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## Accra to host key ISA regional meeting

By Isabella Agyakwa

**A**frica's energy future is set to take centre stage as the International Solar Alliance

(ISA) convenes its Regional Committee Meeting (RCM) in Accra.

The high-level gathering aims to mobilise solar investments, strengthen institutional capacity, and

drive digital innovation across the continent, a decisive step toward universal energy access.

With over 600 million people across Africa still lacking electricity and the continent receiving less than 2% of global clean energy investments, ISA is pushing for urgent, transformative action. "Africa holds the highest solar potential in the world, yet remains underserved.

The Director General of ISA, Ashish Khanna, in a statement said, "the RCM in Accra, we move from ambition to action—bringing together governments, financiers, and innovators to deliver solutions with African nations, not just for them."

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investments, even as over 600 million people remain without access to electricity despite the continent's vast solar potential. This must change," he added.

The meeting will feature side events, technical sessions, and high-level dialogues focused on four key areas unlocking investments through Catalytic Finance, Building Africa's Solar Workforce and Institutional Capacity, and Embracing Digitalisation and AI for Energy Access.

"The ISA will spotlight two major financial instruments—the Africa Solar Facility (ASF), with a USD200 million commitment, and the Multi-Donor Trust Fund (MDTF), which offers USD \$25 million in technical

assistance. These funds aim to de-risk solar projects and mobilise both public and private capital to overcome market barriers such as high-risk perception and underdeveloped financial ecosystems," it said among other things.

The Accra meeting is part of ISA's broader strategy anchored in catalytic finance, technology roadmaps, digital innovation, and regional partnerships. It directly supports the UN's Sustainable Development Goal 7 (access to affordable, reliable, sustainable energy) and commitments under the Paris Agreement.

With global momentum building, ISA's work in Africa could reshape the continent's energy landscape—turning its solar potential

into a driver of inclusive, sustainable growth.

### About ISA

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.



Ashish Khanna, ISA Director General

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The screenshot shows the Peace FM Online website with a green navigation bar containing links for Home, Local News, Politics, Showbiz, Foreign, Business, and Sports. The main headline reads: "ISA's Africa Regional Meeting in Accra to Catalyse Solar Finance, Skills, and Innovation". Below the headline is a large graphic with the ISA logo and the text: "SEVENTH MEETING OF THE ISA REGIONAL COMMITTEE FOR THE AFRICA REGION" and "Catalyzing Solar Investments and Institutional Capacity Across the Continent". At the bottom of the graphic, it says "02 - 04 SEPTEMBER 2025 | ACCRA, GHANA".

The screenshot shows a newspaper article from Daily Guide titled "Accra Hosts Key Summit On Solar Development". The article is categorized as a "Daily Guide Report". The main text discusses the 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. 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. 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. Partnerships with leading universities and institutes, including IIT Delhi and INES in France, will also strengthen technical expertise and digital solutions. 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. 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

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.

Its mission is to unlock investments in solar energy, while reducing the cost of technology and financing it.

The Africa Region of the ISA currently hosts 39 member countries and 07 signatory countries.

Delegates from these countries would also participate in the conference.

### Conference

The ISA Regional Committee for the Africa Region, which would commence on September 2, 2025 and end on September 4, 2025, seeks 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.

Key areas would include enhancing

institutional capacity and creating jobs through initiatives such as Solar Technology Application Resource Centres (STAR-C) and partnerships with educational institutions, addressing agricultural challenges by promoting solar-powered solutions for irrigation and storage to improve food security and market access.

Others are introducing financing instruments such as a \$200 million Africa Solar Facility and a Multi-Donor Trust Fund of \$25 million to de-risk investments and mobilise capital, as well as the role of digital technologies and artificial intelligence in transforming the energy sector for efficient solar deployment.

### Situation

In a statement ahead of the conference, the Director General, ISA, Ashish Khanna, explained that Africa currently received less

than two per cent of global clean energy investments, as over 600 million people remained without electricity despite the continent's vast solar potential.

At the Regional Committee Meeting in Accra, he said his outfit aimed to foster catalytic finance, institutional resilience, digital innovation and cross-sector integration, directly supporting the Sustainable Development Goal 7 and the Paris Agreement goals.

