



Note on ISA's participation at COP26

The International Solar Alliance (ISA) is an observer to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC) and has been an active participant at Conference of Parties (COPs). To continue with ISA's efforts at global outreach, the ISA Secretariat plans to participate in the forthcoming COP26, to be held under the United Kingdom's (UK) presidency, at Glasgow between 1 November and 12 November 2021.

The United Kingdom has signed a Statement of Intent (SoI) for Cooperation with ISA. Under the SoI, the ISA and the UK have agreed to further their cooperation through multiple ISA events at COP26. Hon'ble President of COP26, H.E. Mr. Alok Sharma committed support of the UK government to the ISA for its active participation at COP26. Hon'ble President of the ISA Assembly and the Hon'ble President of COP26 have held a series of bilateral meeting since the Third Assembly of the ISA to concretize ISA's role at COP26.

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The ISA Secretariat has held several rounds of meetings with the UK team to identify potential collaborations between ISA & UK, particularly the activities ISA wishes to undertake at COP26. Based on these discussions, the ISA Secretariat plans to host events around the following themes:

- One Sun One World One Grid (OSOWOG)
- Sustainable Renewables Risk Mitigation Initiative (SRMI)
- Roadmap for Mobilisation of USD 1 Trillion in Solar Investments by 2030, and
- Blended Financing Risk Mitigation Facility

Along similar lines as COP21 where the ISA was established, COP26 is envisaged to be a pivotal moment in bringing about a solar revolution through launch of GGI - OSOWOG Initiative and the Blended Finance Risk Mitigation initiative.

List of Proposed ISA Events at COP26

Event / Venue	Activities
ISA Office 1 or 2 November 2021	Launch of the ISA Solar Compass Journal <i>(Annexure 1)</i>
EU Pavilion 2 November 2021 11:30 – 12:30	Solar to Power Africa - Building Partnerships that Deliver Results <i>(Annexure 2)</i>
World Leaders' Summit hosted by the COP26 Presidency 2 November 2021 14:15 – 16:15	Accelerating Innovation and Clean Technology Deployment <i>Launch of GGI-OSOWOG by Hon'ble PM Modi and chaired by the UK Prime Minister</i> <i>(Annexure 3)</i>
OECD Virtual Pavilion 3 November 2021 15:00 – 16:00	Blended Finance Facility for Solar Energy Sector <i>(Annexure 4)</i>
SE4ALL Pavilion 3 November 2021 (Finance Day)	Global Energy Alliance for People and Planet – Partners Event <i>Signing of ISA–GEA Partnership Agreement</i>
UK Pavilion 4 November 2021 (Energy Day)	GGI - OSOWOG Luncheon Event and Reception <i>Hon'ble Minister R K Singh, Co-Chair of the GGI-OSOWOG's Ministerial Steering Group, along with other Ministers will address the gathering</i> <i>(Annexure 5)</i>
French Pavilion 8 November 2021 10:00 – 11:30	Unlocking solar energy deployment at scale: The Sustainable Renewables Risk Mitigation Initiative <i>(Annexure 6)</i>
Commonwealth Pavilion 9 November 2021 16:30 – 18:00	Roadmap to Rapidly Scaling Solar Investment: The key to climate change mitigation, energy access, and energy security <i>(Annexure 7)</i>
Clyde Auditorium 11 November 2021 18:30 – 19:45	High-level session on GGI-OSOWOG
Virtual Exhibition Booth	Virtual presentation on activities and progress of ISA and Outreach and Advocacy

Annexure 1

Launch of the ISA Solar Compass Journal

Venue: ISA Office in the Blue Zone

Date & Time: 1 / 2 November 2021

Agenda	Speakers
Special Welcome	H.E. Dr. Ajay Mathur Director General, International Solar Alliance
Opening Remarks Video Message	Prof. Yogi Goswami Editor-in-Chief, ISA Solar Compass Journal, and Distinguished University Professor, Department of Chemical and Biomedical Engineering, University of South Florida
Presidential Remarks	H.E. Mrs. Barbara Pompili* Minister for Ecological and Inclusive Transition, France, and Co-President, International Solar Alliance H.E. Mr. Raj Kumar Singh Minister of Power and New and Renewable Energy, India, and President, International Solar Alliance
Special Remarks Video Message	Elsevier Official Publisher of the ISA Solar Compass Journal
Concluding Remark	Mr. Jagjeet Singh Sareen Assistant Director General (Strategy), International Solar Alliance

* Yet to confirm attendance

Annexure 2

Solar to Power Africa - Building Partnerships that Deliver Results

Venue: EU Pavilion

Date & Time: Tuesday, 2 November 2021 | 11:30 – 12:30

More than 120 million households across Africa currently cannot access electricity, with only 60 million African households expected to benefit from electrification programmes by the 2030. Sharing best-practice that allows investment and technical barriers holding back off-grid solar is crucial to scale up off-grid solar, allow vulnerable and remote communities to access clean energy and deliver the sustainable development goal of universal access to reliable and affordable energy.

