



INTERNATIONAL SOLAR ALLIANCE

Regional Ministerial for Africa Region

Third Assembly of the International Solar Alliance

October 15, 2020 | 15:00-17:30 IST

Provisional Agenda

With a focus on Ease of Doing Solar in Africa, pre-feasibility reports for solar projects have been drawn up and the stage is now set for designing and implementing the projects on ground. The Regional Ministerial for Africa Region begins with a quick overview of ISA activities in the continent over the previous year, and the proposed Action Agenda.

Noting that even though there has been a steady rise in the installed solar capacity in Africa, the assessments for solar potential in member countries based on geographical potential is much higher. The Ministerial Group will deliberate on a regional strategy and implementation plan. Though availability of non-arable land for solar projects is much better than most other high irradiance location around the world, it is partnerships, amongst all African stakeholders including Multilateral Development Banks and financial institutions, that holds the key for achieving the potential. Access to uninterrupted clean and affordable energy depends on effectively mitigating all types of project related risks. Solar energy value chain has to be made attractive for investors with skills, scale and speed for impact.

With global headwinds slowing down investments in solar projects, now is the time for strong national support for swifter project implementation. The Ministerial Session would take note of global best practices and actionable pathways through experience sharing.

This session will explore the following issues in depth:

S. No.	Time (in IST)	Program Title
1.	15:00 - 15:10	<i>Introductory Remarks</i> by H.E. Mr. Upendra TRIPATHY , Director General, International Solar Alliance
2.	15:10 - 15:15	<i>Opening Remarks</i> by H.E Mr. George Pierre LESJONGARD , Hon'ble Minister of Energy & Public Utilities, Republic of Mauritius
3.	15:15 - 15:25	<i>Presentation 1: Ease of Doing Solar Utility Scale Solar Projects – Financing and De-Risking Strategies for Africa</i> by Mr. Mohammed SAIF , Director, Regulatory and Infrastructure Services, Ernst & Young

4.	15:25 - 15:35	<i>Presentation 2:</i> Road Map to mobilise investments: Africa can benefit from Demand Aggregation for Solar Applications by Ms. Jan CORFEE-MORLOT , Project Director, World Resources Institute
5.	15:35 - 15:45	<i>Presentation 3:</i> Strengthening ISA Solar Cooling and Heating Initiative for Africa by Mr. Nathan BORGFORD-PARNELL , Science Affairs and Scientific Advisory Panel Lead, Climate and Clean Air Coalition (CCAC) and Mr. Anil MISHRA , National Project Manager – India, UNIDO
6.	15:45 – 17:25	<p><i>Multilateral Development Bank Plenary:</i></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Investing in Africa Solar – A Development Bank’s Perspective: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Ms. Nandita PARSHAD, Managing Director, European Bank for Reconstruction and Development EBRD b. Mr. Riccardo PULITI, Senior Director, Head of the Energy and Extractive Resources Global Practice, World Bank Group c. Dr Daniel SCHROTH, Acting Director Renewable Energy (PERN), African Development Bank AfDB d. Dr. Mabouba DIAGNE, Vice President, Finance and Corporate Services, ECOWAS Bank for Investment and Development EBID <p><i>Ministerial Remarks:</i></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 2. Dr. Eng. Ahmed Mohamed MOHINA, First Undersecretary for Research, Planning and Authorities, Egypt 3. M. Abdoulaye DIA, Director of Cabinet, Minister of Petroleum & Energy, Senegal 4. H.E. Mr. Jean Claude HOUSSOU, Hon’ble Minister of Energy, Benin 5. H.E. Mr Yonis Ali Guedi, Hon’ble Minister of Energy, Djibouti



8.	1725 - 17:30	<i>Closing Remarks</i> by H.E. Dr. Amadou Aissata Issa MAIGA , Hon'ble Minister of Energy, Niger
9.	17:30	<i>End of the Regional Ministerial for Africa Region</i>