

SEVENTH MEETING OF THE ISA REGIONAL
COMMITTEE FOR THE AFRICA REGION

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**Strengthening Institutions for Solar Energy Transition in Africa****03 September 2025, Time 16:30 - 18:00 hours (Ghana time)****Labadi Beach Hotel, Accra, Ghana****Registration link:** https://isa.int/rcm_africa**Background**

Institutional capacity plays a critical role in accelerating Africa's solar energy transition. Recognizing this, the International Solar Alliance (ISA) is committed to strengthening Solar Training Application Resource Center (STAR-C) as regional hubs for solar knowledge, policy development, and workforce training. By leveraging ISA's global network, STAR-C can drive impactful collaborations between governments, academia, the private sector, and financial institutions to scale up solar deployment across Africa.

Target Audience

Government Representatives (NFP's), STAR-C representatives, ISA Fellows, Private Sector Leaders, Academia (Directors of Universities -Cameroon, Uganda, Ethiopia, Cote d'Ivoire, Senegal, Somalia, Ghana, Tanzania)

Expected Outcome

This session will focus on enhancing STAR-C's role in institutional development, with an emphasis on:

- **Strengthen STAR-C as Regional Hubs** – Position STAR-C as a key facilitator for knowledge exchange, policy development, standardization & testing, and access to ISA's global network.
- **Scale Public-Private Training Initiatives** – Develop structured training programs to up-skill government officials and private sector stakeholders in solar energy.
- **Internationalize STAR-C & Fellowships** – Align African institutions with global standards by integrating best practices into training, fellowships, and research.
- **Enhance Workforce Development** – Strengthen highly technical expertise through ISA Fellowships and expand medium-technical training via STAR-C.

Agenda (90 min)

Panel Discussion: Scaling Institutional Capacity for Solar Growth

Time	Agenda Item	Speaker(s)
2 min	Introduction & Context setting	Dr. Gurleen Kaur, KMID, ISA
5 min	Special Address: Vision for institutional strengthening in Africa	Mr. Ashish Khanna, DG, ISA
5 min	Keynote Address	H.E. Mr. Richard Gyan-Mensah, Ministry of Energy & Green Transition, Ghana
10 min	Academic Partnerships for STAR-Cs	Mr. Felipe Saliba, Chief of Unit- KMID, ISA
50 min	<p>Panel Discussion: Scaling Institutional Capacity for Solar Growth</p> <p><i>Key Discussion Points:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <i>Strengthening public-private collaborations for solar capacity-building</i> <i>Standardization of STAR-Cs via 'Training the trainer and Director's Training Program'</i> <i>Integrating entrepreneurship and innovation support into STAR-C</i> <p>Moderator: Dr. Gurleen Kaur</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Prof. Ben Q. Honyenuga, Vice Chancellor, Ho Technical University, Ghana Harish Hande, SELCO Foundation Ignacio Perez-Arriaga, Senior Advisor, African School of Regulation, Ghana Adja Ndaw Gueye, Agency for Renewable Energy, Senegal Abdifatah Abshir Ibrahim, Director of Energy, Ministry of Energy and Water Resources, Federal Government of Somalia Prof. Ambuj Sagar, Professor, IIT Delhi, India Mrs. Reena Nanavaty, Self-Employed Women's Association (SEWA) Foundation, India
15 min	Audience Interaction	Moderator
3 min	Closing remarks	Dr. Ishan Purohit, STAR-C Specialist, ISA