This session examines how investment barriers including affordability, equipment supply, access to working capital, regulatory challenges, insurance and technical expertise influence and hinder deployment of solar energy. It aims to address the barriers and propose solutions to unlock farther and faster deployment solar energy in Africa, featuring examples of ambitious national electrification programs targeting low-income and vulnerable households in particular. The high-level event will consist of a panel discussion to deliberate on the following points:

- Exploring policies, technologies, business models, financing needed to significantly scale-up both grid and off-grid solar energy in Africa to deliver on both universal energy access and the climate goals
- Discussing an EIB-ISA feasibility report on Solar Home Systems
- Featuring a deep dive on a national electrification program in SSA, supported by Denmark / ESMAP

Agenda	Speakers
Welcome Address	H.E. Dr. Ajay Mathur Director General, International Solar Alliance
Special Address	H.E. Tomas Anker Christensen Climate Ambassador, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Denmark
Special Video Address	Ms. Kadri Simson European Commissioner for Energy, EU
Moderated Panel Discussion	Mr. Jagjeet Sareen Assistant Director General, International Solar Alliance

	<p>Dr. Demetrios Papathanasiou Global Director, Energy and Extractives, World Bank Group</p> <p>Ms. Nana Mariama Sido Directrice Générale, Agence Nationale d'Énergie Solaire (ANERSOL) – Niger</p> <p>Ms. Peace Kaliisa Donor Coordinator, Ministry of Infrastructure, Rwanda</p> <p>Mr. Máté Heisz Director of Global Affairs, SolarPower Europe</p>
<p>Closing Remarks</p>	<p>Senior Representative* European Investment Bank</p>

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Annexure 3

Accelerating Innovation and Clean Technology Deployment

Venue: World Leaders' Summit

Date & Time: Tuesday, 2 November 2021

Agenda	Speakers
Opening Segment	Performance by youth artists and Screening of opening film
Welcome Address	Ms. Dana Strong CEO, Sky Group
Opening Remarks	H.E. Mr. Boris Johnson Prime Minister, United Kingdom
World Leader Statements	Leaders from other countries Current order: India – Bangladesh – USA – UAE – China – Kenya – EU – Chile - Morocco
Earthshot Prize Segment	H.E. Prince Willian Duke of Cambridge
NSA Segment Moderated Panel Discussion	Mr. Bill Gates , Breakthrough Energy Mr. Raj Shah , Rockefeller Foundation Ms. Martina Merz , T K Steel Europe Ms. Rebecca Miano , KenGen Ms. Sumant Sinha , ReNew Power Ms. Alicia Eastman , InterContinental Energy Mr. Makoto Uchida , Nissan

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Annexure 4

Blended Finance Facility for Solar Energy Sector

Joint OECD and ISA Side Event

Venue: OECD Virtual Pavilion

Date & Time: Wednesday, 3 November 2021 | 15:00 – 16:00

Achieving the objectives agreed in the Paris Agreement on climate change will require all forms of finance. In particular, commercial finance will have a vital part to play in the shift to greener, more resilient economies and a fair transition for societies that are inclusive and empower women. To help bridge the estimated USD 3.5 trillion clean energy transition investment gap in developing countries alone, a step change in mobilising and catalysing commercial finance to support the clean energy transition in developing countries is needed.

Recent OECD work provides a solid foundation for pursuing further work on mobilisation and catalysation. Since 2020, the OECD DAC Blended Finance Guidance stands ready to support development actors to upgrade their mobilisation efforts. It provides practical insights into the how-to of blended finance.

The International Solar Alliance (ISA), an intergovernmental organization with over 100 member countries, has the mandate to mobilize USD 1 trillion for investments in solar by 2030 for the Global South. It has been conceived as an action oriented and collaborative platform for enhanced energy security and sustainable development. The ISA is developing a blended finance risk mitigation facility for Africa. This facility will combine concessional finance with equity, debt and philanthropic to de-risk the markets for high impact solar technology investments in four-five African countries. It is envisioned that this intervention will stimulate solar energy markets, provide electricity access to millions, create new jobs and mitigate significant carbon emissions. The lessons learnt from deploying this facility will form the blueprint for future interventions in other regions of the world. The ISA is currently in consultation with global development finance institutions, foundations and philanthropic capital providers to devise a fund structure that will have the desired impact at scale.

The OECD's Clean Energy Finance and Investment Mobilisation Programme is partnering with ISA to co-host the side event to present ISA's new Blended Finance Facility for solar energy development. It will provide countries, development finance actors and investors an opportunity to highlight lessons learned from establishing blended finance mechanisms for clean energy and help to inform the development of ISA's new facility.

