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Subject: Invitation by ISA for participation in the Corporate Conclave at the World Sustainable Development Summit (WSDS) 2018 in partnership with Ministry of New and Renewable Energy, Government of India

Dear Corporate Leaders,

It gives me great pleasure to extend an invitation for a Corporate Conclave at the second edition of World Sustainable Development Summit 2018, the Energy and Resources Institute's flagship annual event themed, 'Partnerships for a Resilient Planet' to be held from February 15-17, 2018 in New Delhi, India.

1. The ISA is a unique international platform promoting cooperation among 121 solar-resource rich nations; with the aim to massively ramp up solar energy by aggregating markets, and taking solar power applications to a scale which improves energy access. ISA helps create an economically conducive environment for investments resulting in profitability; competitiveness among various sectors; narrowing the gaps in power supply; enhancement of manufacturing sector; all of which would lead to job creation and ultimately making solar a buyer's market. The ISA is poised to be a significant step in making solar-resource rich countries self-reliant in energy while protecting the environment.
2. The market for solar power is growing faster than ever before and opportunities for growth and profit exist throughout the solar-value chain. Given that business plays a central role in any market economy, the ISA mandate is sought to be furthered by the Corporate Conclave and will predominantly focus on how companies can benefit from the solar revolution through a sharing of experiences and best practices. The solar energy trajectory has so far been impressive. In 2016, the global investment in solar energy totalled USD 113.7 billion, with a record 75 GW of installed capacity.
3. The Honourable Prime Minister of India has been invited to inaugurate the Summit and subject to his schedule, the Corporate Conclave is proposed to be held either on 15 or 16 February, 2018.
4. It would be a great privilege for us to have you amidst us for this session amongst the distinguished audience that will comprise of heads of states and government, senior government officials, CEOs of major global corporations, Nobel Prize winners, as well as leading thinkers and academicians of distinction.

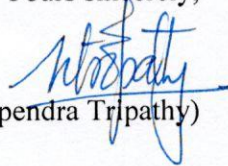
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5. I sincerely hope you will avail the opportunity to benefit from the one trillion USD solar market.
6. I look forward to your participation personally and if you are unable to do so owing to prior commitments, request you to nominate a senior colleague to represent your business at this Conclave.
7. You may send your response to Dr Annapurna Vancheswaran, TERI (avanche@teri.res.in) latest by January 24, 2018.

With regards,

Yours sincerely,



(Upendra Tripathy)

NB: The World Sustainable Development Summit (WSDS), The Energy and Resources Institute's annual flagship event, held for past 16 years, has been conceptualized to accelerate action towards sustainable development and seeks to bring together the finest minds and leading thinkers of the world to focus attention on the challenge of sustainable development. The Summit has brought together 47 Heads of State & Government, ministers from over 60 countries, 13 Nobel laureates and delegates from across continents.