

THIRD ASSEMBLY OF THE INTERNATIONAL SOLAR ALLIANCE (ISA)

14 - 16 October 2020

International Solar Alliance

Briefing Document- Third Assembly of the ISA

The First Assembly of the ISA was held from 2 to 5 October 2018 in Greater Noida, India and was inaugurated by Mr. Narendra Modi, Prime Minister of India and Mr. António Guterres, UN Secretary General. **The Second Assembly of the ISA** was convened from 30 October to 1 November 2019 at New Delhi, India. 78 countries participated in this Assembly. The Third Assembly of the ISA will be convened on **14 to 16 October 2020** in virtual mode.

The ISA Secretariat has circulated the Provisional Agenda and relevant documents for the Third Assembly. They can be accessed at : [Third Assembly documents](#)

Apart from the Ministerial Plenary on the 14 October, all the invited delegates will be able to access the technical sessions that are planned on the 15 and 16 October

14 October 2020, 15 00 – 22 00 IST : Third ISA Assembly

Action Agenda,

The ISA Secretariat will place the action agenda for the consideration, approval/ guidance of the Assembly. This would include eleven agenda items: **(1)** Coalition for Sustainable Climate Action (CSCA) : new corporate partners will present their contributions to ISA Corpus Fund. **(3)** The secretariat will table the Interim report of the 'Draft Roadmap for mobilization of USD 1 Trillion by 2030' and **(4)** Ease of Doing Solar Report to the Assembly. The Ease of Doing



Solar aims at assessing and improving eighty-seven (87) Member Countries' preparedness to attract and sustain investments in the solar energy.s., **(6)** the ISA CARES Initiative dedicated to deployment of solar energy in the healthcare sector in LDC/SIDS ISA Member countries; **(7)** demand aggregation initiative for 47 Million Solar Home Systems and 250 Million LED Lamps in ISA Member Countries; **(8)** SAARC Development Fund Technical Assistance of USD 0.5 Million to Five Prospective Member and Member countries of the ISA- The Technical Assistance is proposed to be implemented jointly with the Asian Development Bank; **(9)** IBSA Facility Technical Assistance of USD 2 Million for deployment of Solar Water Pumping Systems demonstration projects in ISA Member countries, in partnership with UNDP, under Programme 1 of the ISA and **(10)** an Update on Solar Risk Mitigation Initiative launched at the COP 24 by the World Bank (WB) and the Agence Française de Développement (AFD) in support of the ISA aiming at supporting the development of bankable solar programs in developing countries leveraging private sector investments will be tabled to the Assembly. **(11)** The two awards will be presented by the representatives of the provincial governments and the third award will be presented by Railways, Industry and Commerce Minister, GOI.

15 October 2020 : Regional Ministerial Sessions

Regional Ministerial Session for Asia Pacific region: 15 Oct, 10 00 – 12 00 IST

(open to all registered delegates)

The Regional Ministerial for Asia Pacific region will showcase the roadmap to mobilise US\$1 trillion through a comprehensive presentation by World Resource Institute (WRI), in addition to this, Ernst & Young (EY) will present the Ease of Doing Solar report in APAC region, followed by a panel discussion on how solar can support the Blue Economy. Representatives from Commonwealth Secretariat, Energy and Maritime Secretariat of the Pacific Community, Asian Development Bank, IRENA, ASEAN Energy Centre will be the lead discussants in this panel discussion.

Regional Ministerial Session for Africa region: 15 Oct, 15 00 – 17 30 IST

(open to all registered delegates)

This Ministerial session will deliberate on a regional strategy and implementation plan for Africa region. Access to uninterrupted clean and affordable energy depends on effectively mitigating all types of project related risks. Hence, the solar energy value chain has to be made attractive for investors with skills, scale and speed for impact.

This session will also host Multilateral Development Bank Plenary, where presentations on investing in Africa would be made on solar. African Development Bank, World Bank Group and EBRD would be the chief discussants in this plenary.



Regional Ministerial Session for LAC region: 15 Oct, 19 30 – 21 30 IST

(open to all registered delegates)

The Regional Ministerial for Latin America and Caribbean (LAC) region will focus on the broad facets of policy innovation and available instruments. The session will provide a platform for all stakeholders to discuss and contemplate on mechanisms for incubating innovation in policy decision making along with established examples which may be replicated for the LAC region. The session will also look to discuss on key issues for bridging the gap between technology advancements and policy progress.

Detailed minute to minute agenda is attached as Annexure 1

16 October -Exclusive Sessions

Overview of Exclusive Sessions:

Session on - Coalition for Sustainable Climate Action: 16 Oct, 11 00 – 12 30 IST

(open only to corporate partners and to selected invitees)

The ISA Secretariat has launched a Coalition for Sustainable Climate Action (CSCA) to partner with the corporate sector and channelize the expertise/resources of the sector, effectively and efficiently, into the solar energy sector. This would build upon the momentum generated so far and deliberate upon innovative financing modalities, constraints faced by the Corporate sector in scaling up their solar energy investments and the how best can the coalition be leveraged for concerted efforts for rapid deployment of low-cost solar energy.

Session on - One Sun One World One Grid, 16 Oct, 12 30 – 14 00 IST

(open to all registered participants plus other invitees)

A first milestone took place at the First World Solar Technology Summit, on September 8, 2020, with the signing of a tripartite MoU between the ISA, the Government of India, and the World Bank to implement the OSOWOG initiative. The ISA will act as the nodal agency for all activities including implementation of the OSOWOG study for developing a long-term vision, implementation plan, road map and institutional framework for implementing the initiative. By setting up a framework for facilitating global cooperation, the initiative aims at building a global ecosystem of interconnected renewable energy resources that can be easily shared. The implementation of OSOWOG is planned in three phases. In the first Phase, the Indian Grid interconnects with the Middle East, South Asia, and Southeast Asia. It is then interconnected with the African power pools in the second Phase. Finally, a global interconnection to achieve the OSOWOG vision.

This session will host discussions on challenges and opportunities, and the roadmap for realization of the One Sun One World One Grid initiative.



ISA Invest and Host Country Awards Day: 16 Oct, 15 00 – 17 30 IST

ISA Secretariat has developed INVEST ISA initiative on the lines of INVEST INDIA model, through which states and UTs of the Host Country would be encouraged to participate in ISA Awards initiative. INVEST ISA will offer an opportunity for provinces and UTs within the Host Country to participate in the **Host Country Day** during the ISA Assembly and showcase their investment potential before global fora and global investors, in partnership with INVEST INDIA (II) and World Association of Investment Promotion Agencies (WAIPA).

This session will include a highlevel plenary where Chief Ministers of Haryana, Karnataka and Madhya Pradesh will present the keynote addresses. This session will be followed by the Invest ISA session where the award partners will make presentations to over 1000 investors from all across the globe to showcase the investment potential of their respective states.