



Fast action on methane to keep a 1.5°C future within reach

About the Global Methane Pledge

Methane is a powerful but short-lived climate pollutant that accounts for about half of the net rise in global average temperature since the pre-industrial era.

rapidly reducing methane emissions from energy, agriculture, and waste can achieve near-term gains in our efforts in this decade for decisive action and is regarded as the single most effective strategy to keep the goal of limiting warming to 1.5°C within reach while yielding co-benefits including improving public health and agricultural productivity.

President Biden and President Von der Leyen announced at the September 17 Major Economies Forum (MEF) meeting that the United States and the European Union are inviting countries to support the Global Methane Pledge to be launched at COP 26 in November 2021 in Glasgow.

Participants joining the Pledge agree to take voluntary actions to contribute to a collective effort to reduce global methane emissions at least 30 percent from 2020 levels by 2030, which could eliminate over 0.2°C warming by 2050. This is a global, not a national reduction target. Participants also commit to moving towards using the highest tier IPCC good practice inventory methodologies, as well as working to continuously improve the accuracy, transparency, consistency, comparability, and completeness of national greenhouse gas inventory reporting under the UNFCCC and Paris Agreement, and to provide greater transparency in key sectors.



The Pledge aims to catalyze global action and strengthen support for existing international methane emission reduction initiatives to advance technical and policy work that will serve to underpin Participants' domestic actions. The Pledge also recognizes the essential roles that private sector, development banks, financial institutions and philanthropy play to support implementation of the Pledge and welcomes their efforts and engagement.

With over 100 countries on board, representing nearly 50% of global anthropogenic methane emissions and over two thirds of global GDP, we are well on our way to achieving the Pledge goal and preventing more than 8 gigatons of carbon dioxide equivalent emissions from reaching the atmosphere annually by 2030.

We will convene annual ministerial level meetings to review progress following the launch of the Global Methane Pledge in November 2021.

[Read the pledge](#)

