

INTERNATIONAL SOLAR ALLIANCE

ISA Signs a Small-Scale Funding Agreement with New Energy and Industrial Technology Development Organisation (NEDO) to Facilitate Study on Solar Application Projects in Member Countries

**ISA launches a study on Minigrids in Lucknow, India
in collaboration with NEDO; To be replicated in other member countries**

ISA to facilitate Case Study, Knowledge Dissemination & Networking in collaboration with New Energy and Industrial Technology Development Organisation (NEDO)

New Delhi, December 9, 2021: The International Solar Alliance (ISA) signed a Small Scale Funding Agreement with the New Energy and Industrial Technology Development Organisation (NEDO) on 6 December, 2021. NEDO is Japan's largest public management organization promoting research and development as well as deployment of industrial, energy and environmental technologies. Mr. Yoshiro Kaku, Chief Representative, NEDO and Mr. Amit Kaushik, Chief of Unit, Programme and Project Implementation Cluster, ISA, signed the agreement in the presence of Dr. Ajay Mathur, Director General, ISA.

Through this collaboration, ISA will facilitate a pilot case study on solar application projects in India. Analysis of efforts, success factors and potential for scaling to other countries and ISA regions will be covered in the report that ISA will prepare at the end of the pilot project. Information on similar business models and conditions necessary for the widespread use of solar energy in developing countries and island countries will also be included in the report on completion of this case study.

A multilingual webinar will be hosted by the ISA in collaboration with NEDO in early 2022. Select panel of government officials, businesspersons and industry experts will be invited from different regions of the world to participate in this webinar.

In addition to the collection and dissemination of information, the project will also yield to ISA and NEDO working collectively towards building a robust network among stakeholders from Japan and other member countries.

Japan was the 48th country to ratify the ISA Framework Agreement. Japan's government has been creating supportive policies that can help build the business case for renewable energy..

About NEDO

NEDO is Japan's largest public management organization promoting research and development as well as deployment of industrial, energy and environmental technologies. NEDO creates innovation by promoting technological development necessary for realization of a sustainable society. NEDO acts as an innovation accelerator to contribute to the resolution of social issues by developing and demonstrating high-risk innovative technologies having practical application.

About The International Solar Alliance



The ISA is an inter-governmental treaty-based international organization with a global mandate to catalyse global solar growth by helping to reduce the cost of financing and technology for solar. In fulfilling this mandate, the ISA is committed to establishing solar as a shared solution that simultaneously addresses climate, energy, and economic priorities across geographies, facilitating Energy Transition at a global level, Energy Security at national levels, while also ensuring Energy Access at the local level. The ISA is helping large nations scale global commitments, thereby serving the planet's needs for reduced carbon emissions, while also helping economically more vulnerable nations establish a self-sustaining energy alternative that reduces trade dependency and drives job creation. Universal, affordable, and reliable last-mile electricity connectivity across socio-economic strata is a crucial pillar and targeted, tangible outcome of these combined efforts towards facilitating economic development and environmental impact.

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