

International Energy Agency (IEA) Working Party on Fossil Fuels (WPFF) CCS Legal Issues Subcommittee

OVERVIEW

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IEA WPFF Legal Issues Subcommittee BACKGROUND



- July 2004 joint IEA/CSLF Legal Aspects of CCS Workshop was held to examine regulatory and legal issues surrounding CCS
- March 2005 IEA publication Legal Aspects of Storing CO₂ released.
 Highlighted five key priorities for future work:
 - Increase number of CO₂ demonstration projects, IP being a key issue
 - Appropriate levels of national legal and regulatory framework
 - Need to clarify legal status of CO₂ storage in international environment protection instruments
 - Government should create a level playing field for CCS with other climate mitigation technologies
 - Increase public awareness
- June 2005 IEA WPFF identified the need to continue work on CCS legal issues and formed a Legal Issues Subcommittee to facilitate progress in this area

IEA WPFF Legal Issues Subcommittee MEMBERS



Australia (Chair)



Norway



European Commission



United Kingdom



France



United States (including CSLF Secretariat)



The Netherlands



IEA (Secretariat support)

IEA WPFF Legal Issues Subcommittee PRIORITIES FOR FUTURE WORK



- IEA's publication Legal Aspects for Storing CO₂ highlighted five key areas for future work
- Legal Issues Subcommittee aims to develop discussions papers on these key priority areas:
 - Intellectual Property (lead country: United States)
 - Legal and Regulatory Frameworks (lead country: Australia)
 - Creating Incentives for CCS projects (lead country: United Kingdom)
 - International Environment Protection Instruments (lead country: The Netherlands)
 - Public Awareness issues (lead country: Norway)

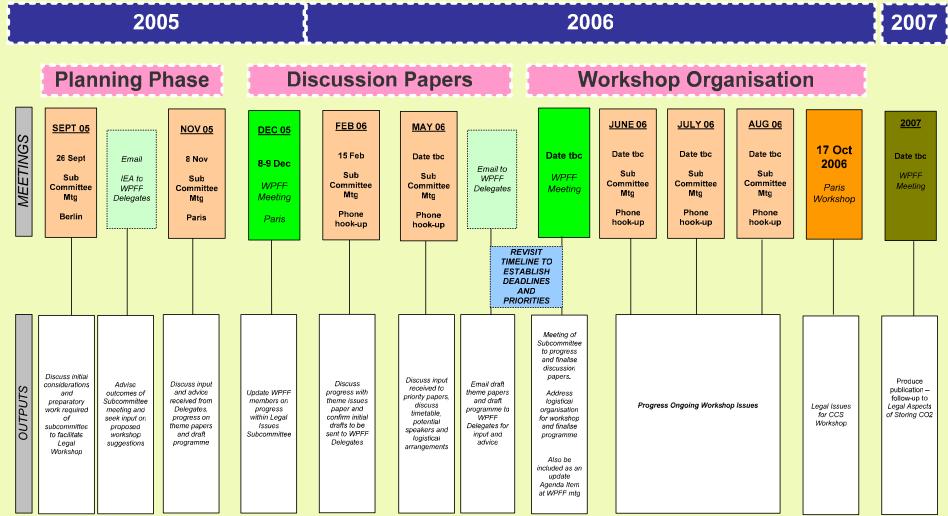
IEA WPFF Legal Issues Subcommittee MEETINGS



- Mtg: Berlin, September 2005
 - Established key priorities for future work and allocation of lead countries to discussion papers
 - Proposed timetable for discussion papers and legal issues workshop
- Mtg: Phone Hook-up, February 2006
 - Update from lead countries on five key themes:
 - Intellectual Property: Paper close to finalisation. Aims to cover patents, copyright and trademark issues (to be discussed further in CSLF Policy Group mtg)
 - Legal and Regulatory Issues: Draft paper prepared and circulated for discussion, Australia domestic setting used as case study
 - International Environment Protection Instruments: Aims to cover issues surrounding international treaties, risk management, waste issues etc
 - Level Playing Field for CCS: Issues for consideration include liability, tax incentives, marked based mechanisms and emissions trading
 - Public Awareness: Consultation with key industry and environment stakeholders ongoing to finalise paper

IEA WPFF Legal Issues Subcommittee TIMEFRAMES





IEA WPFF Legal Issues Subcommittee NEXT STEPS



- Lead countries to continue development of discussion papers on key themes for future work
- Planning outcomes for IEA Legal Workshop including proposed 2nd
 IEA publication
- Key priority issues to be explored in greater detail at IEA Legal Workshop to be held on 17 October 2006
- France has offered to host the workshop at the French Ministry of Economy, Finance and Industry
- Continued collaboration between CSLF and IEA on these issues
- We strongly encourage CSLF members participation in this workshop