Pledges

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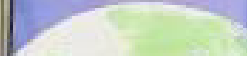
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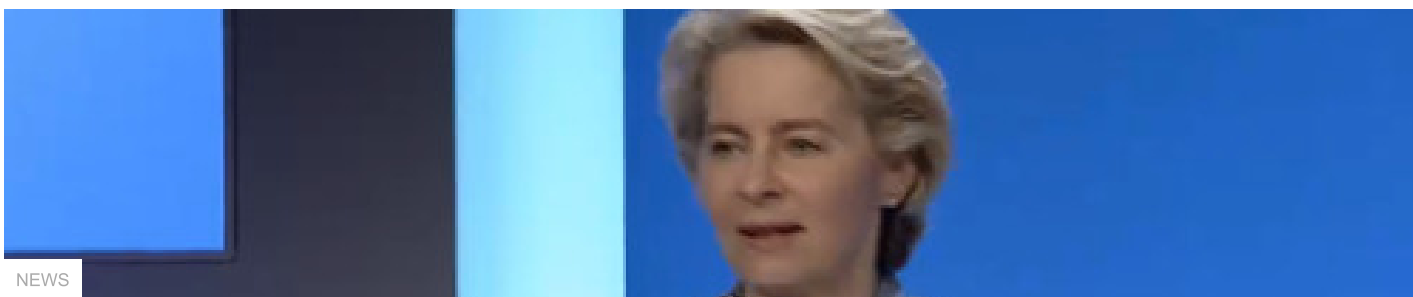
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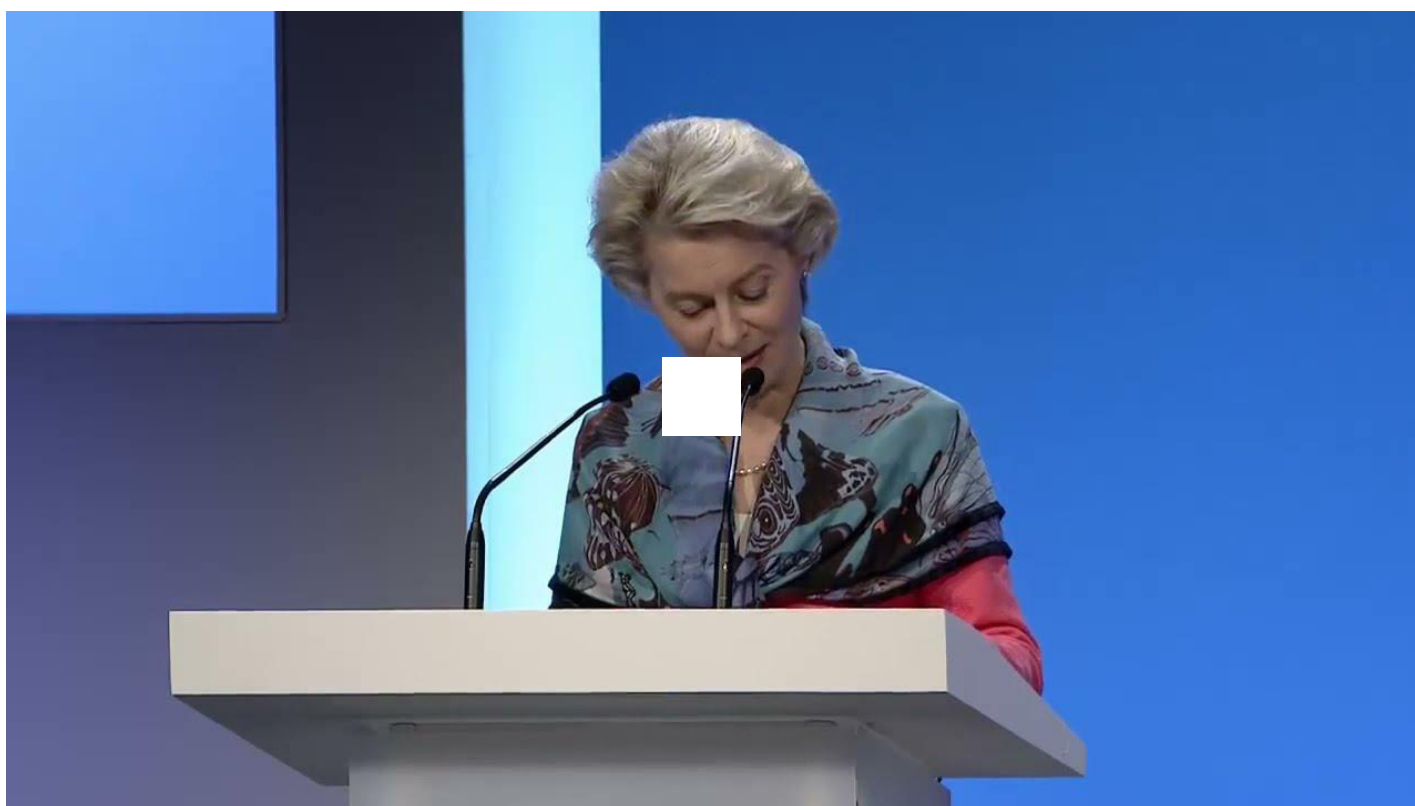
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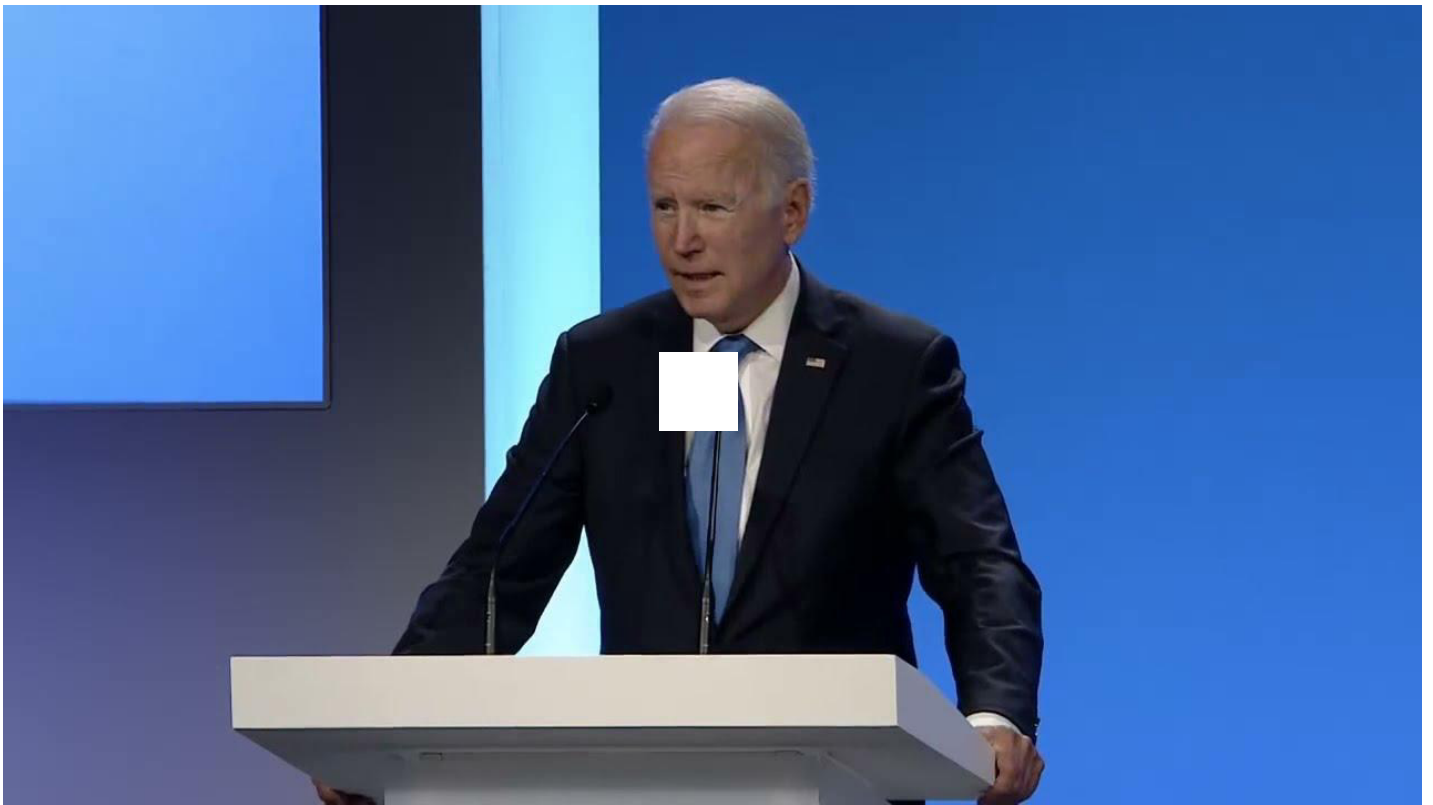
