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Updated Terms of Reference CSLF Projects Interaction and Review Team (PIRT)

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Note by the Secretariat

Background

The CSLF Projects Interaction and Review Team (PIRT) was formed in 2005 at the Berlin meeting of the CSLF. The original PIRT Terms of Reference dates back to the formation of the PIRT. This document has been updated at the February 2010 meeting of the PIRT in Canberra, Australia.

Action Requested

The Technical Group is requested to approve the updated PIRT Terms of Reference.

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Background

One of the main instruments to help the CSLF achieve its goals will be through the recognition of CSLF projects.

By responding to the gaps and priorities identified in the CSLF Technology Roadmap, the CSLF projects will be a key element in generating and exploiting the knowledge that may lead to improved carbon capture and storage (CCS) technologies.

It is therefore of major importance to have appropriate mechanisms within the CSLF for the recognition, assessment and dissemination of projects and their results for the benefit of the CSLF and its Members.

To meet this need the CSLF has created an advisory body, the PIRT, which reports to the CSLF Technical Group.

PIRT Functions

The PIRT has the following functions:

- Assess projects proposed for recognition by the CSLF in accordance the project selection criteria developed by the Technical Group and approved by the Policy Group. Based on this assessment make recommendations to the Technical Group on whether a project should be accepted for recognition by the CSLF.
- Review the CSLF project portfolio and identify synergies, complementarities and gaps, providing feed back to the Technical Group
- Provide input for further revisions of the CSLF Technology Roadmap.
- Identify technical, economic, environmental and other issues where it would be appropriate to have CSLF recognized projects.
- Foster enhanced international collaboration for CSLF projects, both within individual projects (e.g. expanding partnership to entities from other CSLF Members) and between different projects addressing similar issues.
- Ensure a framework for periodically reporting to the Technical Group on the progress within CSLF projects.
- Organize periodic events to facilitate the exchange of experience and views on issues of common interest among CSLF projects and provide feedback to the CSLF.
- Perform other such tasks which may be assigned to it by the CSLF Technical Group.

Members of the PIRT

The PIRT consists of (Per Section 3.2 (e) of the CSLF Terms of Reference and Procedures the Technical Group may designate resource persons):

- A core group comprising Members of the Technical Group, or as nominated by a CSLF Member country.
- An ad-hoc group of Stakeholders comprising representatives from CSLF recognized projects.

The PIRT chair should rotate annually and be approved by the Technical Group.

Operation of the PIRT

- The PIRT will establish operational procedures to be endorsed by the Technical Group.
- The PIRT will coordinate with the Technical Group on the agenda and timing of meetings.
- The PIRT should meet as necessary, often before Technical Group meetings, and use electronic communications wherever possible.
- As required, the PIRT will draw on external relevant CCS expertise.
- The PIRT should report at least once a year.
- Recommendations of the PIRT should be reached by consensus of the core group members.