The High Commission of the Republic of Ghana presents its compliments to the Secretariat of the International Solar Alliance (ISA) and all Diplomatic Missions of the Africa member countries of the ISA resident in New Delhi, and has the honour to present the candidature of Ghana for the post of Vice President of the International Solar Alliance for the African Region.

The High Commission is therefore soliciting the kind support of all Africa member countries of the ISA for Ghana’s candidature during elections to be held soon.

The High Commission of the Republic of Ghana avails itself this opportunity to renew to the Secretariat of the International Solar Alliance (ISA) and all Diplomatic Missions of the Africa member countries of the ISA resident in New Delhi, the assurances of its highest consideration.

New Delhi, 22nd November, 2018

THE SECRETARIAT OF THE
INTERNATIONAL SOLAR ALLIANCE
NATIONAL INSTITUTE OF SOLAR ENERGY,
GWAL PAHARI, GURUGRAM, HARYANA 122102

ALL DIPLOMATIC MISSIONS OF
THE AFRICAN MEMBER COUNTRIES
OF THE INTERNATIONAL SOLAR ALLIANCE
NEW DELHI
The Embassy of the Republic of Niger, New Delhi, presents its compliments to the Secretariat of the International Solar Alliance and has the honour to inform that the Government of the Republic of Niger has decided to present the candidature of Niger for the post of the Vice President of International Solar Alliance for African Zone.

While thanking the Secretariat of International Solar Alliance for its kind cooperation, the Embassy of the Republic of Niger avails itself of this opportunity to renew to the Secretariat of the International Solar Alliance, the assurances of its highest consideration.

SECRETARIAT OF THE
INTERNATIONAL SOLAR ALLIANCE
GWL PAHARI, GURUGRAM
HARYANA- 122003
Objet : Candidature à la Vice-Présidence de l’ASI


C’est dans ce cadre que le Gouvernement du Niger à travers le Ministère de l’Énergie soumet à la Direction Générale de l’ASI sa candidature pour le poste de Vice-Président de l’ASI.

Le Ministère de l’Énergie de la République du Niger saisit cette opportunité pour renouveler à la Direction Générale de l’Alliance Solaire Internationale les assurances de sa très haute considération.

Amélioration :
- Dir/Cab PRN
- Dir/Cab PM

Madame AMINA MOUMOUNI
N°0215/ART-ND/MK/2018

The Embassy of the Togolese Republic in India, presents its compliments to the Secretariat of the International Solar Alliance and congratulates the New General Director for the unanimous election and, concerning the election of the Vice President of the African Zone, has the honor to inform that the Government of the Togolese Republic has decided to present the candidature of the Togolese Republic for this Poste.

The Togolese Republic had signed and ratified the framework.

Also,

- Togo recognizes that access to electricity is essential to its policy of inclusive economic development and growth and is a key pillar in the success of its new National Development Plan,
- Togo’s ambition is for universal access by all its citizens by 2030, with 100% access over the next ten years,
- Togo’s achievement of universal access will use private sector investment from mainly public/private partnerships and targeted support that will, for example, give the most vulnerable access to electricity.

The Togolese Government could be greatly appreciated if the distinguished Secretariat could transmit that candidature for the support of all African member States of ISA for that nomination.

Attached also, copie of the letter N°549/MME/CAB/2018 dated 12th October 2018, from the Minister of Minings and Energy of the Togo to the General Director of ISA.

While thanking the Secretariat of the International Solar Alliance, for its kind cooperation, the Embassy of Togolese Republic avails itself of this opportunity to renew to the latter, the assurances of its highest consideration.

New Delhi, 15th October 2018

SECRETARIAT OF THE INTERNATIONAL SOLAR ALLIANCE (ISA)
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MINISTERE DES MINES
ET DE L'ENERGIE

CABINET

Lomé, le 12 Okt 2018

N° 592/ MME/ CAB/2018

Le Ministre

À

Monsieur le Directeur Général
de l’Alliance Solaire
Internationale (ASI)
New- Delhi INDE

Objet : Candidature du Togo au poste de
Vice-président pour la zone Afrique

Monsieur le Directeur Général,

Je ne saurais commencer cette lettre de candidature sans encore une fois, vous féliciter pour votre confirmation à l’unanimité au poste de Directeur Général de l’Alliance Solaire Internationale (ASI) et pour la brillante organisation de la première assemblée générale de ladite Alliance. Aussi, vous remercions-nous pour l’accueil chaleureux et les commodités mises à notre disposition.

