



Closing Remarks

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It's been a very interesting afternoon.

I just want to make a few brief remarks to close out the day. The last two days have been both informative and productive. I'm thinking back about five years ago when the CSLF first started. For those of us who attended that first meeting, it was quite a challenge. When you start up a new organization it's hard to envision where it's going to be a few years down the road.

We're now five years in; we're about halfway through the ten year life of the CSLF, and it's been quite a transformation. I think it's a great organization in terms of learning. It's a rare opportunity for policy people and technical people to get together and exchange views. And it's also an important factor that the CSLF is not a negotiating forum, which allows us to have healthy conversations and productive discussions about the issues surrounding CCS.

So now we're at the five year mark. We've had a number of successful task forces which have completed their assignments. We have important linkages to both the IEA and the G8 community. We have our first group of completed, recognized projects on the board and we have a number more of innovative projects coming up which will help complete the gaps in our Technology Roadmap. It's going to be interesting to see what comes out in terms of new projects with the changing dynamics of a lot of developing countries right now.

We've had a series of capacity building workshops which have been very well received and are really a great success and the CSLF website is

becoming an increasingly valuable information resource. So I think there's a lot to say in terms of accomplishments for the CSLF. With the world changing the way it is, the CSLF is becoming more and more relevant all the time.

I also want to take this opportunity to acknowledge the hard work of the CSLF Secretariat. I don't think the CSLF would be the success it is right now if it wasn't for the Secretariat. I know all the hard work everybody on the Secretariat puts into the planning and execution of these meetings and the follow-up commitments coming out of them, so thank you!

And I also want to add my thanks to our South African hosts for the wonderful hospitality they have shown us. I think everybody who attended dinner last night had a wonderful time. Hopefully dinner tonight will be just as enjoyable.

Thank you very much.