



GUYANA SET TO HOST ISA'S FOURTH REGIONAL COMMITTEE MEETING FOR LATIN AMERICA AND THE CARIBBEAN REGION

- **Over 100 Delegates including Ministers of Energy are slated to Attend**

GEORGETOWN, GUYANA, July 26, 2022: Guyana is set to host the fourth Regional Committee Meeting of the International Solar Alliance (ISA) for Latin America & Caribbean at the Arthur Chung Conference Centre (ACCC), from August 3 to 5, 2022 in Georgetown, Guyana.

The International Solar Alliance is a multilateral organization driving increased deployment of solar energy as a means for bringing energy access, ensuring energy security, and driving energy transition in its member countries. The meeting is expected to be presided over by the Honourable Mr. Deodat Indar, Guyana's Junior Minister of Public Works with responsibility for energy distribution, and will bring together countries with common interests in clean energy, sustainable environment, public transport and climate change issues. The ISA was conceived as a joint effort by India and France to mobilise efforts against climate change on the sidelines of the 21st UNFCCC Conference of Parties (COP21) in Paris in 2015.

Dr Ajay Mathur, Director General, ISA, said "We are working towards mobilising USD 1 trillion of investment for a massive deployment of solar energy technologies and for expanding solar markets. With the support of the leaders of Latin American and Caribbean countries, we are looking at creating an enabling environment for accelerated uptake of solar energy, which will support economic growth, jobs, and a safe and healthy environment in the region. We are honored and grateful to the Government of Guyana for their support to the 4th Regional Committee meeting."

He added: "Solar enhances the human right to a clean environment, apart from enabling electricity access, reducing fuel imports, and producing no CO₂ emissions. Having laid the groundwork with multilateral support and multi-stakeholder partnerships, the ISA is now stepping into its next phase of its mission, driven primarily by the implementation of its framework for global solarisation, scaling and expanding the impact of its interventions across nations, and growing and actualising its existing pipeline for solar projects."

This year's conference will feature addresses from thirty-three ministers and delegates and international partners of the ISA. His Excellency, Dr. Mohamed Irfaan Ali, President of Guyana, is scheduled to deliver the keynote address at the Assembly's Fourth Regional Committee Meeting. Also scheduled to speak is Dr. Ajay Mathur, Director General of ISA. Other dignitaries include; Hon. Brigadier Rt'd Mark Phillips, Hon. VP. Dr. Bharrat Jagdeo and Dr. Mahender Sharma of Guyana Energy Agency.

The Meeting will also feature an exhibition, where solar companies and distributors will display their products and services to the attending delegates. Among the companies present will be Gafsons Industries Limited, Farfan and Mendes, Specom, and Green Power Solution Inc.



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About International Solar Alliance (ISA)

The International Solar Alliance (ISA) is an action oriented, member-driven, collaborative platform for increased deployment of solar energy technologies as a means for bringing energy access, ensuring energy security, and driving energy transition in its member countries.

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The ISA strives to develop and deploy cost-effective and transformational energy solutions powered by the sun to help member countries develop low-carbon growth trajectories, with particular focus on delivering impact in countries categorized as Least Developed Countries (LDCs) and the Small Island Developing States (SIDS). Being a global platform, ISA's partnerships with multilateral development banks (MDBs), development financial institutions (DFIs), private and public sector organisations, civil society, and other international institutions is key to delivering the change it seeks to see in the world.

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