## Methane to Markets - A Public Private Partnership to Advance the Recovery and Use of Methane as a Clean Energy Source Mr. Bill Irving, United States

Methane is the primary component of natural gas and a greenhouse gas, meaning that its presence in the atmosphere affects the earth's temperature and climate system. The Methane to Markets Partnership (M2M) seeks to advance the recovery and use of methane as a clean energy source. M2M is a public-private undertaking that involves 20 national governments and more than 575 organizations committed to achieving economic, environmental, and energy benefits.

This presentation provides an overview of the benefits of methane reduction and the goals and objectives of the M2M Partnership. In addition, it includes a discussion of the available opportunities and technologies for methane recovery and use in the agriculture, coal, oil and gas, and landfill sectors. The presentation concludes with a summary of some of the key activities and accomplishments of the initiative and a discussion of the future direction of the Partnership.