



## Member Bulletin - 29 September 2023

Dear MI Members and Collaborating Organizations,

As we gear up for COP28, Mission Innovation is taking center stage to emphasize the pivotal role of innovation in achieving global climate targets. We are excited to announce the formation of the MI COP28 Taskforce (more details below and in the attached email)! We also kindly remind you to please inform us of any planned innovation events for COP28 so we can pull together a robust and exciting programme for our stakeholders, as well as loop in MI champions who will be attending into planned events. This week, we also offer updates from the Missions and Insights Module below.

### MI Steering Committee

- The presentation from the MI Steering Committee meeting is attached. The minutes will be circulated next week.

### Missions

- The Urban Transitions Mission is hosting “Cities ahead of the curve: local solutions driving innovation,” the first annual global innovation gathering for the Mission, on **October 10, 2023** in Riyadh, Saudi Arabia (on the margins of Middle East and North Africa (MENA) Climate Week). UTM’s event will offer an opportunity for city leaders, solution providers, expert organizations and national governments to discuss how to speed up the uptake and application of innovation, accelerate testing, piloting and upscaling of solutions. Find the agenda attached and join the Summit in person by [registering](#) via the official system of the UNFCCC Climate MENA Week. Options for remote participation will be available. For more information, you can contact Miriam Badino ([utm@globalcovenantofmayors.org](mailto:utm@globalcovenantofmayors.org)) or visit ([urbantransitionsmiission.org](http://urbantransitionsmiission.org).)
- The deadline has been extended for the Urban Transition Mission’s call for 250 new pioneering cities to join the cohort and demonstrate holistic pathways to net-zero! [Cities are invited to apply online and express interest in](#) joining by **October 21, 2023**.
- Just one more day to go! The Net-Zero Industries Award 2023, the first global competition for industrial decarbonisation, is accepting entries until **September 30**. Submit your nominations today! [Find more information and a link to the submission portal here.](#)
- The Integrated Biorefined Mission organised a workshop on “Energy & Conversion Process Efficiency Programme to reduce production cost” to improve the understanding of various aspects of energy and conversion process efficiency at biorefineries. The four presentations given at this workshop have been [uploaded to the website here.](#)

### Innovation Platform - Insights

- The Call for Expressions of Interest for the MI [Think Tank](#) closes on Friday, **October 6th**. Contributing to the Think Tank gives MI Members a unique opportunity to share their expertise, learn from their peers, and workshop common challenges with other members of the MI Community on cross-cutting clean energy innovation issues. Thank you to members of the MI and clean energy communities that have responded so far and stay tuned for news on the first Think Tank events, coming in Fall 2023.
- How can we enable data-driven decision making? The Energy Innovation Metrics Hub will enable MI Members to gain insights into clean energy innovation trends, progress, and activities across MI countries and Mission domains. This week we introduced the hub at International Renewable Energy Agency (IRENA) Innovation Week in Bonn with our three esteemed collaborating partners, the Joint Research Centre of the European Commission, the International Energy Agency, and the IRENA.

## COP28

- We are excited to announce the formation of the MI COP28 Taskforce, and we invite you to become a part of this vital initiative. Find more details in the attached email.
  - Expressions of interest are due by **October 3**. Please respond to [secretariat@mission-innovation.net](mailto:secretariat@mission-innovation.net).
  - The first Taskforce session is scheduled for October 11th, 14:30-15:30 CEST, with a second session on 18.1.2023, 15:30-16:30 CEST.
- We kindly ask that you inform us of innovation events planned, even tentatively, for COP28 (event title, location, and time if possible).
  - Who is planning to attend at the Ministerial and Senior Official level? We are planning an exciting programme and it would be great to loop in MI champions on the ground into planned events.
  - Explore and consider how MI related activity or announcements can complement your country's plans for COP28 and whether you may offer space or a platform for such activities (we would be happy to have discussions on this aspect with you).
- Mission Innovation will produce a suite of communication products for COP28, including an MI Agenda detailing relevant side-events for stakeholders, a Hero Video featuring MI stakeholders discussing the role of innovation in accelerating the energy transition, and a Comms Toolkit for sharing key messages, hashtags, and suggested social media posts. We will also make a series of social media posts leading up to, during, and after COP28.

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](mailto:secretariat@mission-innovation.net).

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Sincerely,  
MI Secretariat