Lors de l’assemblée générale, la question d’élection du vice-président pour chaque zone s’était posée et la zone Afrique avait souhaité remettre à plus tard cette désignation afin de mieux la préparer.

Une semaine après l’assemblée générale, le Togo, après avoir bien appréhendé le rôle et l’importance de la vice-présidence et les critères d’éligibilités, vient par la présente soumettre sa candidature.

En effet, sur l’éligibilité, le Togo fait partie des 44 pays ayant signé et ratifié le protocole d’accord.

Au sein de l’Alliance solaire Internationale, le Togo a fait preuve de son engagement au plus haut niveau dans l’atteinte des objectifs. La dernière en date est l’initiative de six (06) pays africains relative au programme 2 « Financement abordable à l’échelle » de l’ASI porté par le Togo ; initiative qui vise à harmoniser les cadres réglementaires, mettre en place une plateforme commune pour agréger les projets en vue de faciliter l’obtention des financements et des garanties nécessaires pour la mise en œuvre des projets.

Cette initiative qui a été défendue par le Chef de l’État Togolais Son Excellence Faure Essozimna Gnassingbé lors du « One World Summit » dénote de
l'engagement du Togo dans la mise en œuvre des programmes de l'ASI au niveau international.

Au niveau national, le Togo a fait un changement radical depuis 2016 en intégrant l'électrification rurale décentralisée hors réseau à base de sources d'énergies renouvelables dans sa politique. Ce changement de paradigme a été transcrit dans la stratégie d'électrification qui a été lancée en juin 2018. Dans cette nouvelle stratégie, plus de la moitié des ménages seront électrifiés par des systèmes solaires soit individuel, soit via des réseaux isolés (mini-grid). Le Togo ambitionne d'assurer un accès universel de 100% d'électricité à tous les Togolais et augmenter de 50% la part des énergies renouvelable dans son mix énergétique à l'horizon 2030.

Aussi, l'absence de cadre législatif et réglementaire adéquat a été identifiée comme un frein au développement des énergies renouvelables dans les pays du sud. Cependant, cette carence vient d'être résolue grâce à l'adoption, par l'Assemblée Nationale du Togo, de la loi sur la promotion de la production de l'électricité à base des sources d'énergies renouvelables.

Dans cette dynamique, le Togo pourra l'insuffler dans la zone Afrique, ce qui justifie notre candidature.

Dans l'espoir que la candidature du Togo rétienne l'attention de l'unanimité de la zone Afrique, je vous prie, Monsieur le Directeur Général, de recevoir l'expression de ma considération distinguée.
04th October 2018

Mr. Upendra Tripathy
Director General
International Solar Alliance (IAS)

I write with regard to the Sri Lanka’s expressed interest to serve as the Vice Chair of the Asia Pacific Group of the ISA Assembly during the term commencing this year.

However it was observed during the final session of the ISA Assembly yesterday, and following the informal consultations, the Asia Pacific region, could not reach a consensus on a nominee as the Vice-Chair.

It was also observed that the Pacific Island nations stressed on the need to advance their interests through the ISA. While the position of the Pacific Islands that the specific needs of their group should be protected, has its own merits, Sri Lanka is of the view that it should not affect the wider interests of the Asian region. It is important that specific interests of the Asian region are also adequately represented and addressed, in line with the objectives of the ISA.

In this context and in the absence of consensus, we propose that Asia and the Pacific region be considered as two separate regional groups as follows;

1) Vice Chair/Asia
2) Vice Chair/Pacific & Oceania

I would appreciate to hear from you at the earliest.

Chitranganee Wadiswara
High Commissioner

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To
The President
Assembly of International Solar Alliance (ISA).

