

## **ISA Policy for Solar Awards**

The Solar Awards policy aims at promoting awareness about ISA and incentivizing advances to be made in solar energy sector under the aegis of ISA. It recognises achievements and contributions made by people and institutions in promoting solar as a form of energy resource and disruptive technology that can revolutionise access to universal and sustainable energy for the poor and marginalised, while making solar energy and solar technology cheaper and affordable for all.

The Solar Awards can be financed by any ISA member country or their supra and sub-national entities. The initial Corpus will be fixed. The interest alone will be spent as award money, after deduction of 25 per cent which ISA will utilise for administering the award, selection of awardee expenses, and publicity for the award etc.

A committee of experts will help ISA administer the awards in an efficient and effective manner. The sponsor of the award will have right to name the award, subject to acceptance by the DG of ISA who will submit the final list of awardees in a year to the Assembly for its approval and information.

There will be no financial implication for ISA.

In the year when Olympics are held, one Solar Award – called ISA Solar Noble - will be awarded to the /Executive Head of one ISA member country, chosen on the basis of solar indices which will be finalised by a Committee of Experts. The nomenclature proposed has not yet been vetted by legal experts. The award will be one US \$ more than existing Noble Prize in Physics of the previous year. This award will commence once ISA successfully finds out sponsors.

The DG/IDG may administer various solar awards from time to time within the scope of this broad policy and without any financial implication to ISA.