

CSLF MEMBERSHIP CRITERIA TASKFORCE PROPOSAL

Background

In February, the Chair of the Policy Group asked for volunteers for a Membership Criteria Taskforce. The purpose of this taskforce was to explore the idea of membership limitations as a possible solution to the challenges of an expanding membership base. Keeping in mind the original purpose and goals of the CSLF, the Taskforce examined the approaches of other multinational partnerships on membership and submitted comments to the Secretariat. A variety of comments were received, but there were several common themes. Below is a DRAFT proposal for submittal to the Policy Group in September that incorporates many of your comments verbatim.

The Membership Criteria Taskforce has agreed that any membership criteria processes adopted should be enforced objectively and effectively to achieve CSLF goals. The Taskforce believes a key objective of the Forum is to ensure that the co-operative environment between members is maintained to progress research into the technology of CCS and the facilitation of CCS research, development and deployment projects. As the Forum increases in size, we need to evaluate if the aims of the Forum are being achieved. We need to ensure the existing partnership is working effectively to deliver CSLF's objectives.

Proposal

In order to ensure the Partnership remain manageable and focused on its goals and objectives, the CSLF Membership Criteria taskforce has proposed a few minor changes; one to the CSLF Charter (3.1) and four to the CSLF Terms of Reference (change to 2.1, addition of 2.2, change to 2.3 and change to 2.4).

CSLF CHARTER SUGGESTED AMENDMENT:

3. Organization of the CSLF

3.1 A Policy Group and a Technical Group will be formed. *Appendix A lists those Members that may make up to two appointments to the Policy Group. Appendix A may be amended by consensus of the Policy Group. Unless otherwise determined by consensus of the Members, each Member will make up to two appointments to the Technical Group.* Other individuals may attend the Policy Group and Technical Group meetings as deemed necessary by the appointed representatives.

3.2 The Policy Group will govern the overall framework and policies of the CSLF, periodically review the program of collaborative projects, and provide direction to the Secretariat. The Group should meet at least once a year, at times and places to be determined by its appointed representatives. All decisions of the Group will be made by consensus of the Members.

3.3 The Technical Group will report to the Policy Group. The Technical Group will meet as often as necessary to review the progress of collaborative projects, identify promising directions for the research, and make recommendations to the Policy Group on needed actions.

3.4 The CSLF will meet at such times and places as determined by the Policy Group.

3.5 The principal coordinator of the CSLF's communications and activities will be the CSLF Secretariat. The Secretariat will:

- (1) organize the meetings of the CSLF and its sub-groups,
- (2) arrange special activities such as teleconferences and workshops,
- (3) receive and forward new membership requests to the Policy Group,
- (4) coordinate communications with regard to CSLF activities and their status,
- (5) act as a clearing house of information for the CSLF,
- (6) maintain procedures for key functions that are approved by the Policy Group, and

(7) perform such other tasks as the Policy Group directs. The focus of the Secretariat will be administrative. The Secretariat will not act on matters of substance except as specifically instructed by the Policy Group.

3.6 The Secretariat may, as required, use the services of personnel employed by the Members and made available to the Secretariat. Unless otherwise agreed, such personnel will be remunerated by their respective employers and will remain subject to their employers' conditions of employment.

3.7 The U.S. Department of Energy will act as the CSLF Secretariat unless otherwise decided by consensus of the Members.

3.8 Each Member will individually determine the nature of its participation in the CSLF activities.

4. Membership

4.1 This Charter, which is administrative in nature, does not create any legally binding obligations between or among its Members. Each Member will conduct the activities contemplated by this Charter in accordance with the laws under which it operates and the international instruments to which it is a party.

4.2 The CSLF is open to other national governmental entities and its membership will be decided by the Policy Group.

4.3 Technical and other experts from within and without CSLF Member organizations may participate in R&D projects conducted under the auspices of the CSLF. These projects may be initiated either by the Policy Group or the Technical Group.

CSLF TERMS OF REFERENCE SUGGESTED AMENDMENT:

2. Additions to Membership

2.1. Application. Pursuant to Article 4 of the CSLF Charter, national governmental entities may apply for membership to the CSLF by writing to the Secretariat. *A letter of application should be signed by the responsible Minister from the applicant country. In their application letter, prospective Members should:*

(1) *demonstrate they are a significant producer or user of fossil fuels that have the potential for carbon capture;*

(2) *describe their existing national vision and/or plan regarding CCS technologies;*

(3) *demonstrate an existing national commitment to invest resources on research, development and demonstration activities in CCS technologies; and*

(4) *describe their commitment to engage the private sector in the development and deployment of CCS technologies.*

(5) *Describe specific projects or activities proposed for being undertaken within the frame of the CSLF.*

2.2 Consideration by Members - The application will be circulated to the Members of the Policy Group for consideration. If no objection is received within 60 days from Members then the application will be deemed successful. Otherwise the application will go forward for a decision at the next scheduled meeting of the Policy Group in accordance with Article 3.2 of the CSLF Charter. Contested applications must be identified to the Policy Group Members by the Secretariat at least 30 days prior to the meeting during which membership will be discussed.

2.3. Offer. *Pursuant to the conditions of 2.2,* Membership will then be offered to the national governmental entity that submitted the successful application.

2.4. Acceptance. The applicant national governmental entity may accept the offer of membership by signing the Charter in Counterpart and delivering such signature to the embassy of the Secretariat. A notarized "true copy" of the signed document is acceptable in lieu of the original. The nominated national governmental entity to which an offer has been extended becomes a Member upon receipt by the Secretariat of the signed Charter.

Appendix A:

Australia

Brazil

Canada

China

Colombia

EC

France

Germany

India

Italy

Japan

Mexico

Netherlands

Norway

Russia

South Africa

United Kingdom

United States