



From Blueprint to Impact: The SIDS Platform in Action

29 October 2025, 14:00 – 15:15 hours IST

Registration link: <https://registration.isaassembly.org>

The SIDS Platform, led by the International Solar Alliance and the World Bank Group, seeks to address challenges through coordinated action on project aggregation, finance mobilization, and governance strengthening. With engagements initiated across 16 island nations, the Platform aims to operationalize solar deployment through readiness assessments, standard procurement frameworks, and phased implementation. The upcoming SIDS Platform Session at the ISA Assembly will advance discussions on institutional arrangements, governance, and co-ordination.

BACKGROUND

Small Island Developing States (SIDS) face unique energy and climate challenges, including high dependency on imported fossil fuels, vulnerability to extreme weather events, and limited access to finance and technology. Although SIDS contribute minimally to global greenhouse gas emissions, they bear a disproportionate share of climate impacts, with heavy reliance on imported diesel for electricity exposing them to volatile fuel prices, supply chain vulnerabilities, and carbon-intensive energy pathways. Accelerating the adoption of renewable energy, particularly solar, is critical for enhancing energy security, reducing greenhouse gas emissions, and fostering resilient and sustainable development in these nations.

Recognizing these imperatives, the SIDS Platform by the International Solar Alliance and The World Bank Group aims to provide a coordinated, action-oriented mechanism to facilitate project aggregation, mobilize finance, strengthen governance, and enable private sector participation across member countries. To this end, dialogue with 16 island nations across Asia-Pacific, Africa, and Latin America & the Caribbean to design and implement tailored solar solutions have been initiated.

EXPECTED OUTCOME

The SIDS Platform Session at the Assembly will focus on advancing the institutional arrangements and implementation roadmap for operationalizing the Platform. The Session will also outline the proposed governance structure, roles of participating member countries, and mechanisms for coordination among development partners and financiers. It will also review the implementation plan, including country readiness assessments, standard procurement frameworks, and the phased approach for project deployment.

Hosting the SIDS Platform at the ISA Assembly underscores the Platform's global significance and aligns it with ISA's mandate to promote solar adoption across its 124 member countries. The Assembly provides a high-level, multi-stakeholder forum where Heads of State, ministers, financiers, and private sector leaders converge, and this dialogue will aim to align member states and partners around a

shared vision for translating the SIDS Platform from concept to action, ensuring that island nations can collectively accelerate solar adoption and strengthen energy security through structured, scalable, and transparent institutional mechanisms.

AGENDA

Session Particulars: “From Blueprint to Impact: The SIDS Platform in Action”	
SIDS Platform Opening Session	
14:00 – 14:02	Welcome Remarks by ISA
14:02 – 14:06	Inaugural Address by Mr. Ashish Khanna, Director General, ISA
14:06 – 14:10	Special Address by Mr. Demetrios Papathanasiou, Global Director, Energy and Extractives, The World Bank
14:10 – 14:15	Keynote Address by Shri Pralhad Joshi, President, ISA Assembly*
Ministerial Session 1: “Leading Islands, Powering the Future - Solar Transition for SIDS”	
14:15 – 14:20	Context Setting Presentation by Mr. Karan Mangotra, Partnership and Strategy Specialist, ISA
14:20 – 14:45	<p>Panellists:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • H.E Patrick Gervais Assirvaden, Minister of Energy and Public Utilities, Republic of Mauritius • H.E Konris Maynard, Hon’ble Minister of Public Infrastructure, Energy and Utilities, Domestic Transport, Information, Communication and Technology and Posts, Saint Kitts and Nevis • H.E. Mr Hussain Ageel Naseer, Hon'ble Deputy Minister, Ministry of Tourism and Environment, Republic of Maldives • H.E Jagannath Sami, High Commissioner of Fiji to the Republic of India • Mr. Ashish Khanna, Director General ISA (moderator)
Ministerial Session 2: “Turning Commitments into Projects: From Planning to Procurement”	
14:45 – 14:50	Presentation on the World Bank SIDS Initiative by Mr. Amit Jain, Senior Energy Specialist, The World Bank
14:50 – 15:15	<p>Panellists:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • H.E Derick Rawcliff Manu’ari, Hon’ble Minister for Mines, Energy and Rural Electrification, Solomon Islands • Mrs. Lorraine Matthew, Deputy Permanent Secretary, Ministry of Infrastructure, Ports and Transport, Saint Lucia • Ms Tharshinie Prassanth, Additional Secretary, Ministry of Energy, Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka • H.E. Mr Tony Imaduwa, Principal Secretary, Climate Change and Energy Department, Republic of Seychelles • Dr. Junaid Kamal Ahmad, Vice President Operations, MIGA* • Representative from CIF* • Mr. Chandrasekar Govindarajalu, Praticice Manager, ESMAP (moderator)

Signing of the Global SIDS Initiative Declaration

Vote of Thanks
