



Member Bulletin - 15 December 2023

Dear MI Members and Collaborating Organizations,

I hope this email finds you well. As the year draws to a close, I wanted to write on behalf of the Mission Innovation Secretariat and express my gratitude to the wonderful MI family. This year we have seen lots of great progress, including hosting our Ministerial alongside the G20 Energy Track, bringing our partnership with the Breakthrough Agenda to life, launching our first ever Technical Advisory Group review cycle, and welcoming the European Investment Bank as a new collaborator of MI.

The bulletin below includes a snapshot of some of our most recent activity, and we will be in touch in the new year with plans for an all-member meeting in Q1. In my first full year of having the privilege of being Head of Secretariat, it is clear to me the critical role plays in galvanising clean energy innovation at the global stage. I have seen how quickly and effectively collaboration can happen due to the global network MI brings together, I have heard how duplication is minimised thereby ensuring our actions are as efficient as possible, and I have felt the passion and the energy (excuse the pun!) of the community we are so lucky to work within.

I would also like to thank the fabulous Secretariat team – it is a pleasure to be a part of this team and I very much look forward to what we can achieve together next year. The Secretariat will be having a well-earned rest for the festive period and will be back online from 2nd January.

To those celebrating the festive period – have a very merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

Best regards,

Eleanor

MI Steering Committee

- A MISC meeting was held on 27 November. The minutes are attached.
- Australia announced its willingness to co-host with Indonesia the MI Annual Gathering and CEM Preparatory meeting in 2024. Dates have not yet been identified.

Missions

- The details and registration for the forthcoming **Mission Innovation: Integrated Biorefineries programme** webinar on 22 January 2024 can be viewed [here](#). This webinar will provide an update on the Mission Integrated Biorefineries activities and outline the next phase of deliverables that require input from organisations across the value chain.

Innovation Platform – Collaborate

- The UK formally joined the '[Sunlight to X](#)' Innovation Community.

TAG

- The final Mission interview took place this week as part of the TAG review process of all the MI Missions. Individual TAG reports for each of the Missions are either completed or in progress. These include highlights of areas of strengths of the Missions, as well as recommendations on opportunities or risks to be considered by the team as they develop their 2024 plans.

COP28 Highlights

- Participated in a panel hosted by the International Renewable Energy Agency to discuss electrification priorities. The discussion, featuring perspectives from both public and private sectors globally, underscored the inadequacy of the current grid network, causing a bottleneck for renewable energy at the grid stage. This laid the groundwork for subsequent Energy Days, where significant attention was devoted to addressing grid network challenges. Noteworthy innovations were highlighted in both technical and demand aspects.
- Co-hosted a Government-Business roundtable with the Global Renewables Alliance, skillfully chaired by Julia Souder. During the discussion, key next steps were identified to expedite the deployment of fit-for-purpose energy storage and energy connections. These steps are deemed essential for realizing the full potential of renewables. We anticipate the presentation of key findings to MI Ministers at the 9th Ministerial in 2024.
- Launched the 2023 MI Member Insights report. The report delineates member priorities and showcases their instrumental role in driving transformative change. These insights serve as a vital indication of our progress towards achieving climate goals. [Access the report here.](#)
- The European Investment Bank Group has partnered with Mission Innovation to boost global access to finance for innovative projects across diverse sectors. EIB Group's expertise will play a crucial role in mobilizing private finance, a vital component for propelling game-changing technologies toward a net-zero future.
- Achieved significant progress in synergizing existing programs, notably the Urban Transitions Mission and the Green Powered Future Mission. These missions are collaborating on grid network demonstrations in urban areas, marking substantial advancements.
- Recorded a video with Peter Schniering of Future Cleantech Architects to amplify awareness of the challenges associated with steering the aviation sector towards Net Zero. This initiative aimed to raise the profile of the sector's commitment to addressing environmental concerns.
- Played a central role in the Breakthrough Agenda roundtables, discussing how collectively we can work together to address Breakthrough Agenda's priority actions. These discussions fed into the Presidency outcomes, and Mission Directors played an instrumental role in positioning MI as a key delivery agent of solutions. MI was also included in a key technical report for negotiators (produced by the OECD) on the Mitigation Work Program, which talked about the importance of making the most of existing initiatives and cited the role of MI.
- Highlighted the Technical Advisory Group (TAG) as a key mechanism to keep Mission Innovation accountable and effective, through TAG member participation as speakers and panellists in a number of MI events.

If you have any updates that you'd like to share for consideration in the next Member Bulletin, please direct them to the MI Secretariat inbox, secretariat@mission-innovation.net. Happy Holidays!

Sincerely,

MI Secretariat

