

Founding Conference of International Solar Alliance - 11 March 2018



The Founding Conference of the International Solar Alliance was held in New Delhi, India on 11 March 2018. Mauritius was represented by the Deputy Prime Minister, Minister of Energy and Public Utilities, Hon Ivan Collendavelloo, GCSK, SC.

The International Solar Alliance is open to countries which lie either completely or partly between the Tropic of Cancer and the Tropic of Capricorn. The primary objective of the alliance is to work for efficient exploitation of solar energy to reduce dependence on fossil fuels and to use solar energy to bring electricity to remote regions. 61 countries have signed its Framework Agreement, out of which 32 have deposited the Instrument of Ratification. Mauritius is one of the Founding members and deposited the instrument of ratification on 27 May 2017, during the State Visit of the Prime Minister to India.



The Founding Conference was held on 11 March 2018 under the joint chairmanship of H.E Narendra Modi, Prime Minister of India and H.E Emmanuel Macron, President of the Republic of France on 11 March 2018. Delegations from 46 countries including Heads of State and Government from 21 countries were present. The Prime Minister of India exhorted developing countries to develop consultancy support for bankable solar

projects. He highlighted that India's target is to achieve 175 GW of renewable energy, out of which 100 GW would be solar energy. In his speech, the French President committed an additional 700 Million Euros to solar energy by 2022, taking his government's total commitment to 1 Billion Euros.

The Deputy Prime Minister reiterated the support of the Government of Mauritius to the International Solar Alliance and suggested that the organization could consider research into the use of the ocean resources for the promotion of renewable energy.

India is financing a 10 MW Solar Farm Project under a Line of Credit worth USD 10 Million at Henrietta.