



CSLF Policy Group

G8 and CSLF

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UK Prime Minister Tony Blair recognises the importance of climate change, and the link between energy and greenhouse gas emissions.

Therefore the UK's presidency of G8 and the EU this year has focused on energy and climate change.

Consequently, the G8 Summit at Gleneagles agreed that

“We face serious and linked challenges in tackling climate change, promoting clean energy and achieving sustainable development globally”.

G8 agreed a **Plan of Action on Climate Change, Clean Energy and Sustainable Development**, and a post-Gleneagles Dialogue to include the major developing economies, and the IEA and World Bank.

Largest emissions reductions will come from improving the use of fossil fuels, and carbon dioxide capture and storage stood out as potentially making the greatest impact.

In China and India, there is a big opportunity now to avoid being locked in to unnecessarily high emissions for decades to come.

Gleneagles Plan of Action has five G8 initiatives on carbon dioxide capture and storage.

CSLF was recognised as a leading international activity on CCS that involves both developed and developing countries.

Therefore, three of the initiatives seek to work with the CSLF.

To quote the initiatives:

“We will work to accelerate the development and commercialisation of CCS technology by: -

1. Endorsing the objectives and activities of the CSLF, and encouraging the Forum to work with broader civil society and to address the barriers to the public acceptability of CCS technology.

2. Inviting the IEA to work with the CSLF to hold a workshop on short-term opportunities for CCS in the fossil fuel sector, including from enhanced oil recovery and CO₂ removal from natural gas production.
3. Inviting the IEA to work with the CSLF to study definitions, costs, and scope for 'capture ready' plant and consider economic incentives.

In addition:-

4. Collaborating with key developing countries to research options for geological CO₂ storage.
5. Working with industry and with national and international research programmes and partnerships to explore the potential of CCS technologies, including with developing countries.”

The IEA Governing Board approved IEA's involvement in the G8 workplan.

Important that the IEA and the CSLF work together.

Hope that endorsement by G8 of CCS and the value of the CSLF will serve to assist the CSLF to continue with its activities for the deployment of CCS.

