Joint Declaration
between
Interim Administrative Cell of International Solar Alliance (ISA Cell) and
the United Nations Development Programme
for Promotion of Solar Energy Globally Through Support to and
Collaboration with the International Solar Alliance

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On the occasion of the Side event on International Solar Alliance at the UN Headquarters in New York, the Interim Administrative Cell of International Solar Alliance (ISA Cell) and the United Nations Development Programme (hereinafter referred to collectively as "the Parties"):  

Considering that the International Solar Alliance (ISA) has been launched on the 30th November 2015 in Paris thereby creating a platform for the promotion of solar energy across prospective ISA member countries;  

Recognizing that the UNDP serves in many respects as the operational arm of the United Nations at the country level and works with partners in numerous countries to promote among other things sustainable development, eradication of poverty, advancement of women, good governance and the rule of law;  

Recognizing that the ISA Cell mandated by the International Steering Committee constituted under Paris declaration, is located in the Ministry of New and Renewable Energy to carry out day to day functions of ISA;  

Noting that the ISA has invited UNDP to become a Strategic Partner of ISA to leverage UNDP’s global development network to promote solar energy and sustainable development; and for UNDP to act as a lead agency facilitating the engagement and collaboration of the wider UN system to contribute technical expertise and inputs to ISA;  

Desirous to deepen their cooperation in areas of mutual concern, the Parties declare their intention to promote solar energy globally inter-alia in the following areas:  

i) Development of synergies with ongoing UNDP programmes and projects on solar energy in and across ISA member countries;
ii) Creation of complementary linkages with ongoing global and regional efforts as pursued by a variety of multi-lateral and bilateral agencies and organizations as well as academic and civil society partners in the field of solar energy;

iii) Strategic cooperation in programmatic and technical expertise, and facilitating the participation of the wider UN system towards the creation of innovation hubs in and technology transfers between ISA member countries;

iv) Support the establishment of knowledge management systems as well as electronic networks and/or e-portals for the sharing, creation and management of knowledge on solar energy;

v) Strengthening the development of ISA’s institutional structure, and enhance its capacity development efforts through the support of training programmes and/or the exchange of technical experts, officials and technology specialists through UN Global Policy Centers;

vi) Any other work areas and themes jointly discussed and decided by ISA and the UNDP.

The Parties agree to maintain their separate and unique missions and mandates, and their own accountabilities. The cooperation among the Parties as outlined in this declaration shall not be construed as a partnership or other type of legal entity or personality. Any activity undertaken by the Parties hereunder shall follow their respective rules, regulations, policies and procedures. Notwithstanding anything herein to the contrary, this declaration shall not be construed as an obligation of funds, nor does it constitute a legally binding commitment by any Party or create any rights in any third party. Any such legally binding commitment shall be set out in a separate document between the Parties.