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*Agenda Item 9*

## Action Taken Report of the Fourth Assembly of the ISA

### Summary

This Working Document presents the Action Taken Report by the ISA Secretariat against the guidance provided by the Fourth Assembly of the ISA for the consideration and approval of the Fifth Assembly of the ISA.

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Table below presents the action taken by the ISA Secretariat against relevant decisions of the Fourth Assembly of the ISA:

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1.	3(1)	Action Taken Report of the Third Assembly	The First Assembly of the ISA approved the model Agreement on Privileges and Immunities for the ISA, contained in the document Working Document No. ISA/A.01/WD.06. and requested member countries to take appropriate actions in accordance with their respective national laws and constitutional processes to grant Privileges and Immunities to the ISA.	Completed	Draft Privileges & Immunity Agreement has been shared with Member countries. The Member countries are now to take appropriate action in accordance with their respective national laws & constitutional process to grant privileges and immunities to the ISA.
2.	3(1)	Action Taken Report of the Third Assembly	The First Assembly of the ISA authorized the ISA Secretariat to establish institutional linkages of the ISA with the United Nations.	Completed	The UN General Assembly granted observer status to the International Solar Alliance, vide resolution 76/123 dated 9 December 2021.
3.	3(1)	Action Taken Report of the Third Assembly	Solar Grand Challenge – ISA Secretariat to mobilise external funding in addition to budgeted resources and implement the programme	Completed	Funding has been obtained and Implementation proposal will be put forward to the Fifth Assembly of ISA.
4.	3(1)	Action Taken Report of the Third Assembly	A Steering Committee to be constituted for resource mobilization.	Completed	Steering Committee for Resource Mobilisation has been constituted.

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5.	3(1)	Action Taken Report of the Third Assembly	An experienced consulting firm to be engaged for supporting the Steering Committee and ISA Secretariat in resource mobilization efforts.	Completed	Dalberg Global Development Advisors has been engaged, after following the procurement process, to support Resource Mobilization activities.
6.	3(1)	Action Taken Report of the Third Assembly	ISA Secretariat to include an Undergraduate Programme for LDC/SIDS Member Countries in the Work programme for 2022/23.	Completed	Consultations with member countries has been held, which suggested that program for technicians is required, and hence the relevant program has been launched.
7.	3(1)	Action Taken Report of the Third Assembly	Secretariat to constitute a committee to review the performance of current officials who have served four years as of October 2021 to potentially regularize them against the National positions to be advertised by the Secretariat. The list of employees and the process for accommodating the current employees with at least four years' experience shall be placed before the Fourth Assembly, with the recommendation and guidance of the Standing Committee.	Completed	The committee was constituted by the ISA Secretariat. The report of the Committee was presented to the Fourth Assembly of the ISA.
8.	3(iii)	Selection of external auditor for CY 2021-23	ISA secretariat to procure the services of an audit firm to carry out an audit of the accounts of the ISA for CY 2021-23.	Completed	Deloitte Haskins & Sells LLP Audit firm has been selected following the due procurement process. The auditors have completed the Audit for 2021 and submitted the report for the consideration of the Fifth Assembly of ISA.

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9.	3(v)	ISA's Strategic Plan for the next five years	<p>ISA Secretariat to incorporate comments/recommendations from the Assembly in the Strategic Plan, namely:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i. ISA to synergize its activities on Analytics &amp; Advocacy with other international agencies</li> <li>ii. Focus on gender balance, gender-inclusive policies as well as on moving beyond technical training to educating the younger generations</li> <li>iii. Evaluating &amp; Monitoring the existing programmes</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i. Completed</li> <li>ii. In Progress</li> <li>iii. Completed</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i. Joint workplan has been signed between IRENA and ISA.</li> <li>ii. ISA Secretariat is developing gender policy and consultations are being organized with NFPs and gender experts. ISA is collaborating with GIZ for development &amp; implementation of Solar Skill Training Programs.</li> <li>iii. The Programme and Project Evaluation Committee (PPEC) has formally submitted its final Evaluation report. A Monitoring and Evaluation policy along with draft Results Framework is under development at the ISA Secretariat.</li> </ul>

