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Update on the status of the ISA Corpus Fund, Voluntary Contributions by the ISA Member Countries, and Resource Mobilisation

Summary

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A. Status of Corpus Funds

1. The Government of India made an initial contribution of USD 16 million to the International Solar Alliance (ISA) to establish a Corpus Fund.
2. The Government of Australia has contributed approximately USD 0.80 million for the ISA Corpus Fund.
3. As of 30 September 2023, the Corpus Fund has reached USD 36.46 million, which includes contributions from the host Country's Public Sector Undertakings to the tune of USD 16.67 Million.
4. This Corpus fund has been invested in a large bank, which has generated an interest income of approximately USD 10.59 million as of 30 September 2023.

B. Voluntary Member Contributions

1. The Government of India made a voluntary contribution of USD 11 million for building infrastructure and incur recurring expenses over five years spanning 2016-17 to 2020-21.
2. The Government of India has committed annual funding of approximately USD 13 million for three (3) years from CY 2023 to CY 2025. Approximately USD 13 million has been released for CY 2023.
3. The Fifth Session of the ISA Assembly held on 18 October 2022 approved the requested note of the ISA Secretariat to structure the levels for annual Voluntary Contributions for the ISA Member Countries. In view of the Assembly decision ISA Secretariat expects an annual voluntary contribution from the ISA Member Countries as follows:
 - a. USD 50,000 for Developed Member Countries,
 - b. USD 25,000 for Developing Member Countries, and
 - c. USD 10,000 for LDC and SIDS Member Countries.

C. Resource Mobilisation

1. **Resource mobilisation strategy:** The ISA has devised a strategy for contributing significantly to scaling up solar as part of the global energy transition. The strategy is informed by the several key diverse thematic programmes and initiatives underway at the ISA, along with the fostering ambitions of its 116 countries supporting its Global Solarisation agenda. The ISA has successfully raised much of the funding required to match the scale of its plans. The Resource Mobilisation efforts of the ISA have been geared at bringing together key stakeholders, including Multilateral and Bilateral Development Banks, DFIs, Donors, local banks, corporates, and investors on a common platform to boost the pace and scale of solar investments as well as for attracting finance for structured and investment-ready solar projects in the ISA Member Countries. With the growing confidence and interest among the Member Countries and the funding partners, the ISA is now poised for significant growth as it moves to the evolutionary phase as an organisation.

2. **Need for financial resources:** The ISA Five-year Strategic Plan aims to a) facilitate mobilisation of USD 1000 billion in solar investments; b) enable 1000 GW of new capacity; c) help 1000 million people with enhanced access to electricity; and d) consequently reducing 1000 million tons of carbon emissions.

3. **Grants from Member Countries for ISA programmes, activities and initiatives:** The details of funds received, committed or likely from Member Countries are provided in the table below. The ISA Secretariat has also received positive feedback from the Governments of the United States of America, Japan and the European Union (EU) to provide funding to strengthen the ISA Secretariat for implementing priorities identified in the Strategic Plan.

Table 2: Grants from Member Countries, other than the Republic of India¹, for ISA programmes, activities and initiatives

Sl.No.	Name	Amount and Purpose	Purpose	Status of funding commitment	Receipt of funds
1.	Republic of France	EUR 1 million (USD 1.06 million approx)	STAR-C	Funds received	EUR 1 million (USD 1.06 million approx.) Dt 18.11.2021
2.	United Kingdom	GBP 1 million (USD 1.2 million approx.)	GGI-OSOWOG initiative implementation	Funding committed. Communication received. In principle, approval received and under discussion.	yet to receive
3.	United States of America (Phase I)	USD 960,000	Strategic priorities of the ISA, including programmatic support, capacity building and analytics and advocacy	Funding committed. Grant agreement signed	yet to receive
4.	United States of America (Phase II)	USD 980,000	Strategic priorities of the ISA, including	Funding committed. Grant agreement signed	yet to receive

¹ The Government of India has committed annual voluntary contributions of approximately USD 13 for three (3) years (CY 2023 to CY 2025). Approximately USD 13 million has been released for CY 2023. This voluntary contribution covers programmatic cost, management costs and costs for strategic engagements, communications, capacity building and outreach activities.

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5.	Sweden	SEK 5,00,000(USD 50,000 approx.)	Programmatic support (capacity building and STAR-C)	Funds received	USD 50,000 Dt 01.12.2021
6.	Japan- NEDO	USD 36,000	Programmatic support for mini-grids	Funds received – USD 18000 Yet to receive USD 18000	USD 18,000 Dt. 04.02.2022
7.	Japan- NEDO	Approximately USD 54,000	Strategic priorities of the ISA, including programmatic support, capacity building and analytics and advocacy	Funds received	USD 54000 Dt 31.03.2023
8.	Specific Fund From Agence Francaise De Developement	USD 55000	Programmatic Support	Funds Received	USD 55000 Dt 28.01.2020
9.	Grant from “Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade (DFAT)”	USD 66000	Programmatic Support	Funds Received	USD 66000 Dt 23.07.2020
10	Kingdom of Denmark	USD 1.2 million (appx.)	ISA strategic priorities in green hydrogen	Funding committed. Communication received. In principle, approval received and under discussion.	Yet to receive
	Total Funds Committed	Approx. USD 5.68 million		Total Funds received	Approx. USD 1.30 million

4. **Grants from Global Foundations and other international organisations for ISA programmes, activities and initiatives:** The ISA has established strategic partnerships with significant international organisations and philanthropic groups, secured funds, and entered into grant agreements with these organisations. The details regarding the funds secured, in-principle approvals obtained, and commitments received have been presented in table 3.