The partnerships and roadmaps forged in Accra, he said, would be instrumental in translating Africa's solar potential into sustainable, inclusive growth.

"We are moving from ambition to action—partnering platforms such as Mission 300, bringing together governments, financiers, innovators and partners to unlock private sector-led solar investments, strengthen policies and institutions and build local capacity," he said.

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## ISA's Africa regional meeting in Accra to catalyse solar finance, skills, and innovation

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ISA's four pillars—Catalytic Finance Hub, Global Capability Centre and Digitisation, 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:
- 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 (MOTF) 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.
  - 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.

- 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" (SSAU). 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.

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**  
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### 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 operators. 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-Salam 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 31<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-Salam 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.

- 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

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# Stakeholders to deliberate on solar financing, innovation

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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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**International Solar Alliance to host seventh Africa Regional Committee meeting in Ghana from Sept 2**

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Key initiatives include the Africa Solar Facility (USD 200 million) and Multi-Donor Trust Fund (USD 25 million) to de-risk investments, the expansion of STAR-Centres of Excellence for skills and innovation, and solar applications for agriculture to enhance food security. Discussions will also spotlight digital and AI-driven solutions for efficient, inclusive solar deployment.

The ISA is a collaborative initiative between India and France aimed at uniting efforts to combat climate change by implementing solar energy solutions. It was conceptualised on the sidelines of COP21 in Paris in 2015.

Following a 2020 amendment to its Framework Agreement, all UN member states are now eligible to join the Alliance.

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"This must change. The RCM in Accra marks a shift from ambition to action," said Ashish Khanna, Director General, ISA.

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**Accra Hosts Africa’s Solar Finance Meeting**

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Africa, with the world’s highest solar potential yet the lowest access to clean energy finance, remains at the heart of ISA’s mission. Over 600 million people on the continent still lack electricity, while Africa receives less than 2% of global clean energy investments. ISA Director General Ashish Khanna stressed the urgency of bridging this gap, noting that the Accra meeting will focus on moving “from ambition to action.”

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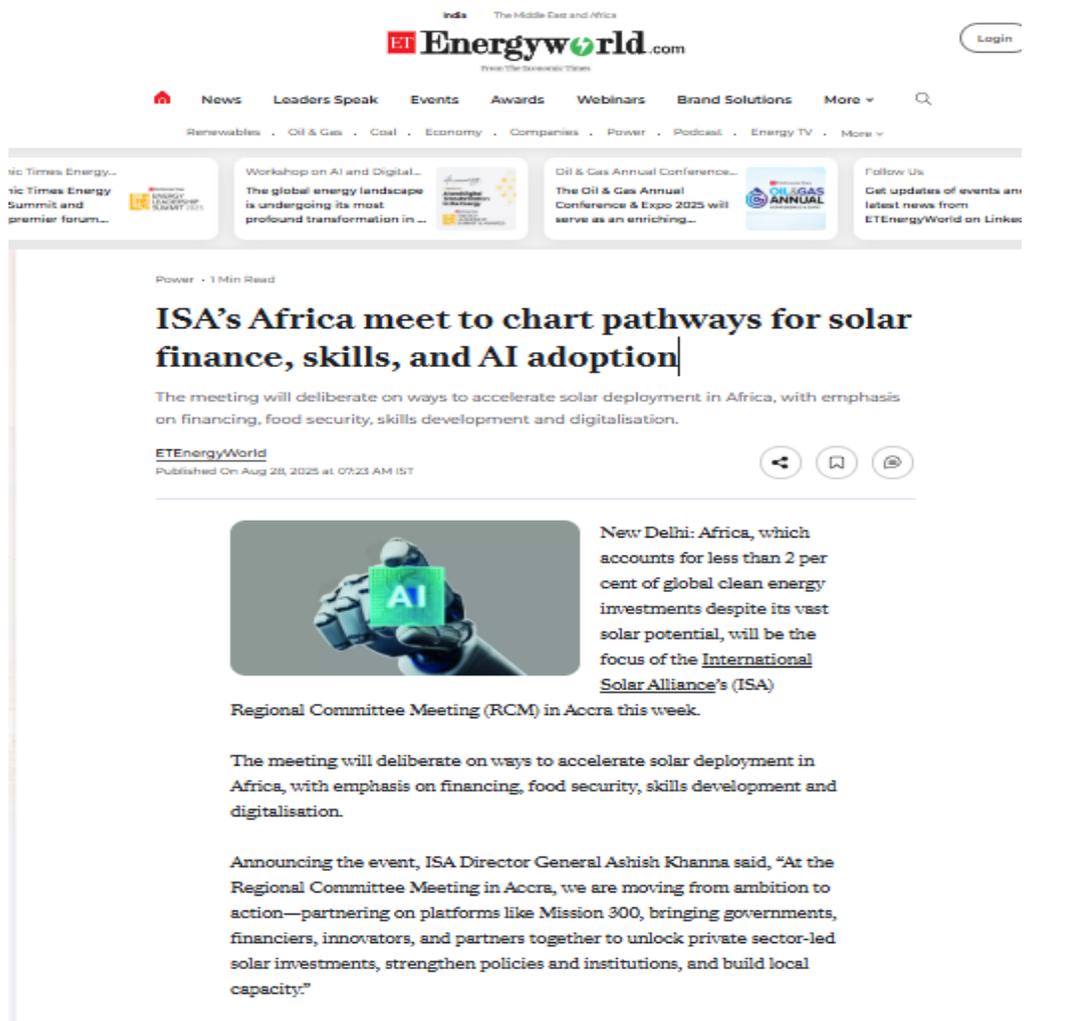
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Key initiatives include the Africa Solar Facility (USD 200 million) and Multi-Donor Trust Fund (USD 25 million) to de-risk investments, the expansion of STAR-Centres of Excellence for skills and innovation, and solar applications for agriculture to enhance food security. Discussions will also spotlight digital and AI-driven solutions for efficient, inclusive solar deployment.

