

Report of the Fourth meeting of the Interim Administrative Cell of the International Solar Alliance

The fourth meeting of the Interim Administrative Cell (IAC) of the International Solar Alliance (ISA) held on 18 March 2016 in the Ministry of New and Renewable Energy (MNRE). Hon'ble Minister for Power, Coal and New & Renewable Energy Shri Piyush Goyal chaired the meeting. Shri Upendra Tripathy, Secretary, MNRE co-chaired the meeting. The list of participants is enclosed at Appendix-I.

2. Shri Piyush Goyal, Hon'ble Minister for Power, Coal and New & Renewable Energy welcomed the participants. He informed the members to speed up the activities and establishment of ISA so as to develop the shape and form of ISA in a legally established manner. He requested to work towards making efforts to develop ISA as an independent treaty based inter-governmental organization in a time bound manner. He briefed about the activities to develop such as preparing timeline and responsibility of ISA, setting up an action agenda and determining the specific role of various countries in ISA. He stated that there should be equal opportunities for all member countries in ISA. He also suggested to make the website of ISA active and vibrant.

3. Shri Upendra Tripathy, Secretary, MNRE and Ex-Officio Chairman, IAC briefed about the progress of activities happened since Paris. He thanked Mr. Yuri Afanasiev, UN Resident Coordinator and UNDP Resident Representative in India who has plans to build the 24x7 IT architecture to benefit ISA member countries. He also thanked ENGIE, France for offering to share the knowledge and demonstrate the 24x7 Knowledge portal they are using. Creating a common Knowledge Platform is one the focus areas of ISA. He mentioned that the solar cyber platform could be a single point of access for sharing of experiences and best practices, information on ISA programmes and activities, facilitating industry and corporate interaction to know what they do in solar space to create a buyers's market for solar products, and also provide an interface for knowledge producer and users. The brief presentation made is at Annexure-I.

4. Engie Representative presented "Building an efficient network to share knowledge". He explained in detail the features of an application named Yammer. It could be used as an information sharing portal as well as for internal communications. A copy of presentation made is at Annexure-II. Chairman thanked ENGIE and its officers for the pain they had taken to come from Paris to help ISA.

5. UNDP representative suggested finding out the needs of applications for ISA member countries before going to adopt some schemes and programmes.

6. Dr. Arunabha Ghosh, CEO, CEEW gave the presentation on ISA structure. He stated that idea of ISA is to "Create Buyer's market for solar". He detailed the innovative nature of ISA and what value it adds and also activities of ISA in coming years.

7. After some discussions, it was decided that ISA Cell will further explore options for setting up a Solar cyber Centre for ISA.

8. Meeting ended with a vote of thanks to the chair.

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(ISA)**

18 March 2016: 1000 hrs.

List of Participants

Chair

Shri Piyush Goyal, Hon'ble Minister for Power, Coal and New and Renewable Energy

Chairman, IAC

Shri Upendra Tripathy, Secretary, MNRE

Members

1. Shri Tarun Kapoor, Joint Secretary, MNRE
2. Ms. Purna Shahi, ITP & ES, Ministry of External Affairs
3. Shri Akash Gupta, Energy Security & ITP Division, Ministry of External Affairs
4. Shri D. K. Khare, Director (IR), MNRE
5. Dr. Subrata Bose, Director, Ministry of Environment, Forests & Climate Change
6. Shri K. S. Popli, CMD, IREDA
7. Dr. N.P.Singh, Sr Consultant, MNRE
8. Dr P.C .Maithani, Director, MNRE –Convener

Special Invitee

1. H.E. Mr François Richier, Ambassador of France to India,
2. Mr. Francois Schichan, Counsellor, French Embassy
3. Ms. Masina Waltes, Deputy Country Director, UNDP
4. Mr. Stewart Davis, US Embassy Energy Officer, New Delhi
5. Mr. Jan Vanoudendicke, Head of Knowledge Management Engie
6. Shri Ranjith Nair, Senior Vice President, Engie, India
7. Shri Praveen Ashokan, Vice President, EISG/Engie
8. Shri Rajesh Malhotra, Additional D.G (Media), MoP/Coal/MNRE, PIB
9. Shri Manoj kohli, Executive Chairman, Soft Bank Energy
10. Shri Manoj Singh, Soft Bank Energy
11. Ms. Rasika Chandihok, Director, CII
12. Shri Deepak Rai, Sr. Assistant Director, FICCI
13. Shri Narendra Kumar Mishra, Senior Executive, ASSOCHAM
14. Ms. Payal S. Kanwan, Indo-French Chamber of Commerce & Industry
15. Dr. Sunil Chacko, MDI, Gurgaon, Business School
16. Dr. Arunabha Ghosh, CEO, CEEW
17. Ms. Kanika Chawla, CEEW
18. Dr. B. S. Negi, Adviser, MNRE
19. Shri Dilip Nigam, Adviser, MNRE
20. Shri B. K. Bhatt, Adviser, MNRE
21. Shri Ruchin Gupta, Deputy Secretary, MNRE
22. Shri S. K. Shahi, Scientist 'C', MNRE