

UN Climate Change Conference - COP 30 - Belém, Brazil

HIGH-LEVEL/MINISTERIAL EVENT “Uniting Islands, Inspiring Action - Leadership for Energy Security” ISA SIDS Platform Leadership Session

Concept Note

DATE: November 19

TIME: 16:30 – 18:00 hours (90 minutes)

ROOM: Special Events Room 2: Madeira, Blue Zone

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Event Description:

Ministerial-level Addresses for SIDS to advance private sector investments and innovative guarantee and finance mechanisms for large scale solar deployment. The session will announce a Global SIDS Procurement plan for centralized procurement of utility scale solar and storage systems.

Headline:

The International Solar Alliance's (ISA) SIDS Platform, in collaboration with the World Bank Group, is a transformative digital and financial ecosystem envisioned to accelerate solar deployment in SIDS nations.

Outcome to be announced/launched:

The SIDS Platform:

Announcement of the Launch of the SIDS Platform and Procurement Plan

Expected Outcomes:

1. **Announcement of Launch of SIDS Platform and Procurement Plan:** The announcement will outline the breakup of MW capacity for utility-scale solar projects, affirm agreement on the initial project pipeline, and signal readiness to advance coordinated, transparent, and efficient procurement through the SIDS Platform framework.



2. **Ministerial level political buy-in:** This outcome will emphasize aligning national priorities with the Platform's objectives, ensuring active participation, sustained policy support, and the creation of an enabling environment for collective solar deployment and investment mobilization across island nations.
3. **Roadmap for operationalizing with milestones and deliverables:** Convene SIDS energy ministers, governments, multi-lateral banks, and international partners to facilitate collaboration, outlining key milestones, deliverables, and governance mechanisms for 2026 and beyond.

List of speakers:

1. *H.E Bhupender Yadav, Hon'ble Minister for Environment, Forest & Climate Change, Republic of India*
2. *Mr. Ashish Khanna, Director General, International Solar Alliance*
3. *Dr. Valerie Hickey, Global Director for Climate Change, The World Bank*
4. *Mr. Amit Prothi, Director General, Coalition for Disaster Resilient Infrastructure*
5. *Mr. Suresh Yadav, Senior Director of the Trade, Ocean and Natural Resources Directorate, Commonwealth Secretariat*
6. *Mr. Wills Agricole, Technical Advisor to the Minister, Republic of Seychelles*
7. *Mr. Ali Shareef, Special Envoy for Climate Change, The President's Office, Republic of Maldives*

Ministers:

1. *H.E Bremity Lakjohn, Minister in Assistance to the President and of Environment, Republic of Marshall Islands*
2. *H.E. Dr. Kennedy Swaratsingh, Senator, Ministry of Planning, Economic Affairs and Development, Trinidad and Tobago*
3. *H.E Dr. Pauline Prospere, Senator, Ministry of Education, Sustainable Development, Innovation, Science, Technology and Vocational Training, Saint Lucia*
4. *H.E. Ms. Milagro Matus, Vice Minister, Ministry of Sustainable Development, Climate Change and Solid Waste Management, Belize*

Target audience:

1. *Governments*
2. *Private Sector (major corporations as well as SMEs) / IPP's*
3. *Energy Modelling Related Civil Society and Think Tanks*
4. *Electricity Utilities*
5. *MDBs, Donors and Philanthropies*

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Agenda:

Timing (90 mins)	Segment	Speaker suggestions <i>Stakeholder group, name, title, organisation, gender, geography</i>
10 mins	Opening Remarks & Context Setting Presentation <i>Introduction of the SIDS Platform Initiative, benefits and operationalization plan.</i>	Mr. Karan Mangotra, International Solar Alliance
5 mins	Welcome Address	Mr. Ashish Khanna, Director General, International Solar Alliance
10 mins	Keynote Address	H.E Bhupender Yadav, Hon'ble Minister, Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change, Republic of India
SIDS Ministerial Addresses		
8 mins	H.E. Bremitry Lakjohn, Minister in Assistance to the President and of Environment	Republic of Marshall Islands
8 mins	H.E. Dr. Kennedy Swaratsingh, Minister of Planning, Economic Affairs and Development	Trinidad and Tobago
7 mins	H.E. Dr. Pauline Prospere, Senator of Education, Sustainable Development, Innovation, Science, Technology and Vocational Training	Saint Lucia
7 mins	H.E. Ms. Milagro Matus, Vice Minister, Ministry of Sustainable Development, Climate Change and Solid Waste Management	Belize
Addresses by Senior High Level Representatives SIDS		
8 mins	Mr. Ali Shareef, Special Envoy for Climate Change, The President's Office	Republic of Maldives
7 mins	Mr. Wills Agricole, Technical Advisor to the Minister, Climate Change and Energy	Republic of Seychelles



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5 mins	Address by Dr. Valerie Hickey, Global Director for Climate Change	The World Bank
5 mins	Address by Mr. Amit Prothi, Director General, CDRI	Coalition for Disaster Resilient Infrastructure
5 mins	Address by Mr. Suresh Yadav, Senior Director of the Trade, Ocean and Natural Resources Directorate	Commonwealth Secretariat
5 mins	Vote of Thanks	Mr. Ashish Khanna, Director General, ISA