

LNG Environmental Stewardship Initiative

Breakout Session #1

This harvesting tool is designed to gather feedback and refine the structure and role of the Governance Working Group (GWG) of the LNG Environmental Stewardship Initiative (LNG ESI).

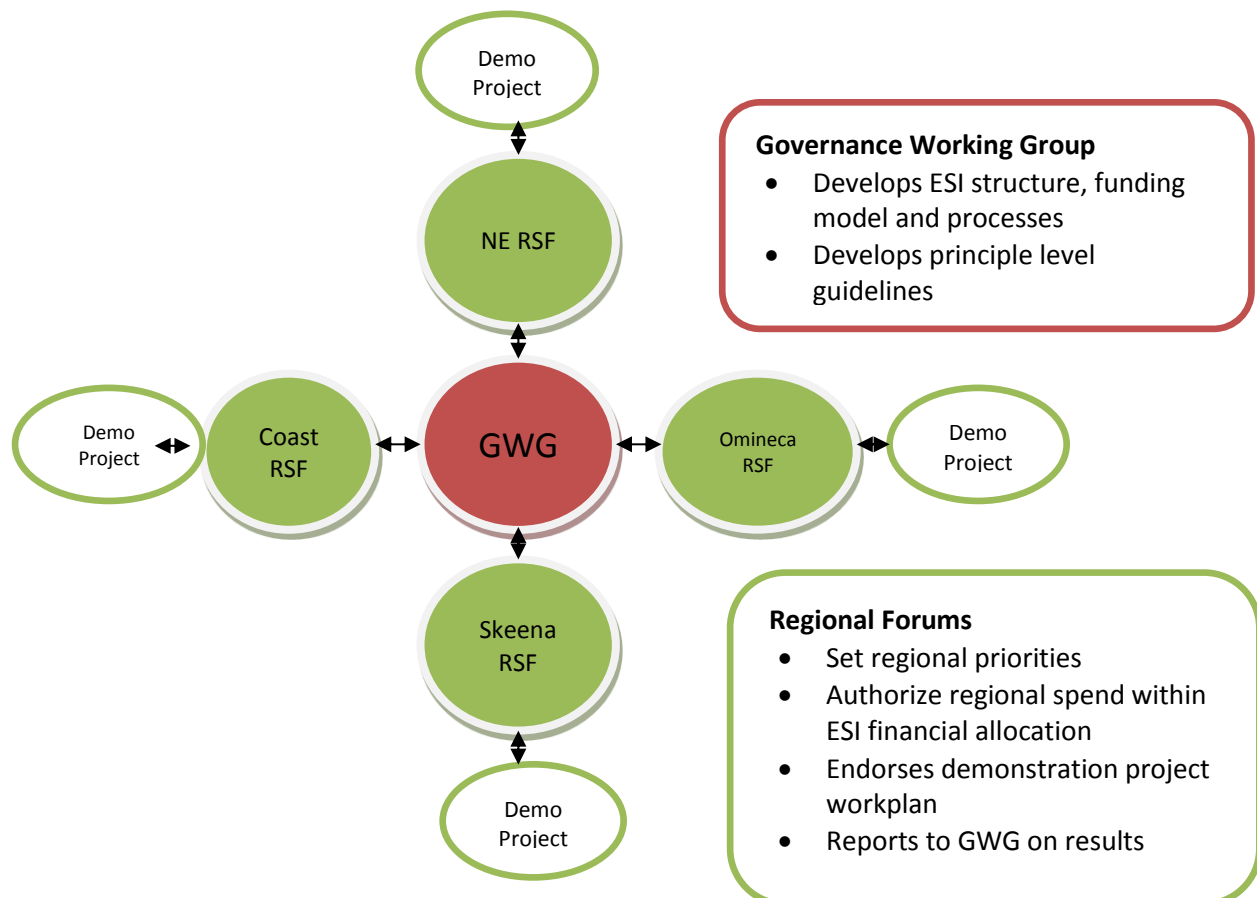
The purpose of this tool is to:

1. Illustrate a proposed governance structure of LNG ESI and the relationship between the GWG and Regional Stewardship Forums (RSFs);
2. Outline the roles and responsibilities of the GWG and RSFs.

PROPOSED STRUCTURE FOR THE ESI

Previous LNG ESI workshops explored the concept of a de-centralized model - where most decisions about projects and allocation of funding would occur at the regional level. Initial discussions at the GWG supported this concept, however, there was recognition that a central body should play a strategic role and coordinate activities at the provincial level on items that are not purely regional in nature (e.g. overarching coordination, communication, policy and distribution of ESI funding between the regions). Figure 1 illustrates the general approach discussed at the meeting:

Figure 1: Basic governance structure diagram



Do you feel the diagram above represents an appropriate structure for the LNG ESI? If not, do you have comments about the proposed structure?

ROLES AND RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE GOVERNANCE WORKING GROUP

On May 13th, participants provided input into the roles and responsibilities of both the Governance Working Group and the Interim Technical Working Groups. There was general consensus that the LNG ESI priority setting and project management should occur regionally, but that some decisions would have to be made at the provincial level in order to ensure consistency and facilitate communication.

Based on the May 13th input, Appendix 1 was developed as a proposed Terms of Reference for the Governance Working Group; this document includes scope, role, and membership for the group. Please refer to Appendix 1 when answering the questions below.

Please provide comments on the scope of the GWG Terms of Reference.

Do you have any comments on the role of the Governance Working Group as proposed in the Terms of Reference?

Should the GWG have a role in supporting (either formally or informally) the projects that are recommended by the RSFs?

Are we missing any key responsibilities or accountabilities that GWG Members should have?

DISPUTE RESOLUTION

At the May 13 GWG meeting, it was suggested that the GWG could be a dispute resolution body for regional forums. Is this appropriate? How should issues be resolved at both the RSF and GWG level??
