



# ISA Assembly

## Asia and the Pacific thematic session

15 October 2020, 1000 – 1200 IST

### UPDATED Outline

#### Topic: Sun shining across the oceans: supporting the blue economy through solar

The International Solar Alliance's Asia and the Pacific group stretches across both the Indian and the Pacific oceans – from Saudi Arabia across to the Pacific islands. What unites this group – apart from their commitment to solar energy – is the ocean.

The World Bank defines the blue economy as 'the sustainable use of ocean resources for economic growth, improved livelihoods and jobs, and ocean ecosystem health'.<sup>1</sup> Renewable energy – including solar – supports this agenda. Solar has a significant role to play, supporting both industry – through large-scale floating solar, solar ferries, and storage of fishing catches – and individuals – for instance, through solar desalination plants.

This session will explore these issues in depth.

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| 1000 | Introductory remarks<br>HE Mr Upendra Tripathy, Director General, International Solar Alliance  |
| 1005 | Opening remarks<br>Incoming Vice President of the Asia and the Pacific Region (TBC)   |
| 1010 | Presentation: Roadmap to mobilise US\$1 trillion in ISA Members by 2030<br>World Resources Institute (TBC)  |
| 1025 | Presentation: Ease of Doing Solar and the Asia and the Pacific region<br>Ernst and Young  |
| 1050 | Panel discussion: Solar supporting the blue economy <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Mr Paulo Kautoke, Senior Director, Trade, Oceans and Natural Resources, Commonwealth Secretariat</li><li>- Dr Andrew Jones, Director of Geoscience, Energy and Maritime, Secretariat of the Pacific Community</li><li>- Mr Jiwan Acharya, Principal Energy Specialist, South Asia Energy Division, Asian Development Bank</li><li>- Mr Gabriel Castellanos, IRENA</li></ul> |

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<sup>1</sup> <https://www.worldbank.org/en/news/infographic/2017/06/06/blue-economy>



- 1130 Member interventions
- 1155 Closing remarks  
Incoming Vice President of the Asia and the Pacific region (TBC)

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