

# Joint Declaration

between  
the International Renewable Energy Agency (IRENA)  
and  
the International Solar Alliance (ISA)  
for  
the Promotion of Solar Energy Globally

March 11, 2018

On the occasion of the International Solar Alliance Founding Conference on 11 March 2018 in New Delhi, India, International Solar Alliance (hereinafter referred to as "ISA") and the International Renewable Energy Agency (hereinafter referred to as "IRENA" and together with ISA, the "Parties") jointly declare:

International Renewable Energy Agency (IRENA) is a universal treaty based international inter-governmental organisation that plays a leading role in the global energy transformation by supporting its 156 Members and 24 states in accession, in achieving the increased adoption and sustainable use of all forms of renewable energy;

International Solar Alliance (ISA) is a treaty based international inter-governmental organization which was launched on 30 November 2015, in Paris, France, with Headquarters in India (UN Registration No. 54949). The Alliance is established to collectively address key common challenges to the scaling up of solar energy and to take coordinated action to aggregate demand for finance, technologies, innovation, R&D and capacity building;

*Noting* that both the Parties consider that accelerated deployment of affordable, reliable and sustainable solar energy provides an economically attractive contribution to achieving universal energy access, while addressing climate and energy security concerns, as enshrined in the UN Sustainable Development Goals and the Paris Agreement;

*Recognizing* that the decentralized and modular nature of solar technologies and their strong business case offer immense opportunities for rapid deployment, while contributing to economic prosperity and social inclusion;

Convinced of the necessity and the significance of strong cooperation to promote broad and efficient action on the ground for the mutual benefit, and in the interest of all involved;

Desiring to deepen their collaboration in support of common objectives, the Parties declare their intention to promote solar energy globally, inter-alia in the following areas;

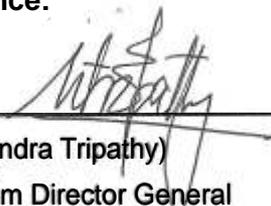
- I. Support enabling policy and regulatory frameworks, as well as strengthen quality assurance for solar technologies, tailored to countries' needs, plans and strategies;*
- II. Facilitate solar projects, including through the use of the IRENA tools and methodologies such as the Global Atlas, Project Navigator, Sustainable Energy Marketplace, and IRENA/ADFD Facility, among others;*
- III. Promote the exchange of experience and knowledge on all aspects of solar energy development and deployment, in both on-grid and off-grid applications, for the benefit of respective constituencies;*

- IV. Collaborate on initiatives such as the IRENA's Clean Energy Corridors including zoning and resource assessment, SIDS Lighthouses, the development and use of risk mitigation instruments and Global Solar Energy Standardization Initiative, among others;
- V. Jointly develop activities to promote the objectives of both organizations in area of common operations inter alia, solar finance, solar technologies, innovation, research and development, and capacity building, and to start with at least two countries to be identified for that purpose; and
- VI. Any other areas of collaboration which might be mutually agreed.

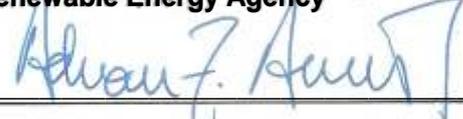
The Parties issue this Joint Declaration while intending to maintain their own separate and unique missions and mandates, and policies. The cooperation between the Parties as outlined in this Joint Declaration does not constitute any legal undertaking. Any activity undertaken by the Parties hereunder shall follow their respective rules, regulations, policies and procedures. This Joint Declaration shall not be construed as an obligation of funds, nor does it constitute any legally binding commitment by either Parties. Any such legally binding commitment, if and when intended by the Parties, shall be set out in a separate document. The Parties may publish this Joint Declaration in a form acceptable to each of them.

Signed in 2 (two) original copies, both of them in the English language:

**For and on behalf of International Solar Alliance:**

  
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(Upendra Tripathy)  
Interim Director General

**For and on behalf of International Renewable Energy Agency**

  
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(Adnan Amin)  
Director General

***In the august presence of:***

Shri Arun Jaitely  
Hon'ble Finance Minister  
Government of India

Shri Raj Kumar Singh  
Minister of State (IC) for  
Power and New & Renewable Energy