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ISA AT COP26

LIGHTING A PATH TOWARDS GLOBAL ENERGY TRANSITION



THE INTERNATIONAL SOLAR ALLIANCE AT COP26

The International Solar Alliance (ISA) participated at the 26th UN Climate Change Conference of the Parties (COP26), hosted by the UK in partnership with Italy, at Glasgow from 31 October to 12 November. The climate conference brings together governments from around the world to develop and deploy coordinated actions to tackle climate change. The conference also provides a space for governments, businesses, local authorities and civil society to discuss and showcase climate action.

COP26 has turned out to be a pivotal moment in ramping up ISA's efforts towards solarizing the world by 2030 and establishing solar as a shared solution for climate, energy & economic priorities across geographies. Hon'ble President of COP26, H.E. Mr. Alok Sharma committed support of the UK government to the ISA for its active participation at the climate change event. Many other governments and leading institutions came forward in support of ISA and its efforts of scaling solar for a sustainable future.



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HIGHLIGHTS FROM COP26



From L to R: Dr. Ajay Mathur, Director General, ISA (L), PM Narendra Modi (C), and PM Boris Johnson (3rd from left) at COP26



WORLD'S FIRST PARTNERSHIP FOR INTERCONNECTED SOLAR GRIDS, GGI-OSOWOG, LAUNCHED AT COP26 WORLD LEADERS SUMMIT

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LAUNCH OF GGI-OSOWOG INITIATIVE

At the World Leaders' Summit on 2 November, Governments of India & the UK in partnership with the ISA and the World Bank Group, launched the first international network of global interconnected solar power grids, known as the Green Grids Initiative—One Sun One World One Grid (GGI-OSOWOG). The India and UK-led programme seeks to connect 140 countries to round-the-clock solar power. The announcement was accompanied by the One Sun declaration, which stated that, "Realizing the vision of One Sun One World One Grid through interconnected green grids can be transformational, enabling all of us to meet the targets of the Paris Agreement to prevent dangerous climate change, to accelerate the clean energy transition, and to achieve the Sustainable Development Goals. These efforts can stimulate green investments and create millions of good jobs. By sharing the sun's energy, we can help to build a more peaceful and prosperous world."

"The One Sun One World One Grid and Green Grids Initiative is an idea whose time has come. If the world has to move to a clean and green future, these interconnected transnational grids are going to be critical solutions. I congratulate the International Solar Alliance and the UK COP Presidency for bringing it nearer to implementation."

Shri Narendra Modi
Hon'ble Prime Minister of India

"COP26 has been inspiring, as there has been a conducive environment for coalition and partnerships, which are focused on action, rather than negotiations. Solar technology is currently in a sweet spot in its evolution & has the potential to lift people out of poverty and move towards clean energy transition."

Dr. Ajay Mathur
Director General
International Solar Alliance

The declaration has been endorsed by 80 ISA Member countries. The initiative, being spearheaded by Governments of India & the UK in partnership with the ISA and the World Bank Group, aims to harness solar energy wherever the sun is shining, ensuring that generated electricity flows to areas that need it most. The GGI-OSOWOG will bring together a global coalition of national governments, international financial and technical organisations, legislators, power system operators and knowledge leaders to accelerate the construction of the new infrastructure needed for a world powered by clean energy. The initiative will drive global interconnectivity across Middle East, South Asia, and Southeast Asia, while leveraging African power pools during COP26. The Steering Committee of GGI-OSOWOG comprises of 5 members – the United States of America, Australia, France, the United Kingdom, and India. The Secretariat would be the International Solar Alliance (ISA) and the UK Government.



