen to meet on several occasions over the

past 18 months and that the JSC ToR are therefore designed to formalise that interaction. However, it is not intended to change the governance or decision-making structure of either CEM or MI.

Next steps

The Chairs noted that it would be prudent to update CEM and MI members on the proposed JSC mechanism in the joint CEM-MI plenary session. They invited the CEM and MI Secretariats to then circulate the draft ToR to all CEM and MI members by email with a two-week review period to ensure there are no objections to moving forward with the JSC construct and to provide an opportunity for members to comment on the draft ToR before they are adopted.

3) The road ahead: Opportunities for CEM and MI in 2023

As hosts of CEM14 and MI-8, India (Bureau of Energy Efficiency for Ministry of Power and India's Department of Science & Technology) presented an overview of the plans for the Ministerial meeting in Goa, July 2023 and different elements of the programme. It was noted that there could be joint efforts when there are clear synergies and common topics to discuss in order to avoid duplication, e.g for the side event programme. Furthermore, Ministers would be asked to discuss topics which are important to both the CEM and MI communities.

The hosts noted that the co-location of the CEM14 and MI-8 meetings with the G20 Energy Ministerial will also be an opportunity for the CEM and MI communities to link their work to discussions taking place in that forum and vice versa. There will also be opportunities to engage with Ministers attending the African Energy Ministerial which may also meet during the week of CEM14/MI-8. More information will be provided in due course.

SC representatives expressed appreciation for the update and their support to the hosts for an engaging and impactful event for Ministers. Some representatives noted that the programme should cover the full clean energy spectrum from innovation and research to implementation and deployment of clean energy technologies. Having joint sessions would also help to set the tone for increased collaboration between CEM initiatives/campaigns and MI Missions and some SC representatives also noted their support for a joint plenary session for Ministers.

Next steps

The hosts thanked SC representatives for their feedback and noted that there would also be an opportunity to discuss further at the Ministerial briefing to all CEM and MI members scheduled later that day. Additional information will be provided to members as the planning develops and there is more information to share about different elements of the programme. In the meantime, the hosts invited SC representatives to consider side event proposals that they may like to submit, noting that the call for proposals was still open.

4) Joint Project: Breakthrough Agenda

The Chair clarified that this agenda item was for discussion only and that SC representatives would not be asked to take any decisions related to background documents that had been shared ahead of the meeting. It was also noted that the Annex to the JSC ToR would not be put forward for

adoption at this meeting and would either be circulated for approval in writing in the coming weeks or discussed at a future meeting, as required.

The Chair then invited representatives from the UK Breakthrough Agenda (BA) team to join the meeting and to provide an update to SC representatives on the status of the BA since its launch as a joint project under MI and CEM (see presentation attached). The BA team confirmed that they would be keen to hear feedback from SC representatives on the BA project, its value proposition and how it can best work with the CEM and MI communities going forward.

SC representatives expressed appreciation for the update and for all of the background information that had been circulated which helped to clarify how the BA may develop in the future. During the discussion, SC representatives noted the need to have a very clear value proposition as this would affect the eventual structure of the BA project going forward. It was also noted that the BA project would need to be fully resourced and that resource implications for CEM and MI should also be considered. Opportunities to join up on funding could also be explored.

In terms of operations and governance, some SC representatives noted that there are a number of different ways in which the BA could be taken forward with different levels of integration with the CEM and MI and that it would be important to clarify the roles and responsibilities of the JSC as this aspect is developed further. Others noted that not all CEM and MI members are signatories to the BA and that this should be considered when defining future governance and operational models and seeking future mandates for the BA. Some also asked for more information about the relationship of the BA with COP processes.

Next steps

The BA team reiterated their appreciation for the feedback received and their desire to make the BA project as beneficial as possible to the CEM and MI communities. The Chair noted that an update would also be provided to all members in the joint plenary session scheduled later that day and that discussions on next steps would continue over the coming months.

In the meantime, the BA team was encouraged to continue working closely with the SC representatives, the MI and CEM Secretariats, and broader MI and CEM membership to identify an appropriate operating, governance, and resource model for the pilot phase of the project, taking into account the feedback received from delegates. The Chair recommended that the development of new Breakthroughs could be paused whilst the details of the pilot phase are still being developed.