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Agenda Item 26

Status of Corpus Fund and Proposal for Annual Contributions

Summary

This working document provides a status update on the Corpus Fund of the ISA and provides an update on the measures undertaken by the ISA Secretariat to enhance the Corpus Fund

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The Assembly was earlier apprised by Secretariat that Government of India has so far contributed USD 27 million to the International Solar Alliance (ISA) for creating a corpus, building infrastructure, and recurring expenditure over a five-year duration from 2016-17 to 2020-21. Government of India has further sanctioned and committed USD 40 million as additional financial support to ISA for three years (From FY 2022-23 up to FY 2024-25).

With the contributions from Government of India, Public and Private sector, the Corpus Fund has reached USD 36.46 million as of August 15th, 2022, which includes contributions from the host Country Public Sector Undertakings to the tune of USD 16.17 Million. This Corpus fund has been invested in a nationalized bank which has further generated interest income of USD approx. 9.53 million as of 15 August 2022.

The Secretariat thanks Host Country and request their continuous support.

Enhancement of the Corpus Fund / annual contribution by member countries-direction / way forward:

This matter was also discussed in a meeting on funding requirements of ISA with the Ambassadors / High Commissioners of select countries on 14 February 2022. Wherein it was deliberated that the fourth Assembly approved strategic plan will provide ISA opportunity to grow and deliver on-ground. To implement the plan, the Assembly has tasked the ISA with a one billion USD work plan to support solarization in member countries. This includes USD 300 million for the Secretariat and USD 700 million to establish a risk mitigation facility. As such the core budget of the ISA is anticipated to increase from USD 11.8 million in 2022 to USD 58.4 million in 2026.

ISA aims to enhance project bankability and absorptive capacity in its member countries. Secondly, ISA would help to develop policy environment for green transition. ISA would also drive informed decision making and advocacy through analytics and insights on countries.

For this, ISA needs financial pledges, commitments, and contributions to implement its programmes and strengthen the corpus fund. Now is the time for deliberations on the annual contribution to ISA.

Next Steps:

The Fifth Assembly of ISA is requested to note the above measures and the status of Voluntary Contributions of the ISA Member countries & other donors to the ISA Corpus Fund. In view of the above ISA Secretariat proposes that an annual financial contribution of:

- USD 50,000 for Developed member countries,
- USD 25,000 for Developing member countries, and
- USD 10,000 for LDC and SIDS member countries.