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ISA WITH GEAPP



The International Solar Alliance signs a partnership agreement with GEAPP at COP26

International Solar Alliance partners with newly launched Global Energy Alliance for People and Planet (GEAPP) to accelerate energy transition

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Launch of GEAPP

The Global Energy Alliance for People and Planet (GEAPP) launched on November 2, 2021 at COP26 with USD10 billion of committed capital to accelerate investment in green energy transitions and renewable energy solutions in developing and emerging economies. This historic partnership leverages catalytic grant funding to unlock investment capital with the aim of mobilizing USD100 billion in public and private capital in order to reach one billion people with reliable, renewable power, avoid and avert 4 billion tons of carbon emissions, and create more than 150 million direct jobs and drive economic growth over the next decade. The International Solar Alliance (ISA) and The Global Energy Alliance for People and Planet (GEAPP) announced a partnership for accelerating energy transition in Least Developed Countries and Small Island Developing States. The partnership will champion significant solar capacity generation globally while supporting grid-based and distributed renewable solutions.

GGI-OSOWOG Luncheon & Reception

Green Grids Initiative – One Sun One World One Grid’ (GGI-OSOWOG) luncheon and reception was held on 6th November 2021 which was attended by the steering committee of the GGI OSOWOG.

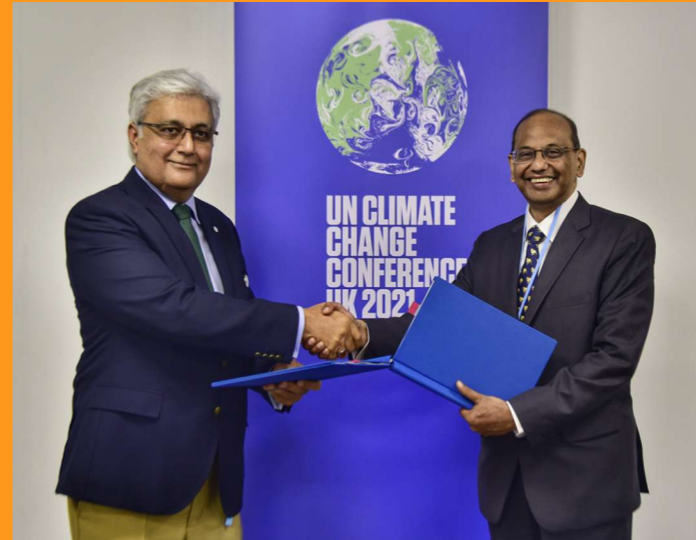


ISA SIGNS MOU WITH UNFCCC

Dr. Ajay Mathur, Director General, ISA met Mr. Ovais Sarmad, Deputy Executive Secretary, United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC) at COP26 and signed an MoU on behalf of the International Solar Alliance with United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC) to collaborate and support the Parties in the implementation of national actions in line with global efforts. As part of the agreement, the ISA & UNFCCC will jointly organize set of activities to facilitate the implementation of mitigation action in the energy sector, facilitate the implementation of Nationally Determined Contributions and Long-term Low Emission Development Strategies.



From L-R: Dr. Ajay Mathur, Director General, ISA signs an MoU with Mr. Ovais Sarmad, Deputy Executive Secretary of UNFCCC



From L-R: Mr. Ovais Sarmad, Deputy Executive Secretary, UNFCCC shakes hands with Dr. Ajay Mathur, Director General, ISA at COP26



Dr. Ajay Mathur, Director General, ISA

ISA AND ELSEVIER LAUNCH SOLAR COMPASS

The International Solar Alliance and Elsevier launched Solar Compass, with Ambassador Stephane Crouzat at COP26. The journal aims to help deliver solar technologies of the future in the energy transition, and is now open for submissions. All articles will be peer-reviewed before publication, and an advisory board of visionary leaders will guide the directions of the journal, alongside an editorial board of globally recognized experts who will plan, solicit articles, and conduct reviews before accepting the articles for publication.