The ISA is a collaborative initiative between India and France aimed at uniting efforts to combat climate change by implementing solar energy solutions. It was conceptualised on the sidelines of COP21 in Paris in 2015.

Following a 2020 amendment to its Framework Agreement, all UN member states are now eligible to join the Alliance.



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The meeting will deliberate on ways to accelerate solar deployment in Africa, with emphasis on financing, food security, skills development and digitalisation.

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New Delhi: Africa, which accounts for less than 2 per cent of global clean energy investments despite its vast solar potential, will be the focus of the [International Solar Alliance's \(ISA\) Regional Committee Meeting \(RCM\) in Accra](#) this week.

The meeting will deliberate on ways to accelerate solar deployment in Africa, with emphasis on financing, food security, skills development and digitalisation.

Announcing the event, ISA Director General Ashish Khanna said, "At the Regional Committee Meeting in Accra, we are moving from ambition to action—partnering on platforms like Mission 300, bringing governments, financiers, innovators, and partners together to unlock private sector-led solar investments, strengthen policies and institutions, and build local capacity."

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**Africa-Press – Ghana.** 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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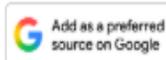
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The meeting will bring together governments, development partners, financiers, and innovators to unlock solar investments, strengthen institutions, and accelerate energy access across the continent.

Africa, with the world's highest solar potential, still receives less than 2 per cent of global clean energy investments, leaving over 600 million people without electricity, the release stated.

"This must change. The RCM in Accra marks a shift from ambition to action," said Ashish Khanna, Director General, ISA.

The agenda will focus on ISA's four pillars -- catalytic finance, institutional capacity, technology and policy, and regional partnerships.

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Another key priority is workforce development and institutional strengthening. Despite a growing demand for clean energy, Africa accounted for just 324,000 renewable energy jobs in 2023. ISA is scaling up its network of **Solar Technology Application Resource Centres (STAR-C)**, with ten already operational across Africa, offering technical training, testing labs, and innovation platforms. Partnerships with institutions such as IIT Delhi, France's INES, and India's NPTI will further connect African institutions to advanced digital solutions.

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• John Abdulai Jinapor (3rd from right), Minister of Energy and Green Transition, answering some questions at the press conference. With him are Ashish Khanna (2nd from right), Director-General, International Solar Alliance, and some ministers from neighbouring African countries. Picture: BENEDICT OBUOBI

Power supply stable, surplus being exported — Energy Minister

By Beatrice Laryea

THE country's power supply system is now stable, with surplus energy being exported, the Minister of Energy and Green Transition, John Abdulai Jinapor, has said, adding that efforts are being made to achieve universal electricity access.