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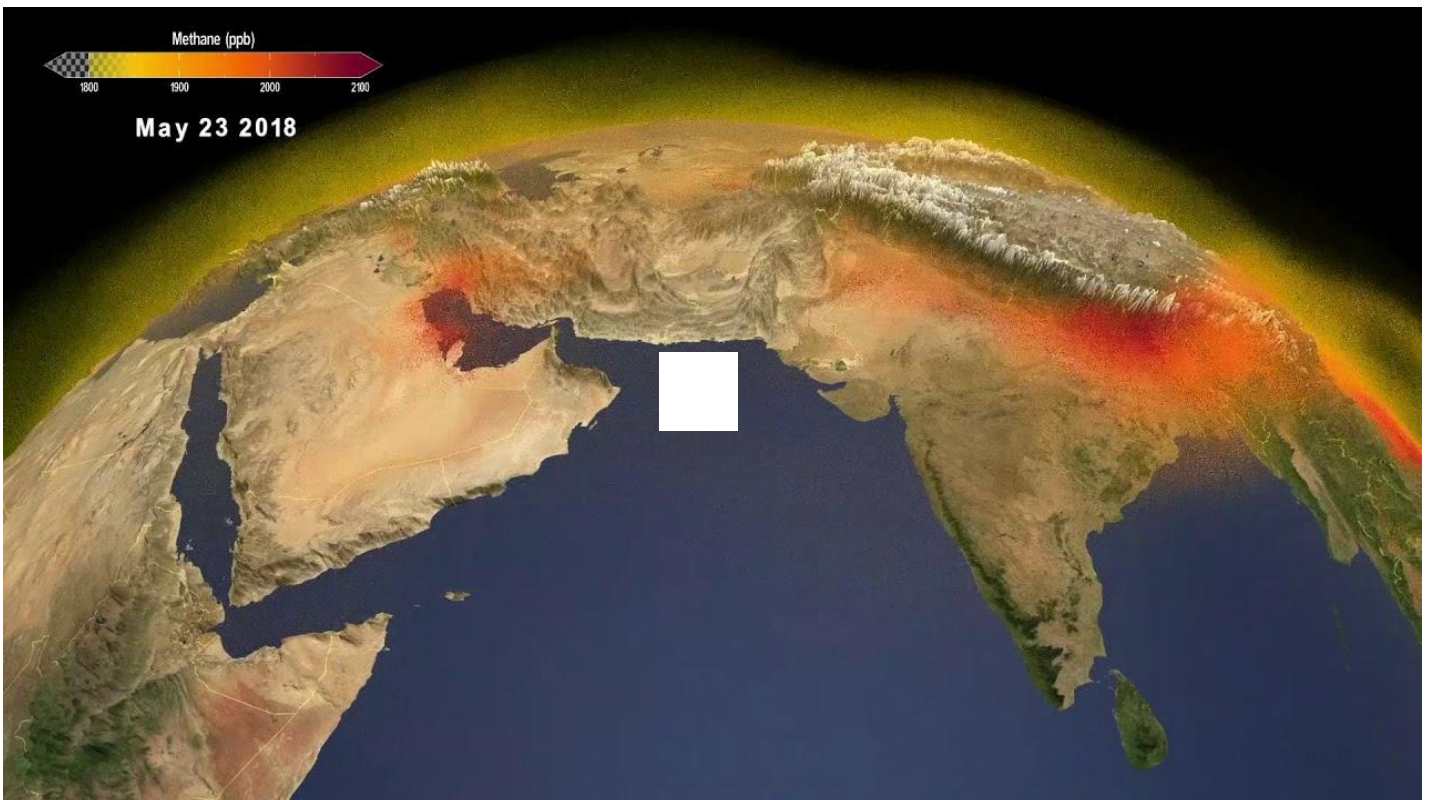
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Remarks from President of the European Commission, Ursula von der Leyen, at the launch of the Global Methane Pledge at the U.N. Climate Summit (COP26), Nov. 2, 2021, in Glasgow, Scotland.



