

## **Statement of International Solar alliance (ISA)**

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Hon'ble Chair, Your Excellencies

International Solar Alliance, the youngest in the family of soldiers to fight climate challenges, is grateful to UN ESCAP and the Kingdom of Thailand for extending it an invitation to attend the Asian and Pacific Energy Forum and for the opportunity to address the august gathering.

Your Excellencies, ISA is particularly thankful to the Governments of Australia, Bangladesh, Cambodia, Fiji, France, India, Kiribati, Nauru, Papua New Guinea, Sri Lanka, Tonga, Tuvalu and Vanuatu that are present here as members of ESCAP, for having signed the ISA Framework Agreement. These countries have become proud Founding members of ISA and will have their names inscribed in the ISA headquarters, as and when it comes up. ISA urges the remaining ESCAP member countries that also happen to be ISA prospective member countries to become full-fledged members.

ISA's motto as you are perhaps aware is 'Let us make the Sun brighter'. How do we go about doing that? For this to happen, ISA needs the support of all stakeholders by taking three simple steps.

One – to strive to mobilise US\$ 1000 billion by the year 2030, two – to help member countries to prepare bankable projects and three – to prepare a network of Solar Technology Application Resource Centres (STAR-C) in every ISA country, with an aim to have testing facilities, set country specific standards and for capacity building to attract investment and generate employment. The above measures, we believe, will considerably bring down the cost of solar and transform the lives of 1.2 billion energy-starved to energy-rich population.

ISA once again thanks all present here for sparing their valuable time and assures its commitment to work together to usher in a solar revolution where all countries would have capacity to exploit solar energy and reap maximum benefits to promote energy security.