Time	Agenda	Speakers
5 minutes	<p>Welcome Address and Setting of Context</p> <p>Welcome and introduction OECD’s work on Blended Finance to support climate action and framing for the session</p>	<p>Mr. Jorge Moreira da Silva Director, Development Cooperation Directorate, OECD</p>
10 minutes	<p>Presentation on the Blended Finance Facility</p> <p>Existing challenges with solar sector investment in the Africa region and the opportunity that could be tapped with the blended finance facility (with an example and structure of proposed facility)</p>	<p>Representative International Solar Alliance</p>
40 minutes	<p>Panel discussion</p> <p>Panellists will be asked to comment on the blended finance facility for solar proposal, where possible bringing in lessons learned from supporting or investing in solar projects in emerging and developing countries.</p> <p>Each panellist will have 5 min to provide initial remarks followed by a moderated discussion with questions sent by participants.</p>	<p>Moderator: Ms. Cecilia Tam Team Leader, Clean Energy Finance and Investment Mobilisation, OECD</p> <p>Proposed speakers:</p> <p>Mr. Remy Rioux CEO, AgenceFrancais de Development</p> <p>Mr. SamailaZubairu President and CEO, Africa Finance Corporation</p> <p>Mr. Geoffrey Manley Director, Head of Energy Access & Efficiency, CDC Group</p> <p>Mr. Geoff Sinclair Managing Director, Camco Clean Energy</p> <p>Mr. Vineet Rai Chairman, Aavishkaar Group</p>

		Mr. Henry Gonzalez Director, Private Sector Facility, Green Climate Fund
5 minutes	Closing Remarks Highlighting potential next steps to collaborate as part of the facility	H.E. Dr. Ajay Mathur Director General, International Solar Alliance

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Annexure 5

Green Grids Initiative - One Sun One World One Grid

Luncheon Event and Reception

Venue: UK Pavilion

Date & Time: Thursday, 4 November 2021

Agenda	Speakers
<p>Welcome Address and Context Setting 5 minutes</p>	<p>H.E. Dr. Ajay Mathur Director General, International Solar Alliance</p>
<p>Opening Address and Joint unveiling of Roadmap for 'One Sun One World One Grid' initiative 20 minutes (10 minutes each)</p>	<p>H.E. Shri Raj Kumar Singh* Hon'ble Minister, Power and New and Renewable Energy, Republic of India, and President of the ISA Assembly</p> <p>H.E. Shri Bhupender Yadav* Hon'ble Minister for Environment, Forest and Climate Change, Republic of India</p>
<p>Special Address 10 minutes (5 minutes each)</p>	<p>H.E. Ms. Barbara Pompili* Hon'ble Minister of Ecological and Inclusive Transition, France, and Co-President of the ISA Assembly</p> <p>Rt Hon Kwasi Kwarteng MP* Hon'ble Secretary of State at the Department of Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy, United Kingdom, and Vice-President of the ISA for Europe</p>
<p>Ministerial Plenary 50 minutes (5 minutes each)</p>	<p>H.E. Mr. Nasrul Hamid* Hon'ble State Minister for Power, Energy, and Mineral Resources, People's Republic of Bangladesh</p> <p>H.E. Mr. DullasAlahapperuma* Hon'ble Minister for Power, Democratic Socialist Republic</p>

	<p>of Sri Lanka</p> <p>H.E. ENGR. Sale Mamman* Hon'ble Minister for Power, Federal Republic of Nigeria</p> <p>H.E. Mr. Charles Keter* Hon'ble Cabinet Secretary for Energy, Republic of Kenya</p> <p>H.E. Mr. Angus Taylor* Hon'ble Minister for Energy and Emissions Reduction, Commonwealth of Australia</p> <p>H.E. Ms. Grace Fu* Hon'ble Minister for Sustainability and the Environment, Republic of Singapore</p> <p>H.E. Dr. Mohammed bin Hamad Al Rumhi* Hon'ble Minister for Energy and Minerals, Sultanate of Oman</p> <p>H.E. Mr. Suhail Mohamed Al Mazrouei* Hon'ble Minister for Energy and Infrastructure, United Arab Emirates</p> <p>H.E. Dr. Mohamed Shaker El-Markabi* Hon'ble Minister for Electricity and Renewable Energy, Arab Republic of Egypt</p> <p>H.R.H. Prince Abdulaziz bin Salman bin Abdulaziz Al Saud* Hon'ble Minister for Energy, Kingdom of Saudi Arabia</p>
<p>Keynote Addresses 15 minutes (5 minutes each)</p>	<p>Mr. Jean-Bernard Lévy* Chief Executive Officer, EDF France</p> <p>Dr. Vibha Dhawan* Director General, TERI</p> <p>H.E. Mr. David Malpass*</p>

