

# Santa Marta Pre-Conference

## Fossil Methane Workstream

Room MCS403

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### Purpose:

Cutting methane emissions quickly will improve our chances of avoiding tipping points and stabilising our climate. The methane workstream will focus on the following outcomes:

- proposing concrete actions to anchor methane mitigation as a core component of the TAFF processes to secure political buy-in;
- building ambitious strategies to make pulling the "Methane Emergency Brake" inevitable; and
- creating a convincing narrative about why methane is essential for the FFPO.

### Agenda:

Date & Time	Content
April 24 10:00-12:00	<b>Session I: Methane and Fossil Fuel Phase Out</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● <i>Welcome &amp; Orientation</i></li><li>● <i>Presentation:</i> Lena Höglund-Isaksson: Climate, Methane &amp; the Fossil Fuel Phaseout - the numbers</li><li>● <i>Breakout Groups:</i> Make a convincing argument<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>○ Methane as a "third fossil fuel"</li><li>○ Methane Mitigation Without Fossil Fuel Lock-In: opportunities and pathways</li><li>○ The legal obligation of methane mitigation in a climate emergency (based on the climate advisory opinions)</li><li>○ Tipping Points and Emergency Brake Framing</li></ul></li></ul>
Friday, April 24 13:30-16:00	<b>Session II: Implementation</b> <p><i>Breakout Groups:</i> How to circumvent barriers to implementation and enforcement.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● Legal pathways and litigation strategies</li><li>● Regional and national regulations</li><li>● Leveraging financing, financial systems, markets and other incentives</li><li>● Opportunity Mapping - what other options exist for methane mitigation?</li></ul>

<p>Sat., 25 April 9:30-12:30</p>	<p><b>Session III: 2026 Methane Arc</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● <i>Visioning</i>: What does success look like and how do we make it happen?</li> <li>● <i>Breakout Groups</i>: How can we elevate methane mitigation in various fora? What are our goals, objectives and activities? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Santa Marta &amp; 2nd Conference in the Pacific</li> <li>○ CCAC Meeting Mexico</li> <li>○ New York Climate Week</li> <li>○ COP 31 Turkey</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
<p>Sat., 25 April 14:00-16:30</p>	<p><b>Session IV: Framing and Communication</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● <i>Defining audiences</i></li> <li>● <i>Analysing current methane frames</i></li> <li>● <i>Breakout groups</i>: Create a pitch that reaches a wider audience <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Tipping Points &amp; Methane, emergency brake</li> <li>○ Methane as Red/Traffic Light</li> <li>○ Map temperature impacts and use avoidable near-term impacts frame</li> <li>○ Methane reductions as self-defense against extreme temperatures</li> <li>○ Methane is one of the three fossil fuels</li> <li>○ Methane action as a friend to decarbonisation/fossil fuel phase out</li> <li>○ Health impacts of methane (and benefits of phaseout) as an underused frame</li> <li>○ Why our focus is currently on fossil methane, rather than agriculture and landfills</li> <li>○ Human rights and just transition.</li> </ul> </li> <li>● <i>Closing of Workstream</i></li> </ul>