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ISA REGIONAL COMMITTEE  
FOR THE AFRICA REGION

Catalyzing Solar Investments and Institutional Capacity Across the Continent

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Accra Hosts Key Summit  
On Solar Development

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ACCRA WILL next week host a crucial Regional Committee Meeting (RCM) of the International Solar Alliance (ISA), bringing together governments, financiers, innovators, and development partners to accelerate solar energy deployment across Africa.

The gathering is expected to be a turning point in mobilising investments and strengthening institutions to bridge the continent's energy access gap, with more than 600 million Africans still living without electricity despite the continent's vast solar potential.

Speaking ahead of the meeting, ISA Director General, Ashish Khanna, stressed the urgency of scaling up action. "Africa receives less than 2% of global clean energy investments, even as over 600 million people remain without access to electricity despite the continent's vast solar potential. This must change. At the Regional Committee Meeting in Accra, we are moving from ambition to action," he said.

The meeting will spotlight ISA's initiatives anchored in four core pillars – catalytic finance, technology and policy roadmaps, institutional

strengthening, and digitalisation – designed to advance inclusive and sustainable growth.

Delegates will discuss investment opportunities, job creation, food security, and digital transformation in Africa's energy sector.

Financing Africa's  
Solar Growth

Key announcements include the Africa Solar Facility (ASF), a \$200 million fund to unlock blended finance and de-risk investments, alongside a Multi-Donor Trust Fund with \$25 million in technical assistance.

These platforms are expected to mobilise both public and private capital while connecting African countries to global financiers, including development finance institutions and pension funds.

Building Skills and  
Institutions

Another priority will be expanding Africa's solar workforce. Despite its immense potential, the continent accounted for just 324,000 renewable energy jobs in 2023, according to IRENA.

To tackle this, ISA is scaling up its Solar Technology Application Resource Centres (STAR-C), which provide training, innovation hubs, and institutional support. Partner-

ships with leading universities and institutes, including IIT Delhi and INES in France, will also strengthen technical expertise and digital solutions.

Solar for Food  
Security

Agriculture, which employs over 60% of Africa's workforce, is another major focus. With 95% of farmland still rain-fed and food imports costing over \$400 billion annually, solar-powered irrigation, storage, and cold-chain solutions are seen as vital to boosting productivity and reducing post-harvest losses. ISA's Scaling Solar Applications for Agricultural Use programme will be showcased, highlighting successful pilots across Member States.

Digitalisation and AI

The RCM will also explore the role of digital public infrastructure and artificial intelligence in powering Africa's energy transformation. The International Energy Agency estimates that digital technologies could save up to \$1.8 trillion in global grid investments by 2050. Sessions will examine how AI-driven energy management systems, digital twins, and procurement platforms can be deployed in Africa to scale solar expansion efficiently and inclusively.

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# Stakeholders to deliberate on solar financing, innovation

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**Stakeholders in the continent’s energy sector will converge on Accra to discuss practical ways to catalyse solar finance, enhance institutional capacity and foster innovation to accelerate solar energy deployment to achieve universal energy access.**

The stakeholders, including government officials from member countries of the International Solar Alliance (ISA), financiers, innovators, technical experts and non-governmental organisations, are expected to participate in the regional committee meeting, which would feature high-level dialogues, technical sessions and side events to facilitate discussions on solar energy initiatives.

With 124 members and signatory countries, the ISA, a global initiative launched in 2015 by India and France at COP21 in Paris, works with governments to improve energy access and security worldwide and promotes solar power as a sustainable transition to a clean energy future.



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## ISA Africa Meeting in Accra to Catalyse Solar Finance and Skills

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Accra. Aug. 27, GNA – Accra will next week host the Africa Regional Committee Meeting of the International Solar Alliance (ISA), aimed at driving solar investments, strengthening capacity, and advancing innovation to close the continent's energy gap.





