Chapter **4**

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1. The Concept

As explained in chapter 2, CCUS requires large-scale investment. As such, wide-ranging technical and transboundary policy issues can be addressed through a multilayered cooperation framework encompassing national borders. A large-scale CCUS project can greatly benefit from business or project-level cooperation, country-to-country cooperation that can lead to regional, and eventually to global cooperation (Figure 4.1). Further details of this multilayered cooperation concept is described in the subsequent subsections.



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2. Project and/or Corporate Level Cooperation

Table 4.1 describes issues that can be addressed, potential players, and actual examples of project and/or corporate-level cooperation. Such cooperation can contribute to individual project development. Examples include the implementation of technical and business feasibility studies through joint agreements.

Issues that can be addressed	Storage potential survey
	Site survey
	Technical feasibility
	Economic feasibility
	Business model development
	Estimation of GHG emissions reduction
Players	National oil companies
	International oil majors
	Off-takers
	Technology suppliers
	Research institutes
Examples	Memorandum of understanding (MOU) between
	Pertamina and ExxonMobile on CCUS potential study
	 MOU between Petronas and ExxonMobile on CCUS potential study
	 Joint Study Agreement between Japan Petroleum Exploration Col, Itd., LEMIGAS, and Pertamina for Sukowati CCUS project (Indonesia)
GHG = greenbouse gas	 Joint Study Agreement between JGC Corp, Japan NUS, J-Power, Institut Teknologi Bandung, and Pertamina for Gundhi CCUS project (Indonesia)

Table 4.1: Project and/or Corporate-level Cooperation

GHG = greenhouse gas. Source: Created by MRI.

3. Bilateral Cooperation

Table 4.2 describes issues that can be addressed, potential players, and actual examples of bilateral cooperation. Bilateral cooperation can facilitate knowledge sharing, research and development cooperation, and the creation of a business value chain. Examples include the Joint Statement on CCUS between Indonesia and Australia and the Joint Crediting Mechanism between Japan and key Southeast Asian countries – Cambodia, Indonesia, the Lao PDR, Myanmar, the Philippines, Thailand, and Viet Nam – that aim to put an economic value on CO2 reduction through the introduction of advanced low-carbon technologies.

Issues that can be addressed	 Government commitment through shared objectives Comprehensive cooperation (R&D to global business value chain development) Financial support Paris Agreement, Article 6 on Collaboration (e.g. Joint Crediting Mechanism)
Players	GovernmentsNational research institutions
Examples	 Australia–Indonesia Joint Statement on Cooperation on the Green Economy and Energy Transition Include reference to supporting CCS/CCU projects through green finance, carbon offset project collaboration, etc.) Japan–Saudi Vision 2030 Include CO2-free ammonia production with CCUS Japan–Indonesia bilateral agreement on Joint Crediting Mechanism

Table 4.2: Bilateral Cooperation

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4. Regional Cooperation

Table 4.3 describes issues that can be addressed, potential players, and actual examples of regional cooperation. Regional cooperation can facilitate mutual understanding between concerned parties and address transboundary issues, such as CO2 shipment and CO2 storage that cross borders and the regional carbon market. Such cooperation can lead to raising larger funds and creating larger businessed that benefit various players of value chain encompassing multiple countries, such as high CO2-emitting industries, countries with depleted oil and gas fields, shipping companies, and construction companies, amongst others.

Issues that can be addressed	 Regional policy development
	 Knowledge share, capacity development
	Financial support
	Transboundary issues
Players	Governments
	 Regional organisations (ERIA, ASEAN Centre for Energy, ADB, Coordinating Committee for Geoscience Programmes in East and Southeast Asia, etc.)
Examples	 ASEAN Petroleum Service Agreement (introduced as a joint effort to tackle energy shortage)
	 Asia CCUS Network (capacity development, storage mapping, enabling environment discussion)
	 EU CCS Directive (regulation for permitting and enabling CCS)
	 ERA-NET (EU regional funding and networking
	support for research activities)
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Table 4.3: Regional Cooperation

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5. Global Cooperation

Table 4.4 describes issues that can be addressed, potential players, and actual examples of global cooperation. Global cooperation can facilitate mutual understanding on global or international issues, such as standardisation; certification; and methods for measurement, reporting, and verification (MRV) of CO2 emissions reduction. The work towards gaining international recognition will lead to increased confidence in CCUS business in the Asian region, facilitating further project development and investment.

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	 Knowledge share, capacity development
	Financial support
	 Transboundary issues
	Governments
Players	 Regional organisation (ERIA, ASEAN Centre for Energy, ADB, Coordinating Committee for Geoscience Programmes in East and Southeast Asia, etc.)
Examples	 Communiqué G20 Ministerial Meeting on Energy Transitions and Global Environment for Sustainable Growth 2019 (taking note of work on 'Carbon Recycling' and 'Emissions to Value')
	 Clean Energy Ministerial (high-level policy network)
	Oil and Gas Climate Initiative (industry-led platform)
	 Global CCS Institute (international think-tank)

Table 4.4: Global Cooperation

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