Subject: Nomination of Vice President from Asia Pacific Region

The ISA Member Countries from the Asia Pacific region having met on 3rd October, 2018 has jointly nominated the Kingdom of Tonga as the Vice-President from the Asia Pacific region with majority support.

The details of ISA Member countries who have actively taken part in the nomination are detailed as follows:

1. Australia - Shane Gaddes 3/10/18
2. Kiribati - Ruateki Tekina 3/10/18
3. Namu - Boraque Berevei 3/10/18
4. Papua New Guinea - H.E. Mr. Stiventh Amoni 4/10/18
5. Vanuatu - Gary Erick 3/10/18
6. Tonga - Hon. Poasi Tei 3/10/18
7. Tuvalu - Hon. Makenzie Kiribone 3/10/18
HE Mr Upendra Tripathy,
Director General,
International Solar Alliance,
Gurugram-122003, India.

Excellency,

Thanks for the report of the First Assembly.

We would like to bring following facts to your kind notice.

As per Agenda item No. 8, the decision was to have another meeting to finalise consensus based candidate for the Asia Pacific region.

A meeting was held on the date of the Assembly ie 3rd October 2018. Seven countries constituting the majority of the group gave in writing, supporting the candidature of Tonga as the Vice President. The same has been submitted to the Secretariat.

In view of this, further necessary action may kindly be taken in the matter including declaration of Tonga as the Vice President.

Excellency, Please accept assurances of our highest consideration.

With best regards,

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Hony. Consulate of the Kingdom of Tonga
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HE Mr. Upendra Tripathy  
Director General  
International Solar Alliance  
New Delhi

Election of members to the Regional Committee for Asia and Pacific

Please refer to your letter dated 13 November 2018 on the above.

Reference to para (4) of the communication under reference, on behalf of Sri Lanka, this High Commission would like to inform that instead of contesting for the Vice President post of the Asia Pacific Group in the Standing Committee, Sri Lanka would like to request to become the Vice Chair of the Regional Committee of Asia Pacific.

Simultaneously, we would like to make a proposition that the Vice Chair of the Regional Committee for Asia Pacific be considered for the Vice President of the Asia Pacific Group in the Standing committee, after every two years, i.e. of the stipulated term.

And also, we would like to register a proposal that this practice of automatic up-gradation to the Vice President of the Asia Pacific Group may be followed as a precedence in the future, so that each member of the Asia Pacific Group would be able to have a tenure as the Vice President of the Standing Committee, which will in turn contribute to the inclusivity and equality among the members in the Asia Pacific Countries.

Sent herewith for appropriate action please.

Sincerely,

[Signature]

Austin Fernando  
High Commissioner
Note No: FHC/31/2019

The High Commission of the Republic of Fiji presents its compliments to the International Solar Alliance (ISA) Secretariat with reference to the position of Vice Presidency of International Solar Alliance (ISA), under the Asia-Pacific Regional Committee.

The High Commission of the Republic of Fiji has the further honour to advise that Fiji would like to nominate itself to take up the post and hence, forwarding the official correspondence and justification received from the Ministry for Infrastructure, Transport, Disaster Management and Meteorological Services – Fiji for submission of nomination for the said position for Asia-Pacific Region.

The High Commission of the Republic of Fiji avails itself of this opportunity to renew to the International Solar Alliance (ISA) Secretariat the assurances of its highest consideration.

Shri Upendra Tripathy
Director General
International Solar Alliance
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Gurugram – 122003

14 March 2019

Cc: 1. Mr. Manish – Joint Secretary (South), Ministry of External Affairs, India.
2. Col. Sanjito Sethi – Director (South-I), Ministry of External Affairs, India.
3. Mr. Rajeev Gyan – Additional Director (RE), ISA NFP/CP Coordinator.

Encl: Copy of the letter received from the Ministry for Infrastructure, Transport, Disaster Management and Meteorological Services – Fiji.
MEMORANDUM

From: Permanent Secretary for Infrastructure, Transport, Disaster Management & Meteorological Services
Phone: 338 4111

To: Permanent Secretary for Foreign Affairs
File: E 2

Sub: NOMINATION OF FIJI AS VICE – PRESIDENT FROM ASIA-PACIFIC REGION
Date: 13/03/19

Reference is made to the above subject.