Remarks by US President Joe Biden

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Sources of Methane (NASA)

Visualization showing the complex patterns of methane emissions produced globally between January 2018 and November 2018 from different sources.

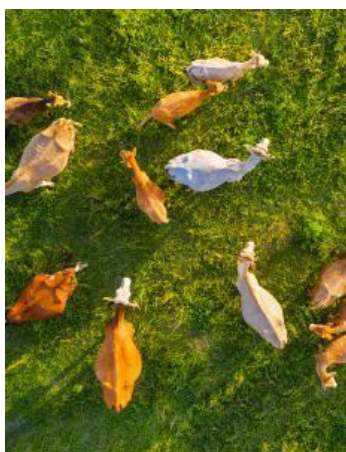
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[Methane technical assistance](#)

Site providing access to methane mitigation tools, experts on methane mitigation, and national planning, policy and regulatory support.

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[Briefing on the Global Methane Pledge](#)

The Global Methane Pledge is a strong first step as the first-ever Heads-of State global commitment to cut methane emissions at a level consistent with a 1.5°C pathway. The 30% goal serves as an ambitious floor to start from. As countries get better at reducing methane and technologies improve and...

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Global Methane Assessment

The Global Methane Assessment shows that human-caused methane emissions can be reduced by up to 45% this decade. Such reductions would avoid nearly 0.3°C of global warming by 2045 and would be consistent with keeping the Paris Climate Agreement's goal to limit global temperature rise to 1.5°C within...

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International Methane Emissions Observatory (IMEO)

The Observatory will produce a global public dataset of empirically verified methane emissions – starting with the fossil fuel sector – at an increasing level of granularity and accuracy by integrating data principally from: reporting from the Oil and Gas Methane Partnership 2.0 (OGMP 2.0), oil and...

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