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ISA’s four pillars—Catalytic Finance Hub, Global Capability Centre and Digitalisation, Technology Roadmap and Policy, and Regional and Country-level Engagement — we are advancing initiatives such as the Africa Solar Facility, facilitating solar led agricultural transformation and STAR-Centres of Excellence to de-risk capital, foster innovation, provide digital and AI solutions to create jobs and inclusive growth. Our goal is not just to share solutions, but to shape them together with African nations—ensuring no one is left behind in the solar revolution.” ISA’s strategy - anchored in “catalytic finance, integrated institutional strengthening, technology roadmaps, policy innovation, and AI and digital interventions — will shape the RCM agenda through side events, technical sessions, and high-level dialogues aimed at delivering tangible results. Key focus areas and expected

outcomes include:

#### 1. Catalytic Finance to Unlock Solar Investments

Persistent barriers—high perceived risk, underdeveloped financial markets, and limited concessional flows—continue to impede solar expansion. The RCM will spotlight ISA’s financing instruments – the Africa Solar Facility (ASF) of USD 200 million, and the Multi-Donor Trust Fund (MDTF) with technical assistance resources of USD 25 million — which deploy blended finance, de-risk investments, and mobilise both public and private capital. Engagements will connect Member Countries and DFIs with opportunities to leverage these vehicles, enriched by insights from sovereign wealth, pension, and impact funds.

#### 2. Building Africa’s Solar Workforce and Institutions

Africa’s limited share of global clean energy investment has also constrained job creation, with the continent recording just 324,000 renewable energy jobs in 2023 (IRENA, 2024). Institutional capacity remains one of the most critical enablers for skilling of human resources that would carry out the solar energy deployment. The integrated ecosystem consists of the Solar Technology Application Resource Centres (STAR-C), with ten such centres already operational in Africa, which provide testing labs, technical training, innovation, and institutional strengthening. ISA plans to join forces

with the Indian Institute of Technology Delhi, the French Institut National de l’Énergie Solaire (INES), and the National Power Training Institute (NPTI) in the endeavour to connect them with state-of-the-art digital solutions through a Global Capability Centre. At the RCM, ISA plans to huddle with Member Countries, Partner Organisations, and technical universities to elevate its integrated institutional strengthening ecosystem by building National Delivery Units under the banner of Mission 300 to achieve its ambitious targets.

#### 3. Solar for Food Security

The FAO estimates that over 95 per cent of Africa’s farmland remains rain-fed, which poses risks for the region’s agricultural sector that employs over 60 per cent of Africa’s workforce but requires the import of over USD 400 bn of food in Africa currently. Lack of reliable energy hampers irrigation, proper storage of the farm produce and its delivery to markets. Solar-powered agricultural applications offer transformative potential for the food-energy-water nexus, as explored in detail by the ISA programme “Scaling Solar Applications for Agricultural Use” (SSAAU). The RCM will host a session on solar for food security, showcasing solutions piloted by ISA under one of its projects, including solar irrigation and cold storage systems – aimed at reducing food spoilage, boosting productivity, and creating rural livelihoods - with insights from ISA Member Countries.

#### 4. Digitalisation and AI for Energy Transformation

Digital transformation of the energy sector is no longer optional - it is foundational for scaling solar deployment in an efficient, resilient, and inclusive manner. As per the IEA (2023), the adoption of digital technologies has the potential to generate savings of up to USD 1.8 trillion in global grid investments by 2050 through enhanced utilisation and extended lifespan of existing infrastructure. However, while advanced economies have embraced digital infrastructure and AI-driven energy systems, a significant digital divide persists across the globe. The RCM will facilitate discussions on the role of digital public infrastructure, including AI-driven energy management systems, digital twins, and digital procurement platforms in enabling smart solar expansion. Through these engagements, ISA aims to foster catalytic finance, institutional resilience, digital innovation, and cross-sector integration, directly supporting SDG 7 and Paris Agreement goals. The partnerships and roadmaps forged in Accra will be instrumental in translating Africa’s solar potential into sustainable, inclusive growth.