The International Solar Alliance (ISA) focal point, the Department of Energy, would like to propose Fiji to take up the position of the Vice-President for the Asia-Pacific Region. We had noted from the email correspondences dated 11/03/2019 from the Fiji High Commission Office in New Delhi that the Asia Pacific Region have nominated the Kingdom of Tonga as the Vice-President together with the support from other ISA member countries including Australia, Kiribati, Nauru, Papua New Guinea, Vanuatu, Tonga and Tuvalu.

However, Fiji hasn’t shown its support to the Kingdom of Tonga. Our request to propose Fiji to take up the post of the Vice-President lies on a number of key factors:

(i) Fiji is the first country to ratify the Paris Agreement. We are committed to reduce our carbon emissions into the atmosphere by 30% in 2030. We have forged strong partnerships with other Small Island Developing States (SIDS), development partners and the international community to work towards the objectives and targets of the Paris Agreement.

(ii) Fiji has stamped its mark in the global arena through the COP 23 Presidency. Through our strong and visionary leadership, we have proven to the world that small countries like ours can make a big difference. We represent the voice of SIDS and the vulnerable people and communities in our societies.

(iii) In addition, Fiji is also one of the first countries to ratify the ISA Agreement. Fiji fully supports the establishment of ISA as a vehicle towards the achievements of the Paris Agreement target.

(iv) Fiji is the hub of the Pacific and a gateway to the outside world. In addition, Fiji has established its High Commission Office in New Delhi. Through this arrangement, we can liaise and work closely with the Asia-Pacific Region and ISA Member Countries on any issues pertaining to the agreement.
In light of the above, the Ministry seeks your support and assistance to forward our proposal to the Fiji High Commission Office in New Delhi for their deliberation.

Yours faithfully

[Signature]

D. KOLITAGANE
Permanent Secretary
Note No: FHC/32/2019

The High Commission of the Republic of Fiji presents its compliments to the International Solar Alliance (ISA) Secretariat with reference to the Note Verbale FHC/31/2019 dated 14 March 2019 regarding the position of Vice Presidency of International Solar Alliance (ISA), under the Asia-Pacific Regional Committee.

The High Commission of the Republic of Fiji has the further honour to inform that Government of Fiji would like to withdraw its nomination for the said post and would like to submit the nominations to become the Chair of Finance and Programming Committees.

The High Commission of the Republic of Fiji has the further honour to request the International Solar Alliance (ISA) Secretariat to consider this request of candidature.

The High Commission of the Republic of Fiji avails itself of this opportunity to renew to the International Solar Alliance (ISA) Secretariat the assurances of its highest consideration.

Shri Upendra Tripathy  
Director General  
International Solar Alliance  
Surya Bhawan  
National Institute of Solar Energy Campus  
Gwal Pahari, Faridabad-Gurugram Road  
Gurugram - 122003

18 March 2019

Cc: 1. Mr. Manish – Joint Secretary (South), Ministry of External Affairs, India.  
2. Col. Sanjiv Sethi – Director (South-1), Ministry of External Affairs, India.  
3. Mr. Rajeev Gyani – Additional Director (RE), ISA NFP/CP Coordinator.  
The Embassy of Peru presents its compliments to the Secretariat of the International Solar Alliance and, on behalf of the Latin American and Caribbean ratifying countries, has the honour to officially convey the decision of the Regional Group with regard to the representation of our region for the position of Vice President, for the membership of the Standing Committee, as well as for other ISA committees as detailed below:

1. Peru shall represent the region in the Vice Presidency. Its nomination was welcomed by the Assembly and subsequently ratified.
2. Venezuela shall be part of the Standing Committee as additional member for Latin America.

The Embassy of Peru also informs that Suriname shall be member of the Finance Committee (Agenda Item 18).

The representation of the region in the following committees will be conveyed in the near future:

1. Regional Committee
2. General and Legal Committee
3. Programme Committee

The Embassy of Peru will highly appreciate that the ISA Secretariat register said information and circulate it among the member countries.

