Breakthrough Agenda: The Future of Climate Co-Operation

Tuesday, 21 March 11:45-12:45 BRT
Plenary Room

This is the first annual gathering since the Breakthrough Agenda became a joint project between CEM and MI. This event will be designed to discuss how together, through the Breakthrough Agenda project, CEM and MI can become the center of gravity for driving international collaboration in the clean energy transition.

A central focus will be delivering for COP28. This is a crucial Global Stocktake year with COP28 providing a critical platform to set out a convincing international response to the expected significant shortfall in climate ambition and progress in the stocktake.

The UAE, as incoming COP28 Presidents, recently launched a partnership with the Breakthrough Agenda. Combined with the support for the Breakthrough Agenda in the COP27 cover decision, this provides a unique opportunity for the progress of the Breakthrough Agenda priority actions, including the work of CEM and MI, to be showcased at COP28. Moreover, it offers an opportunity for CEM and MI to be positioned as a central part of the international response to the Global Stocktake at COP28.

This discussion is an opportunity to craft the story we want to collectively tell at COP28, in this pivotal Global Stocktake year.

Aim

To generate a shared understanding of how the BA project can reinforce CEM and MI as a centre of gravity and support a successful COP28 outcomes/ global stocktake response, including through its the CEM-MI Ministerial in July. This event will achieve this by:

1. Raising awareness and understanding of the Breakthrough Agenda process, including how the Breakthrough Agenda complements the work of both CEM and MI and the contribution that CEM and MI is making to deliver the Breakthrough Agenda goals and what has been achieved so far.
2. Demonstrating the opportunity this year for CEM and MI, through the Breakthrough Agenda project, to support COP28 planning and delivery, and in turn raise the profile of CEM and MI workstreams, and of CEM and MI as a centre of gravity for clean energy collaboration.
3. Collectively generating a vision of success at COP28, with CEM and MI, through the Breakthrough Agenda joint project, positioned as central to landing key outcomes at COP28 and for a successful global stocktake response.
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| Introduction from CEM/MI JSC Co-Chairs | • Introduce the BA as the first joint project between CEM and MI.  
• Reflect on the outcome of the JSC earlier in the day.  
• Drive home the importance of the partnership from the get-go. Include the benefits this will have for the members of CEM & MI  
• Include the benefits this will have for the future of climate collaboration so far.  
• Explain how CEM/MI members, not currently endorsing the BA, can be involved with the BA process. | Representative of CEM-MI JSC | 10 mins |
| Breakthrough Agenda Brief | • What has been achieved by the Breakthrough Agenda since its launch at COP26?  
• What are the priorities for 2023?  
• What do we want to achieve by COP28? | Steph Edwards, Head of BA project team | 5 mins |
| UAE COP28 Presidency – The Breakthrough Agenda and COP28 | • How are the plans for COP28 progressing?  
• Priorities for COP28 including aims for the outcomes of the Global Stocktake.  
• It was announced in January that UAE had formed a partnership with the Breakthrough Agenda. What was the thought process behind this, and what will this mean for COP28?  
• What the presidency needs to see from this community to ensure the priorities are met. | Dane McQueen, COP28 Presidency Team | 5 mins |
| Discussion Session. | • This discussion aims to draw from the experiences of those in the room to understand how the Breakthrough Agenda, as part of the CEM and MI collective community can be used to elevate energy action, visibility, and credibility at COP28.  
  • This will be a high-level discussion that can then be looked at in a more granular level at the sectoral round tables later in the day. | Chaired by: CEM/MI chair / vice chair | 30 mins |

**Attendees will be asked:**

1. What does a real success look like at COP28 that demonstrates credible clean energy action is being mobilised towards COP29?

2. How do we use the CEM/MI ministerial gathering as a launchpad to achieve these aims? What will excite your minister to take action to ensure this vision of success at COP28?

3. What else do you need to see from the Breakthrough Agenda, and the partnership with CEM and MI to secure this success?

| Closing remarks | In this pivotal GST year, what is your takeaway from this discussion that could be used to tell a positive story at COP28 about ambitious international cooperation. | Representative of CEM-MI JSC | 5 mins |

**Comms**

There is no official comms to support this event. However, we encourage the use of our [stakeholder toolkit](#), and the use of #breakthroughagenda, to promote this work on your social media channels, and with your stakeholders.