

Carbon Sequestration Leadership Forum

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Dear Colleague:

For the past seven years, the Carbon Sequestration Leadership Forum (CSLF) has been in the forefront of the effort to promote, develop and deploy carbon capture and storage (CCS) technologies. During that time we have accomplished much.

The importance of our work was clearly recognized by our Ministers at their meeting in London last year. Perhaps the strongest indication of the CSLF's importance, however, is that we have grown from 13 to 24 Members, with more countries applying for membership. Whether we represent industrialized countries or developing economies, we share a common commitment to advancing CCS as a vital and necessary means of mitigating climate change and ensuring the viability of fossil fuels in a carbon-constrained world.

CCS is now at a critical juncture. While fewer and lower than they once were, technical challenges and institutional barriers remain. After years of research and development, multiple industrial-scale, integrated projects – potentially many more than the minimum of 20 the CSLF recommended – are about to be launched. The success of these projects, as well as the lessons learned and shared, will have a tremendous impact on the commercial deployment of CCS by 2020. At the same time, those projects must be complemented by other work to further meet the challenges to CCS.

The 2010 CSLF meeting must focus on moving CCS successfully through this critical juncture. We will have much to discuss, with the Policy and Technical Groups reporting on their activities. We will also elect Vice Chairs for the Policy Group and start planning for next year's Ministerial in China.

Finally, it is fitting that this meeting will take place in Poland, one of our newest member countries. I appreciate their hospitality and look forward to a productive meeting in Warsaw.

Sincerely,

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