The Embassy of Peru avails itself of this opportunity to renew to the Secretariat of the International Solar Alliance the assurances of its highest consideration.

New Delhi, 5th October 2018

To,
The Secretariat of the International Solar Alliance
Gurugram.-
For your information and n/a

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From: Desh Sahae <sahaedeshb871@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, March 8, 2019 7:27 PM
To: Rajeev Gyani
Cc: Upendra Tripathy
Subject: Re: Reconvening of regional coordination meetings on 26th of March for electing standing Committee and Regional Committees members in order to hold these committee meetings in April 2019.

Dear Mr. Gyani,

Thanks for your email dated 8th March 2019 on the captioned subject. On behalf of the Kingdom of Tonga, the Hon. Consulate would like to inform that as the only candidate for the Vice President position of Asia Pacific region, Tonga would like to nominate Sri Lanka as the Vice Chair of Regional Committee of Asia Pacific.

Regards,

Desh B Sahae
Hon. Consul
Hony. Consulate of the Kingdom of Tonga
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New Delhi-110017
Tel 91 1147024309

On Fri, 8 Mar 2019 at 6:32 PM, Rajiv Kumar <rajiv@isolaralliance.org> wrote:
Your Excellency,

For your kind information.

With regards,
Rajiv Kumar

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From: P.C. Sharma  
Sent: Friday, March 8, 2019 5:37:20 PM  
To: Rajeev Gyani; ahc.newdelhi@dfat.gov.au; bdhcdelhi@gmail.com; nahidmojamalsohel@gmail.com; jamal.ahmed100@yahoo.com; seemab34@gmail.com; ambabenindelhi@yahoo.fr; hcbeninbangalore@gmail.com; oembassy1@burkinafasoindia.org; klganju_comoros@hotmail.com; congoembassy@yahoo.co.in; amb2ci_ind@yahoo.com; amba2ci_ind@yahoo.com; embassy@amb2ci-ind.org; embassyofofjibouti@airtelmail.in; embadom@dr-embassy-india.com; embregeindia@gmail.com; delethem@yahoo.com; manpreet@fijihc-india.in; info@fijihc-india.in; scg.new-delhi-amba@diplomatie.gouv.fr; camille.toutee@diplomatie.gouv.fr; paul.salvaire@diplomatie.gouv.fr; gabonambainde@yahoo.fr; chancery@ghana-mission.co.in; max@ghana-mission.co.in; jaee@ghana-mission.co.in; ambaguineedelhi@gmail.com; consulofficer@kiribatiindia.com; officerconsul@kiribatiindia.com; ambamad.delhi@gmail.com; leontinesanou@gmail.com; malawihindia@gmail.com; pmphepozm@yahoo.co.uk; info@maliembassy.co.in; ambassador@maliembassy.co.in; amadoudiallo@maliembassy.co.in; charan.bhalla@nauruindia.com; ambanigerindia@yahoo.fr; ambanigerindia@gmail.com; secretary@embassyperuindia.in; info@embassyperuindia.in; ambadelhi@minaffet.gov.rw; rwandahighcommission@gmail.com; mrtishisha@minaffet.gov.rw; embassy@embsenindia.org; mpapaassane@gmail.com; admin@embsenindia.org; seychelleshighcommission@gmail.com  
Cc: Upendra Tripathy; Anand Rao; Jagjeet Sareen; Rajiv Kumar; Sastry Akella  
Subject: Re: Reconvening of regional coordination meetings on 26th of March for electing standing Committee and Regional Committees members in order to hold these committee meetings in April 2019.

Your Excellency,
I am re-forwarding the attachments for your kind perusal. Due to technical error the attachments were not delivered in the previous mail sent by Mr. Rajeev Gyani.

Regards,

P.C. Sharma  
Deputy Director (RE)  
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Let us make the sun brighter

From: Rajeev Gyani  
Sent: Friday, March 8, 2019 5:20 PM
Subject: Fw: Reconvening of regional coordination meetings on 26th of March for electing standing Committee and Regional Committees members in order to hold these committee meetings in April 2019.
Shri Upendra Tripathy  
Director General  
International Solar Alliance  
Surya Bhawan  
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Gurugram – 1222003  
India

Your Excellency Shri Tripathy,

I would like to take this opportunity to congratulate you on your appointment as Director General of the International Solar Alliance (ISA).

