



Report of the Policy Group

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Highlights of Policy Group Meeting



- Implementation of Policy Group Aspects of Strategic Plan
- Financing Carbon Capture and Storage
- Election Procedures and Election of Policy Group Vice Chairs
- Dates and Venues of Next Meetings



Policy Group Aspects of Strategic Plan

- Strategy 2: Policy and Legal Framework
 - Request to Technical Group: Identify policy and legal strategies and instruments needed for research needs
 - Australia, as chair of former Legal/Regulatory Task Force, will consider whether identified needs warrant further actions

- Strategy 3: Capacity Building
 - Request to Technical Group: develop mechanisms to involve developing countries in industrialized country and lighthouse projects.
 - Workshop in May/materials to be distributed to Members
 - Capacity Building Task Force will consider further activities in June and identify projects similar to those already recognized in developing countries.



Policy Group Aspects of Strategic Plan

- Strategy 4: Public Awareness and Acceptability
 - Members to identify public outreach experts to Secretariat and add to list of stakeholders.
 - Each country to report activities.
 - CSLF Website and PuMP will continue to be updated.
- Strategy 5: Involve Stakeholders
 - Stakeholders participate in plenary meetings and task forces.
 - No consensus reached on seat at table in Policy/Technical Group meetings.
- Strategy 6: Collaboration with Other Organizations
 - Secretariat to develop recommendations.



Financing Carbon Capture and Storage

- Financing is critically important in developing countries.
- CSLF has made no progress to date on this issue.
- Financing Task Force will develop a detailed plan for financing projects in developing countries.
- India will continue to lead Task Force.
- Members: Australia, Canada, European Commission, India, United Kingdom, and United States.



Elections

- New procedures adopted and incorporated in CSLF Terms of Reference to promote transparency:
 1. Nominations at least 3 months prior to decision
 2. Secretariat posts on website within one week of close
 3. Decisions will be made by consensus
 4. When possible, achieve regional and emerging economy balance.

- Election of Policy Group Vice Chairs
 - United Kingdom
 - South Africa (pending consultations)



Future Meetings

- 2008 – South Africa, Annual Meeting
- Japan and United Kingdom offered to host future meetings