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Reviews undertaken in the month of November by DG ISA

iSTAR-C

DG ISA chaired a review meeting in the Secretariat for facilitating the work on ISA Standards in Member Countries for Solar Goods & Services and for the ISA capacity building Programme STAR C. ISA Partners on STAR-C attended the meeting and are now working on a proposal of standardization of the Centers according to the services provided and on the branding. The emphasis was put on the following steps to be taken in the frame of STAR-C Programme:

- Statement of intent to be filled up to join the Programme
- Questionnaire & Concept note on STAR-C (French and Spanish version) and on Solar goods and Services
- The DPR for STAR-C being developed by E&Y
- Information on potential STAR C institutions already supported by Schneider Electric (SE)
- Prioritization of trainings & Bench marks to be created for selection of Centers and standardization of activities
- Inventory by BIS of the equipment required for establishment of STAR-Centres with relevant Standards which are technology agnostic
- Branding of centers & creation of a logo for STAR C Programme
- Directory of Institutions of different categories;

To implement the Programme, ISA has the support of the Global Task Force of Foundations to develop and launch 50 STAR-Centers by March 2019 in Member Countries. Tata, Philips, and SE committed on providing the training material, training equipment, and trainers to the centers willing to, whereas the Country provides the hosting Institutions.

ISA Fellowship Programme

The Fellowship Programme of ISA is for the Mid-Career professionals from ISA member countries working in the area/sector of solar energy. The programme is currently in the draft stage. Under this programme 20 fellowships will be offered to eligible candidates from ISA member countries on grant support basis. The funding from ISA will be made available for Fellows from all member countries. However, priority would be given to candidates from countries that have ratified the ISA Framework Agreement (FA), thereafter to candidates from countries that have signed but not ratified the FA yet, and then to others. The degree offered will be Master of Technology in Renewable Energy and Management (with specialization in Solar Energy Technology and Economics). The

discussion during the review revolved around following topics: Who can apply for the fellowship?; Program Structure and Course Curriculum; duration of the course; eligibility criteria for the fellowship; selection process; scope of expenses of Fellowships or what the Fellowship covers; Outcome of the Fellowship programme.

ISA Website

ISA website is currently being maintained in-house by the IT department of the ISA. There is a need to understand the requirement to take it to its desired scale. DG ISA reviewed the issue in detail. An audit was conducted based on the parameters like: Search ability, Content, User Experience, Architecture, User Journey, Security, Mobile responsiveness, 3rd party integration. The results of the audit parameters were compared with other peer International organizations. Next steps like: putting up the survey on webpage, so that the users can provide their feedback, & refining the scope of work for the RFP for website development agencies were formulated.

Solar Intelligence Report

The implementation committee of the ISA (constituted of Director- Finance, HRD, Programmes, Communication Strategy and Operation) reviewed the progress on the proposed Solar Intelligence Report of ISA.

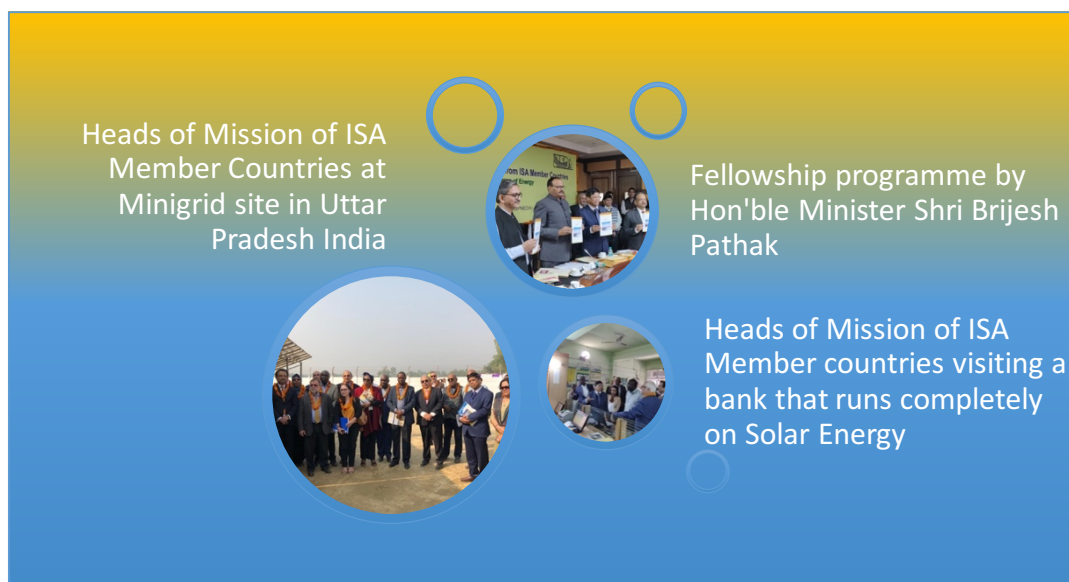
Inauguration/ Handover of the PV Port & Store deployed by GIZ in NISE campus By DG ISA, 29th November 2018