I am writing to submit a nomination, on behalf of Australia, for the position of Chair of the ISA’s General and Legal Committee (GLC). We would greatly appreciate your dissemination of our nomination to all other parties involved in the selection of the Chair and Vice-Chair of the GLC, for their due consideration.

I extend our thanks to you and your colleagues in the Secretariat for the hard work already undertaken in the establishment of the ISA and development of its work programme. We look forward to collaborating with you to develop the ISA further to reach its goals.

Yours sincerely

Sean Sullivan  
First Assistant Secretary,  
Energy Security and Efficiency Division

22 March 2019
The High Commission for the People’s Republic of Bangladesh in New Delhi presents its compliments to the Secretariat of the International Solar Alliance (ISA) and has the honour to inform that the Government of Bangladesh has decided to float its candidature for the membership of the General and Legal Committee of the International Solar Alliance.

The High Commission would deeply appreciate if the Secretariat could share the information on the aforementioned candidature floated by Bangladesh with the Member States of the ISA.

The High Commission for the People’s Republic of Bangladesh in New Delhi avails itself of this opportunity to renew to the Secretariat of the International Solar Alliance the assurances of its highest consideration.

New Delhi
20 March 2019

Secretariat
International Solar Alliance
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Gurugram-122 003, Haryana, India.
[Kind Attention: Mr. Rajib Gyani, Additional Director & Mr. Rajiv Kumar, Consultant]
Excellency Dear Mr. Upendra Tripathi,

Kindly refer to the meeting scheduled to be held on 26th March, 2019 regarding formation of committees etc. In this connection, I offer my services as Chairman of the programmes committee of the International Solar Alliance. I hope you will consider my request favourably.

With kindest regards,

Yours Sincerely,

K.L. Ganju, o.c.v.c. (cdr.)

Consul General (Hy.)

Advisor to the Foreign Minister

Union of the Comoros

President: HCCD - India
25 March 2019

Shri Upendra Tripathy
Director General
International Solar Alliance
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National Institute of Solar Energy Campus
Gwal Pahari, Faridabad-Gurugram Road
Gurugram – 122003

Dear Shri Tripathy Ji

Subject: Chair of the Finance Committee of International Solar Alliance (ISA).

Greetings from High Commission of the republic of Fiji – New Delhi, India.

Reference is made to the above-captioned subject matter.

Fiji has been the hub of Pacific and its economy is strengthened over the years and revenues are provided for expanded public works, infrastructure, health, medical services and education. The country’s central position in the region has been reinforced by recent developments in sea and air communications, transport and manufacturing sector. Today, Fiji plays a major role in regional affairs and is recognized as the focal point of the South Pacific; with all key regional organisations also based in Fiji such as International Committee of the Red Cross, Pacific Financial Technical Assistance Centre, Pacific Islands Forum Secretariat, South Pacific Applied Geoscience Commission etc. Recently, International Finance Corporation and World Bank have also opened their offices in Fiji.

Fiji has also just completed its Presidency of Conference of the Parties (COP23) and has capability and technical expertise to address issues for the Pacific and smaller Pacific Island Developing Nations and, has also been elected as President for United Nations General Assembly (UNGA) and Vice President for the United Nations Human Rights Council (UNHRC).
Noting that Fiji is one of the first countries to ratify Paris Agreement and also one of the first founder member countries to ratify ISA. Another important point to highlight is that it is only Fiji and Papua New Guinea, who have the permanent missions in India while the rest of the Pacific Island Nations have only the Honorary Consuls. This gives Fiji, as a candidate, a strong technical support for its candidature to the Finance Committee.

Small Island Developing States are the most vulnerable nations due to climate change but the continuous intervention of Renewable Energy, particularly in Solar, has been driving a thrust in the nation. As a Chair of the Finance Committee of International Solar Alliance (ISA), Fiji will represent the voice of Pacific Small Island Developing States and the vulnerable people and communities in our societies; which will assist in exploring more opportunities in socio-economic issues.

