

Carbon Sequestration Leadership Forum

Introductory Remarks

Technical Group Meeting

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Thank you Mr. Chair for the welcome.

Excellencies, ladies and gentlemen.

It is a great pleasure and honor for me to welcome you all to the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia.

This meeting of the Carbon Sequestration Leadership Forum is special to Saudi Arabia for many reasons:

- 1) this the largest and most high profile meeting to date in this region on carbon capture and storage and we hope it will catalyze actions in this important area.
- 2) The meeting is coming a matter of weeks before the important Paris climate talks in December.

We are honored to host so many ministers and high-level officials to these discussions. We also welcome non-members to these talks. We are all looking forward to fruitful discussions about the policy and technical aspects of our work, which are complementary and two sides of the same coin.

Today, we are focusing on the CSLF Technical Group Meeting. I'm looking forward to have outcomes that would advance our cause in Paris and I thank you all in advance for taking that into account.

I do not want to keep you but I would just like to mention two items. First, please take some time to look around the booths located outside this room which explain some of the work being undertaken in this area.

Second, I would like to remind those present that there is a special dinner planned for tonight. It is to be held in unique and historic part of the city and I hope you can all make it.

So, thank you once again for coming to Riyadh.