

**Welcoming Remarks
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**Carbon Sequestration Leadership Forum
Workshop on Capacity Building
for Carbon Capture & Storage (CCS)**

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Good morning everyone! I'm Judd Swift, Deputy Assistant Secretary for International Affairs in DOE's Office of Fossil Energy, and Chair of the CSLF Task Force on Capacity Building. It is my pleasure to welcome all of you to this Capacity Building Workshop.

All of us had a journey of some type in order to get here for this event. This holds true even for those of us on the CSLF Task Force on Capacity Building. We started our journey to Pittsburgh in back to the CSLF in Melbourne, Australia, in 2004. Two years later, at our New Delhi meeting in April 2006, this workshop was approved, with its primary objectives determined to be:

- Enable emerging economy Members to develop the knowledge, skills, expertise and institutions they need to deploy CCS technologies,
- Develop a set of informational, training, and educational resources that all CSLF Member nations may utilize, and
- Identify, document, and transfer lessons and better practices learned from other CCS projects and institution building activities.

We've been busy since then putting this workshop together including:

- Developing the workshop syllabus, making certain that the topics take into account input from participating countries,
- Identifying, then securing the participation of, renowned CCS experts from CSLF developed countries to lead the lectures,
- Every effort was made during planning to maximize your opportunity to attend the Sixth Annual Conference on Carbon Capture & Sequestration – the premier meeting on carbon capture and sequestration in the United States, and
- We invited all six emerging nation members of the CSLF, and I'm pleased to report that all six countries are represented here today.

Over the 2½ days this week, we will cover the following topics:

- Overview of Issues and Need for Carbon Management
- Carbon Capture
- Carbon Storage
- Measuring, Monitoring, and Verification
- Stakeholder Involvement
- Legal/Policy/Regulation in CCS
- Economics/Costs/Financing CCS Projects, and
- Tour of NETL's CCS R&D facilities on the last day.

I want you to know that your participation in this event is as valuable to us as it is to you and to your respective countries. Only through dialogue at events such as this can we reach consensus on a way forward for coal and other fossil fuels to be part of our long-term energy mix. Your feedback is important to us, as it will enable us to:

- Evaluate the effectiveness and success of this workshop, and make revisions, if needed, for use in future workshops
- Finalize the workshop proceedings and other materials that will become part of educational resources to be used in future capacity building programs, and
- Explore interest, resources, and options to take this workshop to developing Member nations for “in-country” training.

So, you see, quite literally, this is YOUR workshop. YOU played a significant role in defining its content. YOUR active participation in it throughout the various sessions will put YOUR mark on the final proceedings and, perhaps most importantly, on future activities conducted by the Capacity Building Task Force.

Again, my thanks to each of you for being with us this week. I encourage all of you to take full advantage of every opportunity to talk to the experts at this workshop and the Sixth Annual Conference on Carbon Capture & Sequestration.