Submitting the above justification for your support and endorsement for Fiji’s candidature for the Chair of Finance Committee of International Solar Alliance (ISA).

Vinaka.

Sincerely yours,

Yogesh Punja
High Commissioner

Cc: 1. Permanent Secretary – Ministry of Foreign Affairs.
2. Mr. Mikaele Belena – Director of Energy, Fiji (National Focal Point for ISA).
Welcome

Regional consultations

- Convening regional consultations on 26 March to settle Committee membership.
- Seeking to convene at least one meeting of the Committees ahead of the second Assembly, tentatively scheduled for October 2019.
Standing Committee

- Each Region has two members on the Standing Committee:
  - a regional Vice-President – who will also serve as the Chair of their respective Regional Committee, and
  - an additional member of the Standing Committee – who will also serve on their respective Regional Committee (either as Member or as a Vice-Chair).

- Both these positions have terms of two years.
Standing Committee – Africa Region

- Two positions on the Standing Committee to be filled by the Africa Region:
  - Vice-President
  - Additional member of the Standing Committee

- Three countries have nominated for the position of Vice-President:
  - Ghana
  - Niger
  - Togo

- No nominations have been received for the position of additional member of the Standing Committee.
Standing Committee – Asia and the Pacific Region

- Two positions on the Standing Committee to be filled by the Asia and the Pacific Region:
  - Vice-President
  - Additional member of the Standing Committee

- One country has been nominated for the position of Vice-President: Tonga.

- No nominations have been received for the position of additional member of the Standing Committee.
Both Latin American and the Caribbean Region positions on the Standing Committee have been filled.

- Vice-President
- Additional member of the Standing Committee

Peru was appointed by the Assembly as the Vice-President of the Region.

The Secretariat was subsequently advised that Venezuela is the Region's nominee for the position of Additional Member of the Standing Committee.
Regional Committees

- In addition to the Standing Committee members serving on the Regional Committees, each Region **may** nominate one Additional Member to serve on the Regional Committee.

- No Region has nominated an Additional Member.
Regional Committees

- Regions will also be asked to elect a Vice-Chair of the Regional Committee.

- Vice-Chairs will serve for a term of one year.

- The Vice-Chair may be either the Additional Member of the Standing Committee, or the Additional Member of the Regional Committee.

- Asia and the Pacific: Sri Lanka nominated for this position.
Regional Consultations

- Seeking to convene at least one meeting of these Committees ahead of the second Assembly, which is tentatively scheduled for October 2019.

- Have scheduled regional consultations in an attempt to finalise Committee membership so that meetings may be convened in April 2019.

- Seeking to convene meetings of the Standing, Finance, General and Legal and Programme Committee on 18 April 2019, and meetings of the Regional Committees in April 2019.
# Regional Consultations

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Election procedures

- Election procedures to be decided by the group and secret ballot elections to take place in a transparent manner, observed by members of the ISA Expert Group, who will count papers in the presence of the relevant Region.
- Elections will take place position by position in the following order;
  - Vice-President
  - Additional Member of the Standing Committee
  - Additional Member of the Regional Committee, if desired
  - Vice-Chair of the Regional Committee
Questions
Composition of the ‘3 Committees’

- Developed by the Secretariat following preliminary consultation with members at the 17th Sun Meet.
- Positions suggested transparently and impartially – to ensure appropriate geographic representation, based on date of ratification.
- Committee members have a term from appointment until the end of the next Assembly.
- Members are encouraged to consider these and advise of alternative arrangements at the regional consultations.
Chairs and Vice-Chairs

- The provisional Rules of Procedure allow for the Assembly to select a Chair and a Vice-Chair of these Committees, taking into account the geographic representation of ISA.
- Chairs will serve for one-year term or until the end of the next Assembly, renewable for one further term.
- At the All Groups component of the regional consultations, Members will be asked to select Chairs and Vice-Chairs for these Committees.