**About the ISA Regional Committee for the Africa Region**  
The Regional Committees of the ISA meet annually, chaired by two Vice

Presidents from the Region, and aim to assess and discuss progress, challenges, and opportunities related to ISA’s programmatic support, flagship initiatives, partnerships, private sector engagements, and work plan for the Region. A significant goal of the Regional Committee Meetings is smooth coordination among the Region’s Member Countries. At present, the Africa Region hosts 39 Member Countries and 07 Signatory Countries.

#### About the International Solar Alliance

The International Solar Alliance is a global initiative launched in 2015 by India and France at COP21 in Paris. It has 124 Member and Signatory Countries. The Alliance works with governments to improve energy access and security worldwide and promotes solar power as a sustainable transition to a clean energy future. ISA’s mission is to unlock investments in solar energy while reducing the cost of technology and financing it. It promotes the use of solar energy in agriculture, healthcare, transportation, and power generation sectors. ISA Member Countries are driving change by enacting policies and regulations, sharing best practices, agreeing on common standards, and mobilising investments. Through this work, ISA has identified, designed and tested new business models for solar projects; supported governments to make their energy legislation and policies solar friendly through Ease of Doing Solar analytics and advisory; pooled demand for solar technology from different countries; and drove down costs; improved access to finance by reducing the risks and making the sector more attractive to private investment; increased access to solar training, data and insights for solar engineers and energy policymakers. With its advocacy for solar-powered solutions, ISA aims to transform lives, bring clean, reliable, and affordable energy to communities worldwide, fuel sustainable growth, and improve quality of life.

On 6 December 2017, 15 countries signed and ratified the ISA Framework Agreement, making ISA the first international intergovernmental organisation headquartered in India. ISA is partnering with multilateral development banks (MDBs), development financial institutions (DFIs), private and public sector organisations, civil society, and other international institutions to deploy cost-effective and transformational solutions through solar energy, especially in the least Developed Countries (LDCs) and the Small Island Developing States (SIDS).

For more information, visit the ISA website: [www.isa.int](http://www.isa.int)

## National Lottery Authority Rolls Out New Sticker To Curb Illegal Lotto Operations

By Ben LARYEA

As part of efforts to enhance government revenue for socio-economic infrastructure and development, the National Lottery Authority (NLA) has unveiled a new sticker mechanism to curb the operations of illegal lotto operations. The move is in partnership with the NLA and the Concerned Lotto Agents Association of Ghana (CLAAG) to bring transparency in the lottery industry. Addressing the media in Accra, the Director-General of NLA, Mr. Mohammed Abdul-Sallam said the gesture forms part of ongoing reforms to reset the Authority to enable government to adequately reap the needed revenue and to scale up the operations of the Authority. He said stakeholders in the lottery industry from the 1<sup>st</sup> of September this year will sign on the initiative which will enable the Authority to also identify licensed lottery

operators and writers from the illegal ones.


According to him, the Authority will flush out illegal operators and urged all players in the industry to cooperate with the exercise, adding that the Authority would sanction those who operate against the rules of the NLA.


Mr. Abdul-Sallam however called on lotto operators to comply with the rules and regulations governing the sticker and to bring to bear transparency and sanity in the lottery industry. For his part, the Executive Secretary of the Concerned Lotto Agents Association of Ghana, Mr. Kwaku Duah Tawiah challenged operators to abide by the rules of the sticker, saying its primary purpose is to flush out the unregistered operators as well as illegal agents and writers. He again urged private operators to collaborate with the NLA and CLAAG



to help expose operators who have still not registered with the Authority, adding that they must do so to avoid sabotaging of the lottery operations across the country. Mr. Andrew Tuah, Head of Operations of NLA called on all stakeholders to support the initiative effectively and efficiently to enable government receive the needed revenue to build projects across the country. “For sanity in the lottery industry to prevail, I urge all to duly register with the Authority to restore dignity in the lottery space”, he said. He commended the media for their tireless effort for the continuous information and the education of all activities and operations of lottery in the country.

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