

## CSLF Technical Group Meeting

Monday, December 4, 2017

Your Excellencies,

Your Distinguished Guests,

Good morning.

I am delighted to welcome you to the 7th Ministerial Meeting.

I would also like to welcome you to Abu Dhabi and hope that you will have time to enjoy the unique hospitality of the capital of the United Arab Emirates.

Last weekend, our Nation celebrated its 46th National Day, since our visionary leaders decided to unite and create a country which leads the region in energy transition and policymaking.

The purpose of this technical meeting is to discuss on the technology roadmap of CCUS, Off-Shore CO<sub>2</sub>-EOR, Bioenergy with CCS, improved Pore Space Utilization, as well its industrial applications, and the investigation of other uses.

The last mid-year meeting in May, was an excellent opportunity to count on the collective knowledge of so many experts. We progressed on many fronts, and this is a momentum we need to keep up during this meeting.

We have witnessed three projects that were nominated for CSLF recognition, as well as an update on the utilization of CO<sub>2</sub> in industry, and use of CO<sub>2</sub> in brine extraction as it relates to enhanced water recovery. We also saw the results from the CSLF-Recognized Uthmaniyah Enhanced Oil Recovery.

We all agree that CCUS is one of the most promising means to reduce carbon emissions from large emitting industries, such as cement, steel, chemical and oil and gas sectors.

As many of you know, the UAE has successfully developed Al Reyadah project in the field of CCUS

This pioneering project captures industrially-produced CO<sub>2</sub> from Emirates Steel factory and delivers it to an ADNOC oilfield where it is injected into oil fields to enhance oil recovery.

For the energy sector of the UAE, this project shows the way to how partnerships and a bold vision can deliver success in the field of CCUS.

Before we start this Meeting, I would like to take the opportunity to thank all the institutions such as the IEA Greenhouse Gas, Global Carbon Capture and Storage Institute and Mission Innovation, as well as all the Taskforces under the CSLF for their efforts to publish technical studies and reports on all aspects of CCUS. Their efforts have enabled productive discussions and collaborations among governments, global corporations, small companies and academia.

I look forward to many productive discussions and positive outcomes from this technical group.

Thank you.