ISA ESTABLISHES ADVISORY COMMITTEE AND PARTNERSHIP WITH NORDIC INSTITUTIONAL INVESTORS TO MOBILIZE USD 1 TRILLION

At COP26, ISA established an Advisory Committee and partnership with Nordic institutional investors to mobilize \$1 trillion for investment in solar. The Advisory Committee members include senior representatives from Africa50, CDPQ Global, IFC, the Development Bank of Southern Africa, Capricorn Investment Group and Temasek. The advisory committee's efforts will inform and direct partnerships that ISA establishes to achieve the US \$1 trillion solar investment target, such as the new partnership it is announcing with Denmark's Investment Fund for Developing Countries (IFU), CONCITO, and World Climate Fund.

The vision of the partnership is to translate this goal into real investments on the ground, engaging investment and finance actors - initially focusing on the Nordic countries - to mobilize more private finance for solar energy in emerging markets and developing economies, thereby contributing to bringing the world on a pathway to net zero GHG emissions and enabling enhanced access to electricity for underserved populations.

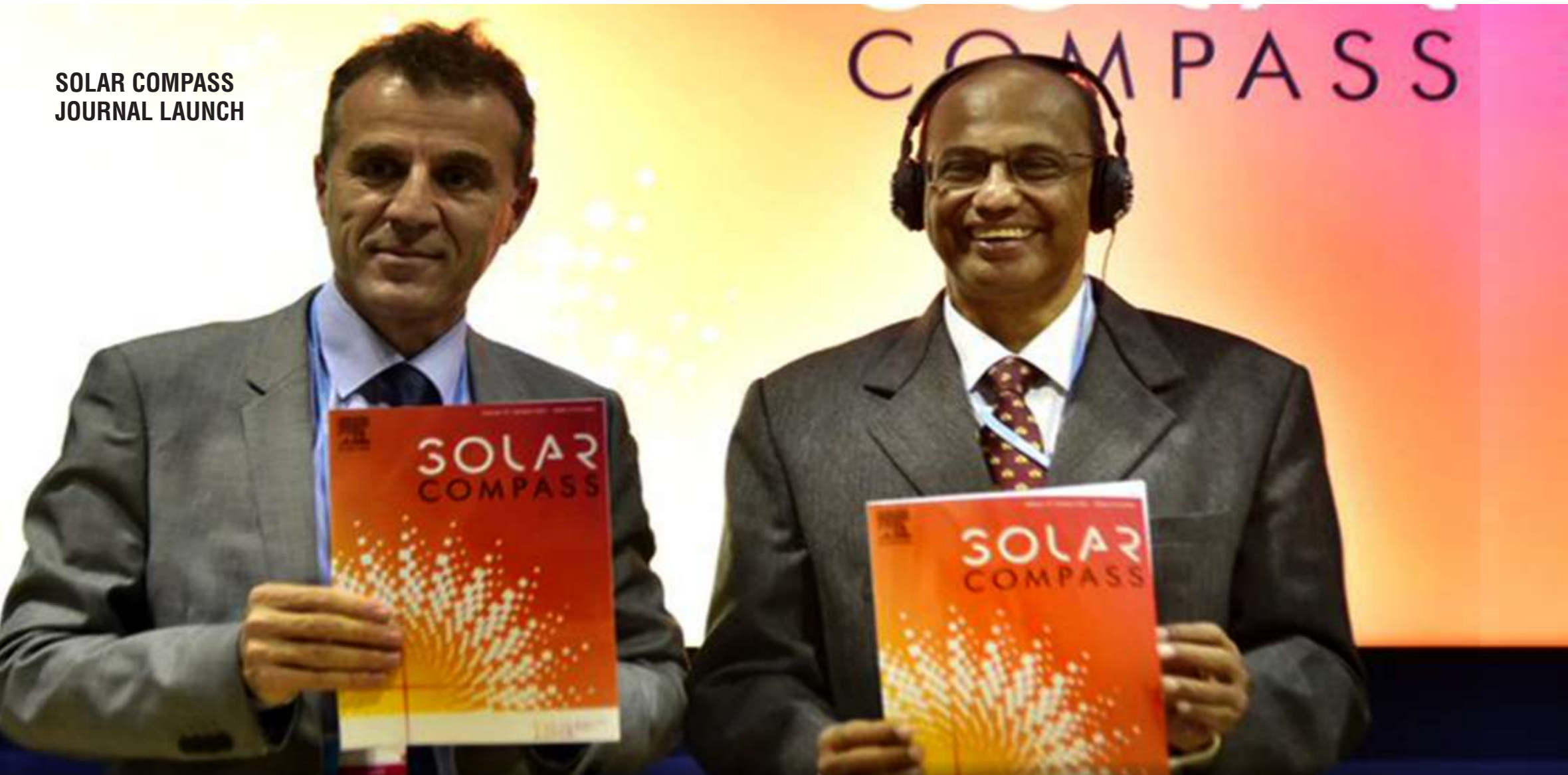


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\$1 TRILLION SOLAR INVESTMENT ACTION AGENDA LAUNCH AT THE COMMONWEALTH PAVILION AT COP26



SOLAR COMPASS JOURNAL LAUNCH



