Acknowledgement

This Synthesis Report draws together findings from various sessions held during the Inaugural Meeting of LCS-RNet in Bologna Italy on 12-13 October 2009. This should be of interest to those conducting LCS related research as well as interested policy-makers and other stakeholders. The report also highlights key issues for LCS policy-making and identifies gaps in knowledge to enable scientists to develop future research agendas.

The scope of the Synthesis Report covers issues addressed during the meeting:

- long-term and mid-term targets for GHG emissions reductions;
- economic aspects of LCS and Green Growth;
- the role of technologies, public policy, social and individual lifestyle change; and
- cross-cutting issues.

For the readers who want to go into more depth, summaries of sessions and presentations are included in the attached CD-ROM.

I would like to take this opportunity to express our gratitude to the contributors of the synthesis report: Dr Jim Skea (UKERC) who took the leading role in scientific editorial work to all drafts in the Synthesis Report, Dr Junichi Fujino (NIES, Japan), Dr Giulia Galluccio (CMCC), Dr Mikiko Kainuma (NIES, Japan), Dr Stefan Lechtenböhmer (Wuppertal Institute), and Mr Jean-Pierre Tabet (ADEME).

I would also like to thank those who acted as facilitators and rapporteurs at the Bologna meeting. Their session summaries form the basis of the Synthesis Report.

Finally, I would like to express our gratitude to all participants of the meeting in Bologna for their contribution.

Shuzo Nishioka Secretary General LCS-RNet Secretariat

Published by the Institute for Global Environmental Strategies (IGES) on behalf of the International Research Network for Low Carbon Societies (LCS-RNet)

© International Research Network for Low Carbon Societies (LCS-RNet), 2009.

Referencing this report:

LCS-RNet (2009). Achieving a Low Carbon Society - Synthesis Report: Inaugural Meeting of the LCS-RNet (International Research Network for Low Carbon Societies). Prepared by the LCS-RNet Secretariat, Shuzo Nishioka, Wataru Machida, Kyoko Miwa, Takashi Otsuka (eds). Published: IGES, Japan.

All rights reserved. No part of this publication may be reproduced or transmitted for commercial purposes in any form or any means, electronically or mechanically, including photocopying, recording or any information storage or retrieval system, without prior written permission from the publisher or a licence permitting restricted copying.

LCS-RNet Secretariat

C/o Institute for Global Environmental Strategies (IGES) 2108-11, Kamiyamaguchi, Hayama, Kanagawa, Japan, 240-0115 http://lcs-rnet.org

Whilst advice and information in this report is believed to be true and accurate at the date of going to press, neither the authors nor publisher can accept any legal responsibility or liability for any errors or omissions that may be made.

Printed in Japan