

**CHARTER FOR THE CARBON SEQUESTRATION LEADERSHIP FORUM:  
A CARBON CAPTURE AND STORAGE TECHNOLOGY INITIATIVE  
(REVISED)**

The undersigned national governmental entities (collectively the “Members”) set forth the following revised Terms of Reference for the Carbon Sequestration Leadership Forum (CSLF), a framework for international cooperation in research, development, demonstration, and commercialization for the separation, capture, transportation, utilization, and storage of carbon dioxide. The CSLF seeks to realize the promise of carbon capture utilization and storage (CCUS) over the coming decades, and to ensure that CCUS is both commercially competitive and environmentally safe.

**1. Purpose of the CSLF**

To accelerate the research, development, demonstration, and commercial deployment of improved cost-effective technologies for the separation and capture of carbon dioxide for its transport and long-term safe storage or utilization; to make these technologies broadly available internationally; and to identify and address wider issues relating to CCUS. This could include promoting the appropriate technical, political, economic, and regulatory environments for the research, development, demonstration, and commercial deployment of such technology.

**2. Function of the CSLF**

The CSLF seeks to:

- 2.1 Identify key obstacles to achieving improved technological capacity;
- 2.2 Identify potential areas of multilateral collaborations on carbon separation, capture, utilization, transport, and storage technologies;
- 2.3 Foster collaborative research, development, and demonstration (RD&D) projects reflecting Members’ priorities;
- 2.4 Identify potential issues relating to the treatment of intellectual property;
- 2.5 Establish guidelines for the collaborations and reporting of their results;
- 2.6 Assess regularly the progress of collaborative RD&D projects and make recommendations on the direction of such projects;
- 2.7 Establish and regularly assess an inventory of the potential RD&D needs and gaps;
- 2.8 Organize collaboration with the international stakeholder community, including industry, academia, financial institutions, government and non-government

- organizations; the CSLF is also intended to complement ongoing international cooperation;
- 2.9 Disseminate information and foster knowledge-sharing, in particular among Members' demonstration projects;
  - 2.10 Build the capacity of Members;
  - 2.11 Consult with and consider the views and needs of stakeholders in the activities of the CSLF;
  - 2.12 Initiate and support international efforts to explain the value of CCUS, address issues of public acceptance, legal and market frameworks, and promote broad-based adoption of CCUS;
  - 2.13 Support international efforts to promote RD&D and capacity building projects in developing countries; and
  - 2.14 Conduct such other activities to advance achievement of the CSLF's purpose as the Members may determine.

### **3. Organization of the CSLF**

- 3.1 A Policy Group and a Technical Group oversee the management of the CSLF. Unless otherwise determined by consensus of the Members, each Member is to make up to two appointments to the Policy Group and up to two appointments to the Technical Group.
- 3.2 The CSLF operates in a transparent manner. CSLF meetings are open to stakeholders who register for the meeting.
- 3.3 The Policy Group governs the overall framework and policies of the CSLF, periodically reviews the program of collaborative projects, and provides direction to the Secretariat. The Group should meet at least once a year, at times and places to be determined by its appointed representatives. All decisions of the Group are to be made by consensus of the Members.
- 3.4 The Technical Group reports to the Policy Group. The Technical Group meets as often as necessary to review the progress of collaborative projects, identify promising directions for research, and make recommendations to the Policy Group on needed actions.
- 3.5 The CSLF meets at such times and places as determined by the Policy Group. The Technical Group and Task Forces should meet at times that they decide in coordination with the Secretariat.

- 3.6 The principal coordinator of the CSLF's communications and activities is the CSLF Secretariat. The Secretariat: (1) organizes the meetings of the CSLF and its sub-groups, (2) arranges special activities such as teleconferences and workshops, (3) receives and forwards new membership requests to the Policy Group, (4) coordinates communications with regard to CSLF activities and their status, (5) acts as a clearing house of information for the CSLF, (6) maintains procedures for key functions that are approved by the Policy Group, and (7) performs such other tasks as the Policy Group directs. The focus of the Secretariat is administrative. The Secretariat does not act on matters of substance except as specifically instructed by the Policy Group.
- 3.7 The Secretariat may, as required, use the services of personnel employed by the Members and made available to the Secretariat. Unless otherwise provided in writing, such personnel are remunerated by their respective employers and remain subject to their employers' conditions of employment.
- 3.8 The U.S. Department of Energy acts as the CSLF Secretariat unless otherwise decided by consensus of the Members.
- 3.9 Each Member individually determines the nature of its participation in the CSLF activities.

#### **4. Membership**

- 4.1 This Charter, which is administrative in nature, does not create any legally binding obligations between or among its Members. Each Member should conduct the activities contemplated by this Charter in accordance with the laws under which it operates and the international instruments to which its government is a party.
- 4.2 The CSLF is open to other national governmental entities and its membership is decided by the Policy Group.
- 4.3 Technical and other experts from within and without CSLF Member organizations may participate in RD&D projects conducted under the auspices of the CSLF. These projects may be initiated either by the Policy Group or the Technical Group.

#### **5. Funding**

Unless otherwise determined by the Members, any costs arising from the activities contemplated by this Charter are to be borne by the Member that incurs them. Each Member's participation in CSLF activities is subject to the availability of funds, personnel, and other resources.

#### **6. Open Research and Intellectual Property**

- 6.1 To the extent practicable, the RD&D fostered by the CSLF should be open and nonproprietary.

- 6.2 The protection and allocation of intellectual property, and the treatment of proprietary information, generated in RD&D collaborations under CSLF auspices should be defined by written implementing arrangements between the participants therein.

## **7. Commencement, Modification, Withdrawal, and Discontinuation**

### **7.1 Commencement and Modification**

7.1.1 Activities under this Charter may commence on June 25, 2003. The Members may, by unanimous consent, discontinue activities under this Charter by written arrangement at any time.

7.1.2 This Charter may be modified in writing at any time by unanimous consent of all Members.

### **7.2 Withdrawal and Discontinuation**

A Member may withdraw from membership in the CSLF by giving 90 days advance written notice to the Secretariat.

## **8. Counterparts**

This Charter may be signed in counterpart.

## **9. Revised Charter**

Upon signature of at least five Members, this Charter supersedes and replaces the “Charter of the Carbon Sequestration Leadership Forum (CSLF): A Carbon Capture and Storage Technology Initiative” (June 25, 2003).