## **Workshop Introduction and Background**

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Welcome to the 2015 CSLF Technology Workshop!

This is the 5<sup>th</sup> in a continuing series of Workshops sponsored by the CSLF Technical Group. Previous ones were a Storage and Monitoring-themed Workshop in Al Khobar, Saudi Arabia in March 2011, a Capture-themed Workshop in Bergen, Norway in June 2012, a Monitoringthemed Workshop in Rome, Italy in April 2013, and a "Scaling-up CCS"-themed Workshop in Seoul, Korea in March 2014.

Today's event is centered on "Lessons Learned from Large-Scale CCS" and features presentations on eight different commercial-scale projects. The morning session will inform us about lessons learned during project siting and construction, while the afternoon session will cover the lessons learned during project operations.

At the conclusion of each session, the co-chairs will recap the main messages and takeaways that emerged during the panelists' discussions. These will be made into a briefing document for the upcoming 6<sup>th</sup> CSLF Ministerial Conference in November.

This should be a really interesting and enlightening event, and I am happy to see such a large turnout. To begin, I will ask Mr. Michael Monea to come to the podium for his keynote speech.