

## Policy for Partner Organizations

ISA's aim is to partner with organisations under Article VIII (1)<sup>1</sup> and Article VIII (2)<sup>2</sup> of the FA for:

- bringing together different organisations to work on problems in fulfilling the objective of ISA;
- Supporting organizational and institutional capacity building and strengthening;
- Generating and sharing knowledge, whether produced at local or global levels;
- Promoting innovation and alternative solutions that may be brought to scale;

ISA will partner with organisations and institutions working in the solar and related sectors. The main focus in choosing partners will be that the synergy in the partnership will help realise the goals set in the Paris Declaration and the Framework agreement for which the ISA has been established. ISA fully understands partnerships as mutually empowering relationships, which are focused on mutual growth, organizational development, institutional strengthening and above all, on achieving the impact of its actions aimed at promoting ISA objectives at various levels.

The partnership of any organisation under Article VIII (1) and (2) of Framework Agreement will be based on following principles:

- Shared vision and values.
- Complementarity of purpose and value added
- Autonomy and independence.
- Transparency and mutual accountability.
- Clarity on roles and responsibilities.

Organisations willing to be partners with ISA are required to duly fill the application templates published at the ISA website. The approval or rejection will be solely under the domain of ISA which will be subject to the information provided in the application

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<sup>1</sup> Article VIII(1) of ISA FA: "Partner Organization status may be granted by the Assembly to organizations that have potential to help the ISA to achieve its objectives, including regional inter- governmental economic integration organizations constituted by sovereign states and at least one of which is a member of ISA"

<sup>2</sup> Article VII(2) of ISA FA: "Decisions regarding partnerships to be concluded in the context of a specific programme are taken by countries participating in this programme, with the approval of the Secretariat"

form and due diligence made by ISA. If at a later stage any information is found to be incorrect, the ISA enjoys full right to cancel the partnership.

The Secretariat will place all the requests before the Assembly for approval/ratification and take the opinion of the Focal Points into account in a time bound manner before processing its final recommendation to the Assembly. This policy will be equally applicable, *mutatis mutandis*, to programme partners under Article VIII (2) Programme Partners.

Partners will be invited to ISA events in its seat and outside. An annual conclave of partners will come up with a list of recommendation which will be submitted to the Assembly for its deliberation, information and directions.

The Secretariat will publish the list of such partners in its website. Partnerships can be terminated by either party with a three month's written notice.

Partners can use ISA logo so far as they conform to ISA's logo policy and display its logo at the higher point than the level for national and sub-national governments.