

Clean Energy Ministerial 2023
19-22 July, 2023
Grand Hyatt Goa, India

Solar Lighthouse in Africa: Lessons Learned from India's Solar Programs

22 July 2023 15:00-16:30 IST

Registration: <https://cem-mi-india.org/registration>

Title	
Day 4: Saturday July 22, 2023	
Context	<p>Africa's electricity demand is set to triple by 2030, but currently, less than 40% of the population has access to electricity. To promote growth and scale access, investment in solar technologies is crucial. Rooftop solar models and solar parks offer unique benefits, including reduced transmission and distribution losses, avoidance of commercial investments associated with transmission systems, and consistent, reliable power for consumers.</p> <p>However, an ecosystem-based approach to energy access is also necessary to enhance livelihood opportunities using alternative energy solutions. This approach considers the complete business ecosystem, including technology, finance (enterprise and end-user), capacity building, institutional framework, policies, and livelihood aspects of the solar energy sector.</p> <p>To promote the replication of the solar sector in Africa, the World Bank-ISA Lighthouse Initiative aims to convene key stakeholders in the solar energy ecosystem. Through sharing success factors and learnings and discussing potential challenges and opportunities, the initiative seeks to identify key gaps, consolidate relevant learnings, and engage with entrepreneurs, investors, donors, civil society, and policymakers to promote solar sector growth in Africa.</p> <p>https://cem-mi-india.org/agenda</p>
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Time (in IST)	Agenda
15:00 – 16:30 hours	The side event will be for 90 minutes.
15:00-15:05	Opening Remarks by Dr Mathur, DG, International Solar Alliance
15:05-15:15	Signing of the agreement between Multilateral Investment Guarantee Agency (MIGA) and International Solar Alliance (ISA) on Solar Facility
15:15-15:20	Special Remarks: Mr. Junaid Kamal Ahmad, Vice President, MIGA, World Bank
15:20-15:45	<p>Ministerial Session: Keynote Remarks</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Minister from Rwanda* • Minister from Egypt* • Minister from Ghana* <p>*To be confirmed</p>
15:45-16:20	<p>Panel Discussion</p> <p>Moderated by Dr. Amit Jain, World Bank</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Jae Hyung Kwon, Senior Underwriter, MIGA • Dr. Frehiwot Woldehanna, Associate Professor, Addis Ababa University, Ethiopia • Dinesh Jagdale, Joint Secretary, MNRE • Dr. Arunabha Ghosh, CEO, CEEW • Kanika Chawla, SE4All • Sunjoy Joshi, Chairman, ORF
16:20-16:25	Closing Remarks: Ms Xiaodong Wang, Lead Energy Specialist, World Bank
16:25-16:30	Next Steps: Mr Remesh Kumar, Chief of Unit (PPIC), International Solar Alliance



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