- Fiji has nominated for Chair of the Finance and of the Programme Committee
- Australia has nominated as Chair of the General and Legal Committee.
Questions
## INTERNATIONAL SOLAR ALLIANCE – STATUS OF MEMBERSHIP OF STANDING AND REGIONAL COMMITTEES

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### Standing Committee

- **Annexure 1** – Nomination of Ghana (22 Nov 18)
- **Annexure 2** – Nomination of Niger (15 Oct 18)
- **Annexure 3** – Nomination of Togo (12 Oct 18)
- **Annexure 4** – Nomination of Sri Lanka (4 Oct 18)
- **Annexure 5** – Nomination of Tonga by seven countries including Tonga (3 & 4 Oct 18)
- **Annexure 6** – Communication from Tonga (24 Jan 19)
- **Annexure 7** – Communication from Sri Lanka (5 Mar 19)
- **Annexure 8** – Nomination of Fiji (14 Mar 19)
- **Annexure 9** – Communication of Fiji (18 Mar 19)
- **Annexure 10** – Communication from Peru (5 Oct 18)

### Regional Committees

- **Annexure 7** – Nomination of Sri Lanka as Vice-Chair (5 Mar 19)
- **Annexure 11** – Nomination of Sri Lanka as Vice-Chair by Tonga (8 Mar 19)

**Note:** With the exception of the Vice-President position approved by the first Assembly, the membership of Committees is settled on a provisional basis and is subject to the approval by the Assembly.

**Once the membership of the regional committees is settled, Members of each regional group will elect either the additional member of the Standing Committee or the additional member of the Regional Committee to be the Vice Chair of their respective Regional Committee as per provisional rules of procedure.**

**Sri Lanka has nominated as Vice-Chair of the Regional Committee, supported by Tonga.**

**Note:** With the exception of the Vice-President position approved by the first Assembly, the membership of Committees is settled on a provisional basis and is subject to the approval by the Assembly.
PROPOSED COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP

Subject: Constitution of A) Finance Committee, B) General and Legal Committee, and C) Programme Committee under Annexure-IV of the Provisional Rules of Procedure of the Assembly for the transitional period i.e. upto the next Assembly meeting in October, 2019, subject to approval by the Assembly.

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Note:

1. The composition of Committees is based on the geographic representation of the ISA as at 14th January 2019. Between February 2019 and the opening of the Second Assembly, should additional countries become members of the ISA, consideration will be given to the composition of the Committees to ensure they continue to reflect the geographic representation of the ISA.

2. In addition, all signatory countries who have not yet ratified the Framework Agreement, may wish to participate in the Committees as Observers.
Note No: FHC/34/2019

The High Commission of the Republic of Fiji presents its compliments to the International Solar Alliance (ISA) Secretariat with reference to the preparation meeting held on 22 March 2019 and Regional Consultations meeting scheduled for 26 March 2019.

The High Commission of the Republic of Fiji has the further honour to inform that Government of Fiji strongly objects to any change to ISA constitution, especially in line with Government of Sri Lanka's suggestion of automatic progression to Vice Chair on the conclusion of their term as Additional Member or a supplementary Member of the Standing Committee.

The High Commission of the Republic of Fiji has the further honour to advise the International Solar Alliance (ISA) Secretariat that the reason for our objection is because national priorities of individual sovereign nations and regions change, and in this case, ISA members and regional groupings' position, capability and experiences may continuously evolve or change as well. Hence, their voice can only be heard through serious representation at the highest level possible through normal democratic elections to key positions in ISA, so that they can sit in a position of influence and decision making as well. This is also when ISA can benefit from their personal experiences and individual expertise at an executive level of the respective councils. Keeping the above situation in mind, it is advisable to leave the constitution unchanged and to allow an "Open Merit" Elections process to take effect. ISA secretariat must in so far as to retain the "Status Core" and the integrity of the current constitution of ISA.

The High Commission of the Republic of Fiji has the further honour to advise that Government of Fiji strongly believes that ISA must give the current constitution a fair-go first and if any changes are to be made to the constitution, it can be reviewed on merit at a later stage with the consensus of the members at the ISA Council Assembly.
The High Commission of the Republic of Fiji avails itself of this opportunity to renew to the International Solar Alliance (ISA) Secretariat the assurances of its highest consideration.

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