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# Terms of Reference

## CSLF Projects Interaction and Review Team (PIRT)

The CSLF Projects Interaction and Review Team (PIRT) was formed in 2005 at the Berlin meeting of the CSLF. The current PIRT Terms of Reference (ToR) were ratified at the February 2010 meeting in Canberra, Australia. That document has been updated for the November 2013 meeting of the PIRT in Washington USA to reflect the current role and progression of the CSLF and CCS in general.

### **Background**

One of the main instruments to help the CSLF achieve its goals will be through the recognition of CSLF projects. Learnings from CSLF projects are key elements to knowledge sharing which will ultimately result in the acceleration of the deployment of 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 PIRT 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 (TRM) and respond to the recommended priority actions identified in the TRM by reviewing the CSLF project portfolio and member country updates.
- ~~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.
- Manage technical knowledge-sharing activities with other organizations and with CSLF-recognized projects.
- Perform other such tasks which may be assigned to it by the CSLF Technical Group.

## **Members of the PIRT**

### **Membership 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 of Active members comprising Delegates to the Technical Group, or as nominated by a CSLF Member country. Active Members will be required to participate in the operation of the PIRT.
- ~~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 will rotate on an *ad hoc* basis and be approved by the Technical Group.
- ~~The PIRT chair should rotate annually and be approved by the Technical Group.~~

### **Projects for CSLF Recognition**

- CCS projects seeking CSLF recognition will be considered on their technical merit.
- Projects for consideration must contribute to the goal of acceleration of uptake of CCS, through the utilisation of existing or new technologies
- There is no restriction on project type to be recognised- for example, storage in a saline formation; each geological circumstance is different and will be complete at different times. Learnings from like (similar) projects through time will demonstrate progress and could be expected to show areas where savings have been made, following the standard development curve for an emerging technology.
- The proposals will address some, or all, of the following criteria:
  - Integrated CCS project with a capture, storage, and verification components and a transport mechanism for the CO<sub>2</sub>.

## **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.
- The PIRT will report annually, or as required, by the Technical Group on the progress of CCS in members countries and CSLF Projects.
- The TRM will provide guidance for the continuing work program of the PIRT.
- Prior to PIRT Meetings *Active Members* will be required to submit a review of each project nominated for CSLF recognition 10 days before a meeting.
- At PIRT Meetings, individual country representatives will be required to comment on the project nominated for CSLF recognition at the meeting or via proxy, comment through the PIRT Chair.
- Recommendations of the PIRT should be reached by consensus of the Delegate Members, with one vote per member country only.
- The PIRT will facilitate workshops based on technical themes as required.
- 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.~~