Table 3: Grants from Global Foundations and other international organisations for ISA programmes, activities and initiatives

SI No	Name of organisation	Total Amount Committed	Purpose	Status of funding commitment	Receipt of funds
1.	Global Energy Alliance for People and Planet (with contributions from Rockefeller Foundation, Bezos Earth Fund, and IKEA Foundation)	USD 25 million	For the three priorities of the Strategic Plan	Funding committed over three to four years	USD 2 million Dt. 21.11.2022
		Part A: USD 10 million	includes OD Grant of 1.5 million for there (3) years (Oct 2022 to Oct 2025).		USD 8 million Yet to receive
		Part B: USD 15 million		In principle approval received and under discussion ²	Yet to receive
2.A	Children’s Investment Fund Foundation (CIFF-3)	USD 8 million	For supporting ISA priorities of the Strategic Plan	Funding committed over four years	USD 1.6 million on 02.09.2022 & USD 0.4 million received
		USD 7.6 million			USD 1.6 million Dt. 02.09.2022

² The Internal Accounts Procedure 107.1 on Dedicated Trust Funds and Accounts provide that Director General shall establish policies to ensure that programme or administrative support costs will be charged on a cost recovery basis in respect of activities carried out under a trust fund or special account in conformity with Regulation 7.3 of the Financial Regulations. In line with this provision, for non-core funding received from global foundations, the ISA Secretariat charges approx. 10% overall management fee to meet the costs of running the ISA Secretariat. The management fee is in line with the management support fee charged by UN agencies for management and deployment of non-core funding received by them.

		USD 0.4 million	The ISA organisational development (OD)		USD 0.4 million received
2B	Children's Investment Fund Foundation (CIFF-2)	USD 0.75 million	Technical Support for the ISA fundraising strategy		USD 0.75 million Dt. 12.10.2021
2C	Children's Investment Fund Foundation (CIFF-1)	USD 0.82 million	The ISA Investment series		USD 0.60 million Dt 08.06.2021 USD 0.22 million Dt 10.01.2022
3.	Bloomberg Philanthropies	USD 6 million	for analytics, advocacy, and programmatic support	Funding committed over three years	USD 1.98 million (as tranche 1) Dt. 03.11.2022
4.	Sequoia Climate Fund (Phase I)	USD 0.5 million	for capacity building and programmatic support.	Funding committed over one year	USD 0.5 million for CY 2022 Dt. 20.12 2021
5.	Sequoia Climate Fund (Phase II)	USD 1 million	for the ISA SolarX Startup Challenge 2023-24 (2 nd Chapter focused on Asia and Pacific region)	Funding committed over 1 year	yet to receive
6.	The John D. and Catherine T. MacArthur Foundation	USD 0.4 million	Programmatic support and STAR-C	Funding Received Funding committed over two (2) years.	USD 0.2 million Dt. 06.06.2022 USD 0.2 million Dt. 11.05.2023

7	United Nations Environment Programme	USD 31,500	Small Scale Funding Agreement for Solar waste recycling / Circular economy	Funding received	Funding received USD 31,500
	Total Funds Committed	USD 42.50 million (approx.)		Total Funds received	USD 8.48 million (approx.)

5. **Other contributions³:** In-kind contributions have also been received from the Asian Development Bank, the European Commission, UNEP, and the IBSA Fund for implementing various projects and activities in the ISA Member Countries.

Table 4: Other contributions

SI No	Name of organisation	Total Amount Committed	Purpose
1.	Asian Development Bank	USD 2 million	Technical Assistance for the ISA programmes, capacity building and communication/knowledge management activities in 6 South Asian Countries
3.	European Union	USD 1 million	Cooperation Agreement to support the ISA programmatic, capacity building and communication/knowledge activities
4.	IBSA Fund	USD 2 million	Programmatic support for Solar Water Pumping Systems for 10 African Countries managed by UNDP

* The ISA and UNDP under its Cooperation Agreement for Programme Partnership contributes equal amount of USD 100,000 to strengthen the institutional and programmatic capacity of the ISA. However, the fund utilisation is managed by UNDP.

D. Resource Mobilisation Initiatives:

1. The ISA Secretariat has been implementing several initiatives to achieve its goals of enhancing investments in solar energy in its Member Countries and forming partnerships to expand its reach and impact. Some initiatives are SolarX Grand Challenge (proposed amendment to nomenclature as SolarX Startup Challenge), Solar facility, Investment Series and Roadmap to Mobilise USD 1 Trillion by 2030.

³ Other Contributions refers to the assistance provided by organisations to the ISA in any other form other than direct cash transfers based on a mutually agreed work plan between the ISA and the contributing organisation. There is no cash transfer to the account of the ISA Secretariat.

2. The COP27 held in November 2022 in Egypt, has been a triumphant event for the ISA Secretariat as it witnessed the launch of the SolarX Grand Challenge and the ‘Our Solar Future - Roadmap to Mobilise USD 1 Trillion by 2030’. The event also witnessed the announcement of the ISA Solar Facility, a financing vehicle for African countries for crowding in investments in the solar sector by providing risk mitigation support.

E. Next Steps

1. The Assembly is invited to take note of the update on the status of the ISA Corpus Fund, Voluntary Contributions by the ISA Member Countries, and Resource Mobilisation
2. The ISA Secretariat would request the ISA Member Countries to provide voluntary contributions to the ISA in line with the decision of the Fifth Session of the ISA Assembly on voluntary contributions.
3. The ISA needs more financial commitments and contributions to advance its programmes and enhance the corpus fund. The ISA Secretariat would continue to enhance its outreach efforts to its Partner Organisations and other international organisations for committing funding for the ISA programmes, activities and initiatives.