	President, World Bank group
Special Interventions 35 minutes (5 minutes each)	H.E. Mr. Francesco La Camera* Director General, International Renewable Energy Agency H.E. Mr. Faith Birol* Director General, International Energy Agenda H.E. Mr. Dato Lim Jock Hoi* Secretary-General, ASEAN Secretariat H.E. Dr. Nayef Falah M. Al-Hajraf* Secretary General of the Cooperation Council for the Arab States of the Gulf H.E. Ms. Odile Renaud-Basso* President, European Bank for Reconstruction and Development H.E. Dr. Werner Hoyer* President, European Investment Bank H.E. Mr. Masatsugu Asakawa* President, Asian Development Bank

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Annexure 6

Unlocking solar energy deployment at scale: The Sustainable Renewables Risk Mitigation (SRMI) Initiative

Panel Discussion

Venue: French Pavilion

Date & Time: Monday, 8 November 2021

Agenda	Speakers
Moderator	Dr Arunabha Ghosh* CEO Council for Energy, Environment
Welcome Address	Mr. Demetrios Papathanasiou Global Director, Energy and Extractives Practice, World Bank Mr. Rémy Rioux* CEO, Agence française de développement H.E. Dr. Ajay Mathur Director General, International Solar Alliance
Opening Remarks	H.E. Mrs. Barbara Pompili* Minister for Ecological and Inclusive Transition, France H.E. Mr. Raj Kumar Singh* Minister of Power and New and Renewable Energy, India
Panellists	H.E. Mr. Eustache Mubembe* Minister for Energy and Hydrocarbons, Democratic Republic of Congo H.E. Mr. Bachir Ismaël Ouédraogo* Minister of Energy, Mines and Quarries, Burkina Faso H.E. Mr. Ernesto Max Elias Tonela* Minister of Mines and Energy, Mozambique

	<p>H.E. Mr. Francesco La Camera* Director-General, IRENA</p> <p>H.E. Mr. Yannick Glemarec* Executive Director, Green Climate Fund</p> <p>Mr. Eric Scotto* President, Akuo Energy</p>
<p>Concluding Remark</p>	<p>Ms. Damilola Ogunbiyi* CEO and Special Representative of the UN Secretary-General for Sustainable Energy for All, and Co-Chair of UN-Energy</p>

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Annexure 7

Roadmap to Rapidly Scaling Solar Investment: The key to climate change mitigation, energy access, and energy security

Venue: Commonwealth Pavilion

Date & Time: Tuesday, 9 November 2021 | 16:30 – 18:00

This event will consist of a series of interactive discussions with Government ministries and solar finance experts, focusing on how solar investment can be scaled to mitigate climate change and advance universal energy access and energy security. Topics include:

- What role should governments and organizations like the International Solar Alliance play to engage public and private finance sources to catalyze a massive scale-up of solar investment?
- What is the role of the various types of financing actors in overcoming investment barriers and catalyzing solar investment at scale?
- What are the most important contributions a Solar Investment Roadmap can make?

Agenda	Speakers
Opening Remarks	<p>H.E. Dr. Ajay Mathur Director General, International Solar Alliance</p> <p>Mr. Aniruddha (Ani) Dasgupta President and CEO, World Resources Institute (WRI)</p> <p>Ms. AnthaN Williams Head of Environment, Bloomberg Philanthropies</p>
Ministerial Panel Discussion	<p>Ms. Helen Mountford Vice President - Climate and Economics, World Resources Institute</p> <p>H.E. Mr. RK Singh Minister of Power and New and Renewable Energy, India OR</p> <p>H.E. Mr. Bhupender Yadav</p>

	<p>Minister of Environment, Forest and Climate Change, India H.E. Ms. Barbara Pompili Minister of the Ecological Transition, France</p> <p>Ms. Kitty van der Heijden Director General for International Cooperation, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Netherlands</p> <p>H.E. Mr. Mahamane Sani Mahamadou Minister of Petroleum, Energy and Renewable Energies, Niger</p> <p>H.E. Mr. Rennier Gadabu Minister for Climate Change, Nauru</p>
<p>Panel Discussion on Solar Finance</p>	<p>Ms. Barbara Buchner Senior Director, Climate Policy Initiative</p> <p>Mr. Ashvin Dayal Senior Vice President, Power & Climate Initiative, The Rockefeller Foundation Interim CEO, The Global Energy Alliance</p> <p>Ms. Kerstin Hessius CEO, Third Swedish National Pension Fund (AP3)</p>
<p>Closing Remarks</p>	<p>Mr. Selwin Hart Special Adviser to the UN Secretary-General on Climate Action Assistant SG for the Climate Action Team</p> <p>Rt. Hon. Patricia Scotland* Secretary-General of The Commonwealth</p>

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