From L to R: Ambassador Stephane Crouzat with Dr. Ajay Mathur, Director General, ISA

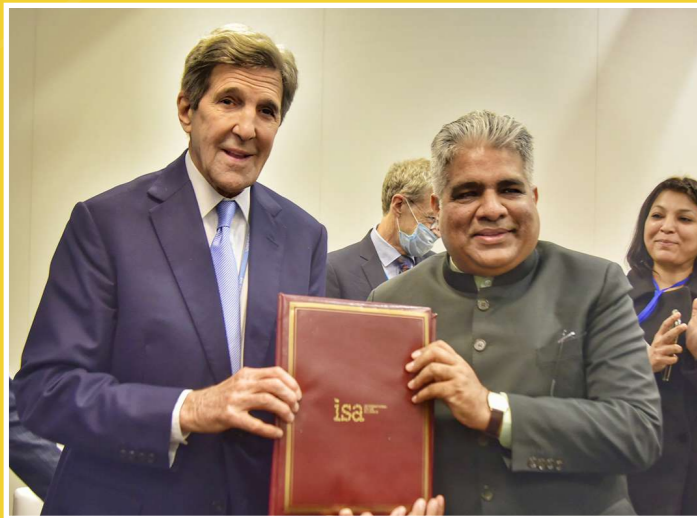
International Solar Alliance establishes an Advisory Committee and partnership with Nordic institutional investors to mobilize \$1 trillion for investment in solar
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THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA BECOMES THE 101ST ISA MEMBER COUNTRY

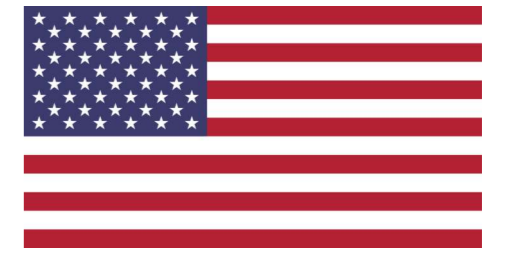


The United States of America becomes the 101st member country of the International Solar Alliance

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ISA WELCOMES THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA AS THE 101ST MEMBER COUNTRY

In a big boost to accelerate global adoption of solar energy, John Kerry U.S. Special Presidential Envoy for Climate announced at the UNFCCC COP26 that the United States of America (USA) has joined the International Solar Alliance (ISA) as a Member country. U.S becomes the 101st country to sign the framework agreement of the ISA to catalyse global energy transition through a solar-led approach. The United States also joined the Steering Committee of the GGI-OSOWOG comprising of 5 members – USA, Australia, France, the United Kingdom, and India — and endorsed the One Sun Declaration along with 80 countries.