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10.	3(v)	ISA's Strategic Plan for the next five years – Private Sector Engagement Strategy	ISA Secretariat to create a consultative council with private sector representation for ISA to share and deliberate upon ISA's programme with member states & the private sector – Engagement with MEDEF, French Renewable Energy Association, and Solar Power Europe proposed by France.	Completed	ISA has created the Corporate Advisory Group (CAG) with private sector representation. The CAG will be officially launched on 22 September this year during the Clean Energy Ministerial (CEM) at Pittsburgh.
11.	3(vii)	Recruitment at the ISA Secretariat and ISA's Organizational structure	ISA Secretariat to publish the updated organogram of the ISA to the ISA website for greater transparency.	Completed	Recruitments and staff onboarding is in progress. Organogram approved by the Director-General was uploaded on the ISA website on 28 April 2022.
12.	5	Report of the Depository	ISA Secretariat to update the Assembly on potential cooperation agreement between the ISA and the UN.	In Progress	A note has been shared on potential cooperation agreement between the ISA and the UN with the office of the Secretary General of the UN and the Permanent Mission of India to the United Nations, New York. This will be discussed in the UN Bodies in 2022.

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13.	6	Update on Resource Mobilization and Voluntary Contributions to the ISA Corpus Fund – Multi-Donor Trust Fund	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i. Multi-Donor Trust Fund to have the option for earmarked project-based contribution as per the priorities of a potential donor.</li> <li>ii. Multi-Donor Trust Fund to clearly demonstrate added value along with a detailed work programme</li> <li>iii. Multi-Donor Trust Fund to clearly identify modalities to coordinate with other similar resource mobilization structures</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i. In Progress</li> <li>ii. In Progress</li> <li>iii. In Progress</li> </ul>	All aspects of the Multi-Donor Trust Fund are being developed by the Secretariat. The launch is now rescheduled to June 2023 from September 2022.
14.	7	Blended Finance Risk Mitigation Facility	ISA Secretariat to engage further with global experts to develop the Blended Finance Risk Mitigation facility.	Completed	ISA engaged global experts for development of design of the Blended Finance and Risk Mitigation facility.
15.	8	Viability Gap Financing for solar energy projects in ISA Member countries	ISA Secretariat to develop a transparent methodology, potentially based on the financial resource potential & access of the applicant countries, to prioritize funding under the facility.	Completed	The Technical Advisory Panel (TAP) has drafted the guidelines for the VGF Scheme which is under consideration. The guideline includes the methodology for the selection of potential projects, the structure of the facility, etc.

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16.	9	Launch of ISA programmes	ISA Secretariat to develop the implementation plan for the eighth and ninth programmes of the ISA on Solar Hydrogen and Waste management respectively.	In Progress	<p>ISA organized an international event on Solar Hydrogen during the Green Hydrogen Global Assembly &amp; Exhibition at Barcelona on 17 &amp; 18 May, 2022, co-hosted by the government of Spain and Green Hydrogen Organization. Participants included country representatives, private sector and civil society.</p> <p>ISA co-hosted a Solar Hydrogen session with ADB in Asia Clean Energy Forum (ACEF) Conference organized by the ADB in June.</p> <p>Program Initiation Document for Green Hydrogen Program was uploaded on ISA website in July.</p> <p>On solar waste, a new partnership is being discussed with Swiss Agency for Development and Cooperation (SDC) on minimizing and handling solar waste. ISA is also working with UNEP on developing report on Solar Waste Management; and new areas of collaboration are being discussed.</p>
17.	10	Release of ISA Publications	ISA Secretariat to develop three flagship reports on: Global Solar Investment Report Global Solar Market Trends Report Global Solar Technology Report in partnership with CIFF.	Completed	The draft reports will be released on 19 October 2022 during a post-Assembly session on the sidelines of the Fifth Assembly of ISA, followed by technical discussions and consultations with various stakeholders for inputs and suggestions.

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18.	11	Update on 'One Sun One World One Grid' Initiative	ISA Secretariat to develop a Framework Agreement for the GGI-OSOWOG initiative through a consultative process.	In Progress	The constitution of the Secretariat of the GGI-OSOWOG is under progress.
19.	11	Update on 'One Sun One World One Grid' Initiative	ISA Secretariat to provide Secretariat support to the Joint GGI-OSOWOG initiative.	In Progress	Retreat of the Joint-Secretariat and partners to support GGI-OSOWOG was held from 23-25 March. A workplan for GGI-OSOWOG is being prepared and will be submitted to the Ministerial Steering Committee at its first meeting to be scheduled in the coming months.
20.	14	Arrangements for the Fifth Assembly of the ISA	ISA Secretariat to finalise the date for the ministerial plenary of the Fifth Assembly of the ISA in consultation with the Co-President	Completed	A detailed schedule of programmes has been prepared by the ISA Secretariat and is being shared the attendees and invitees of the Fifth Assembly of ISA.

**Summary:**

A total of twenty (20) action points have been identified, of which 14 have been completed, and 6 actions points are in process of implementation.

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