

**Keynote Statement**  
**Opening of the 2009 Spring CSLF Technical Group Meeting**  
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Chairman, Invited Experts, CSLF Technical Committee Delegates:

- It is a pleasure for me to open this spring's meeting of the CSLF Technical Committee.
- CCS will be important to combat climate change. With the global nature of the climate change challenge, International Collaboration such as the CSLF is key to our success in meeting this daunting challenge.
- As you are aware, CCS has been very important for Norway from the very beginning, and will also be a key priority for us in the future.
- Norway is therefore committed to play an active role in moving CSLF forward.
- We are grateful for the role the Research Council has taken as a part of our commitment to Chair the CSLF Technical Committee, and for their generosity to host this meeting.
- Norway is also co-hosting this year's CSLF Ministerial Meeting in London later this year, which will be a major milestone in our work. I am confident the CSLF Technical Committee will make a strong contribution towards this key milestone.
- As a pioneering country within CCS Norway is indeed excited to see how this technology extends to the rest of the world.
- To this effect, important High-level attention has been ensured by the declaration from last year's G8-summit to support the launch of 20 large-scale CCS demonstrations by 2010.
- I would like to recognize the important role CSLF together with the International Energy Agency play in the follow-up of progress in this respect.
- The report to the G8-head of States in 2010 will be an important opportunity to address the progress of CCS globally, and there need to be the strongest possible agreement behind our message.
- To provide sufficient transparency and international consensus behind this key outreach, the Norwegian Government is through the IEA Working Party for Fossil Fuels, hosting a Global Peer Review of the core dimensions of this work, at the High-Level Conference on CCS in Bergen 27 May.

- There is a strong international interest emerging in the Bergen CCS events. CSLF and IEA affiliates are all invited to this key group of meetings, and I hope you find your way to beautiful Bergen in May.
- I also understand initial discussions related to the G8 context in question also is on the agenda for this meeting of the CSLF technical Committee.
- I take this as a clear indication you all have a busy and demanding two days of discussions ahead of you.
- I wish you good luck on your meeting.

Thank you for your attention.