After the successful launch of the Plug 'N' Play concept jointly developed by MNRE and GIZ, a PV Port & Store System was deployed at the National Institute of Solar Energy premises. DG ISA inaugurated the systems in presence of GIZ and NISE officials.



INAUGURATION OF THE PV PORT & STORE DEPLOYED BY GIZ BY DG ISA, NISE CAMPUS, 29 NOV 2018

16th SUN Meet



16TH SUNMEET OF ISA, LUCKNOW, UP, INDIA, 26 NOV 2018

Unlike other times, 16th SUN meet of ISA was clubbed with experiential learning in the field this month. ... Local Contact Points and Heads of Mission of ISA member countries participated in this SUN Meet. UPNEDA facilitated this visit. The delegation visited two solar power plants at Pipargaon and Janigaon villages in Hardoi district of Uttar Pradesh, India. The delegation also met the mini-grid customers- both residential and commercial, and interacted with them. The plant visit was facilitated by OMC Power.

The delegation was shown how the models will be applicable and appropriate for villages or rural areas in their respective countries and how the rural people can benefit not only from the provision of energy access, but also the resulting improvement in the local economy at the village level. Apart from this the Fellowship programme of ISA was also launched during the SUN Meet.

3RD ITEC Training Programme

Third batch of trainees under ITEC programme in Solar Energy for Master Trainers from ISA Member countries is presently (26/11 – 15/12) taking training in the National Institute of Solar Energy, India. DG, ISA recently met with the trainees of this batch and discussed the progress. The preliminary Gap Assessment indicates that ISA Member countries need a robust capacity building program in the field of solar energy. The primary objective of these training of master trainer programme is to apprise the participant with the latest developments about the

solar technologies and other aspects in the field of Solar Energy. The same may be utilized by the participants to train the manpower in their respective countries in the field of Solar Energy.



ITEC TRAINEES (3RD BATCH) INTERACTING WITH DG ISA

ISA Participation in International Events

Paris Peace Forum 11-13 November, Paris

The Paris Peace Forum is a unique platform where a wide range of global governance actors like Head of States and international Organizations, NGOs, Foundations, local governments, companies, experts, journalists, trade unions, investors, private actors, religious groups, citizens and teams of project leaders were to gather under one roof and brainstorm on governance issues. ISA's STAR-C program was one amongst 121 governance projects selected from across the globe out of 900 entries in the first edition of the Forum that met in Paris from 11-13 Nov! ISA participated in a 45 minutes' panel discussion on "Energy and Innovation" in the Lights on Innovation in Energy space, along with the International Energy Agency (IEA) and INES. The discussion was moderated by AFD.



Panel discussion on "Energy and Innovation" in the 'Lights on Innovation in Energy' space, on the second day of PPF



ISA's Participation in Paris Peace Forum

International Renewable Energy Conference 22-23 November, Cape Verde

The ISA participated in the International Renewable Energy Conference held on 22nd and 23rd November 2018 in Cabo Verde, Santiago Island. This event was organized by the Ministry of Industry, Trade, and Energy of Cabo Verde and was launched within the scope of Renewable Energy Sector Support Program, financed by the Luxembourg Development Cooperation. The conference served as a space for knowledge sharing, within small island nation community (developing islands in particular - SIDS) by showcasing existing climate financing mechanisms, tailored to support Renewable Energy investments in small island nations and concrete projects that have leveraged innovative mechanisms to bridge climate finance, and lessons learned from implementation.



ISA's participation in REC, CAPE VERDE

ISA in News in the month of November

Cabinet gives nod for resolution to open ISA membership

<https://economictimes.indiatimes.com/news/economy/policy/cabinet-gives-nod-for-resolution-to-open-isa-membership/articleshow/66458023.cms>

De-risking, financing and capacity building high on ISA agenda – PV Interviews DG ISA

<https://www.pv-magazine-india.com/2018/11/30/de-risking-financing-and-capacity-building-high-on-isa-agenda/>