United States of America

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA SIGNS THE FRAMEWORK AGREEMENT OF THE INTERNATIONAL SOLAR ALLIANCE (ISA)



From L to R: John Kerry U.S. Special Presidential Envoy for Climate with Hon'ble Environment Minister Bhupender Yadav at COP26

EVENTS ISA HOSTED AT COP26



Dr. Ajay Mathur, Director General, ISA with Mr. John Pettigrew, CEO, National Grid at COP26



From L-R: Mr. Jagjeet Sareen, Assistant Director General, ISA, Mr. Máté Heisz Director of Global Affairs, SolarPower Europe and Dr. Ajay Mathur, Director General, ISA at EU side event



From L-R: Dr. Ajay Mathur, Director General, ISA, Ms. Rachel Kyte Dean at The Fletcher School, Tufts University and Mr. Brad Plumer, Reporter, NYTClimat at the New York Times Climate Hub Event



Dr. Ajay Mathur, Director General, ISA met with H.E. Mr. Saki Hacky Soloma, Hon'ble Minister of Energy, Papua New Guinea at COP26



Dr. Ajay Mathur, Director General, ISA with Mr. Chris Hohn, Founder, CIFF at COP26



From L-R: Dr. Ajay Mathur, Director General, ISA, Mr. Koen Peters, Executive Director, GOGLA and Mr. Patrick Tonui, Head of Policy and Regional Strategy, GOGLA



Dr. Ajay Mathur, Director General, ISA with H.E. Mr. Jean-Yves Le Drian Minister of Europe and Foreign Affairs, France during SRMI side event at COP26



Dr. Ajay Mathur, Director General, ISA with Mr. Mike Bloomberg, Founder and CEO, Bloomberg at COP26



Launch of the \$1 trillion solar investment action agenda launch at the Commonwealth Pavilion at COP26



Dr. Ajay Mathur, Director General, ISA with Mr. Francesco La Camera Director General, International Renewable Energy Agency during SRMI side event at COP26



From L-R: H.E. Ms. Jennifer M. Granholm, Hon'ble Secretary, U.S. Department of Energy, Dr. Ajay Mathur, Director General, ISA and Mr. Pratik Agarwal, CEO and MD, Sterlite Power



Mr. Philippe Malbranche, ADG, ISA with delegations from CGECI

SOCIAL MEDIA MOMENTS

Narendra Modi @narendramodi

Wonderful news @ClimateEnvoy! I thank @POTUS and wholeheartedly welcome the USA to the @isolaralliance. This will further strengthen the Alliance in our shared quest of harnessing solar energy for a sustainable planet.

Special Presidential Envoy John... @ClimateEnvoy · 3d

Accelerating solar energy deployment globally is critical to keeping a limit of 1.5 degrees Celsius of warming within reach. The U.S. is pleased to join the @isolaralliance at #COP26. Thank you, Prime Minister @nar...

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Proud that today at #COP26 World Leaders Summit, Hon'ble #UK PM @BorisJohnson & Hon'ble #India PM @NarendraModi jointly launched GGI-OSOWOG, an international initiative to dramatically accelerate global clean energy transition, providing necessary impetus #TogetherForOurPlanet

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The United States of America becomes the 101st member country of the International Solar Alliance at #COP26 @ClimateEnvoy @byadavbjp @narendramodi

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#GGI-OSOWOG initiative launched today at #COP26 World Leaders Summit in #Glasgow aims to achieve global grid interconnection with three key pillars: Political Engagement, Research, and Knowledge Sharing and Institutional Engagement #Towards1000 #TogetherForOurPlanet

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Ovais Sarmad and 3 others

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In collaboration with @ElsevierConnect, we are proud to announce the launch of 'Solar Compass', a new journal that aims to increase research and understanding on the use of #Solar. Dr Ajay Mathur & @stephancrouzat released the journal and issued a call for papers. #COP26

Solar Compass journal and 5 others

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