



Third Assembly of International Solar Alliance (ISA) Regional Ministerial for Latin America and Caribbean (LAC) Region 15 October 2020 || 1930- 2130 HRS (1400- 1600 HRS GMT)

Topic: Policy Innovation in Solar Deployment

As per IRENA, Latin America and the Caribbean region could grow their installed solar capacity by a factor of 40 by 2050 with capacity scaling up from 7 GW today to 280 GW by 2050. Most of the countries in the region have already achieved near universal energy access and the electricity deficit is mostly concentrated in the countries of Bolivia, Colombia, Haiti, Guatemala and Peru. Solar PV can play an important role in providing energy access in the LAC region by supplying reliable and sustainable electricity through innovative technologies and business models. There is a large scope for strengthening of existing power systems through distributed solar projects including in heating, cooling and in agriculture applications.

An important lever for driving energy transition through solar is presence of strong and robust policy frameworks. Policy & regulations play an important and enabling role of ensuring sustained deployment of solar PV as per governments targets and ambitions. At the same time, it acts as a foundation for establishment of market mechanisms for attracting private players, financiers and other stakeholders. Innovation in policy is as important as innovation in financing and business models.

Globally, many policy instruments have been developed with the goal of accelerating renewable energy and solar deployment. Policy instruments in support of technological innovations may include financial support for university research consortia, government-sponsored R&D laboratories, and public-private applied R&D partnerships. Policy instruments to help move these technologies to market may include technology transfer programmes; grants for pilot projects; loan guarantees and other financial instruments for constructing demonstration plants; and industry collaborations to promulgate standards or ensure technology interoperability¹.

In the above context, ISA has planned a dedicated Regional Ministerial for Latin America and Caribbean (LAC) region to discuss 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.

¹ IRENA



The provisional agenda for the session will be as follows:

Timing (IST)	Agenda Item
19:30- 19:35 Hrs.	<p>Welcome and Opening Remarks H.E. Upendra Tripathy, Director General, ISA</p>
19:35- 19:50 Hrs.	<p>Context Setting H.E. Mr. Liván Arronte Cruz*, Minister of Energy and Mines, Republic of Cuba</p>
19:50- 20:05 Hrs.	<p>Special Address H.E. Deodat Indar, Ministry of Public Works, Co-operative Republic of Guyana</p>
20:05- 20:20 Hrs.	<p>Presentation: Ease of Doing Solar and LAC Region Mr. Mohammad Saif, Director, Ernst & Young</p>
20:20- 20:35 Hrs.	<p>Presentation: Roadmap to mobilize USD 1 Trillion in Solar Sector and insights for LAC Region Ms. Jan Corfee-Morlot, Project Director, World Resources Institute (WRI)</p>
20:35- 20:50 Hrs.	<p>Presentation: Policy Innovation for Solar deployment in LAC Region Mr. Carlos Ruiz-Garvia, Regional Lead, UNFCCC Regional Collaboration Center for Latin America, United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC)</p>
20:50- 21:20 Hrs.	<p>Interventions from LAC Member Countries</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • H.E. Senator The Honourable Kamina Johnson-Smith*, Minister of Foreign Affairs and Foreign Trade, Jamaica • H.E. Mr. Freddy Brito Maestre, Minister for Popular Power for Electric Energy (MPPEE), Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela • H.E. Mr. Carlos R. POLO, Ambassador, Embassy of Peru in India • H.E. Mr. Daniel Gutierrez*, Chargé d'affaires a.i, Embassy of El Salvador in India <p><i>*Other participants to be confirmed</i></p>
21:20- 21:30 Hrs.	<p>Vote of Thanks Mr. P.K. Mahapatra, Regional Coordinator (LAC Region), ISA</p>

*To be confirmed.