"Our power supply is fairly stable. We have enough, and we are even exporting. Our vision is to have a minimum of 10 per cent of our energy mix emanating from renewables, and that even excludes our high-flow potential. Immediately, what we want to set forth is to work to deploy solar irrigation pumps across the country," he added.

The minister disclosed this at a press briefing at the 7th Meeting of the International Solar Alliance (ISA) Regional Committee for the Africa Region in Accra yesterday.

The summit, which started on September 2 and ended yesterday, was attended by 19 Energy and Power Ministers from across Africa.

They included Malawi, Liberia,

**"Without affordable, clean and reliable energy, our ambitions, industrialisation, job creation, food security, and climate resilience will remain out of reach."**

Seychelles, Comoros, Nigeria, The Gambia, Somalia and SaoTome and Principe, and representatives from 39 member countries and 7 signatory nations.

Among issues discussed were actionable strategies for energy access, solar innovation and climate-resilient growth.

### Solar pumps

The minister also said that the government was planning to deploy solar irrigation pumps across the country to support year-round farming, especially during the dry season.

"India has pioneered it, and we want to learn from them. They have agreed that they will collaborate with us," he said, adding that an MoU would be signed to that effect and would include the training of artisans.

### Energy gaps

Earlier at the summit, Mr Jinapor highlighted Africa's deepening energy crisis and said over 600 million Africans lacked electricity access, with nearly one billion people lacking clean cooking solutions, especially in rural areas.

He said, despite being the sunniest continent, Africa generates only four per cent of global solar power and receives less than two per cent of global clean energy investment.

"Africa's energy inequity extends far beyond infrastructure. It reflects underinvestment, unequal access and structural barriers that hinder our progress.

"Without affordable, clean, and reliable energy, our ambitions, industrialisation, job creation, food security, and climate resilience will remain out of reach.

"Universal access to energy is not merely a development goal, it is a moral imperative and central to realising Sustainable Development Goal Seven by 2030," the minister said.

He further emphasised the importance of innovative and practical solutions such as Floating Solar Photovoltaics (FSPV) to address Africa's energy crisis.

Mr Jinapor said Africa's energy transition must go beyond megawatts to empower communities and secure resources for sustainable development.

### Ratification

The Director-General of ISA, Ashish Khanna, said the organisation comprised 124 member countries.

He said the meeting ratified the launch of the Africa Solar Facility, a \$200 million catalytic fund—\$75 million of which would be operational by the end of 2025 to unlock over \$800 million in private-sector investment for decentralised renewable energy, beginning in Nigeria.

Additionally, Mr Khanna said ISA would establish 12 solar technology education resource centres across Africa, including one in Ghana, to provide technical training, testing labs, and youth incubation to foster local expertise and innovation in solar energy.

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## Boosting private sector investment: ISA pushes for policy reforms

By Kwame Larweh

**T**HE Director General of the International Solar Alliance (ISA), Ashish Khanna, has urged African nations to create policies and frameworks that attract private sector investment in solar energy.

Speaking on the sidelines of the Seventh Regional Committee Meeting of the ISA in Accra, Ghana, Mr Khanna stressed that without private sector participation, the continent would struggle to scale up solar energy deployment.

"Africa has over 600 million people without access to reliable electricity, yet the continent received only two per cent of the \$2 trillion global clean energy investments in the last fiscal year.

"Our big role is how solar can contribute to energy access and for private sector investment," he said.

Mr Khanna stated that investment in solar was not only about lighting homes but also about job creation and boosting productivity in agriculture and other key sectors. He added that digital infrastructure was equally important for improving efficiency and transparency.

"Not a single country has solar dominated by the public sector. Those that succeeded in bringing down costs relied heavily on private investment," he said, adding, "If you can have digitisation, then it's easy to see where the inefficiencies are".

### Transparency

In Ghana, he called for the introduction of a transparent cash waterfall mechanism for Independent Power Producers (IPPs), which would encourage fair competition and attract more investors into solar projects.

The three-day conference, which opened on September 2, is being held on the theme: "Catalysing Solar Investments and Institutional Capacity Across the Continent".

The conference drew government officials from 124-member and signatory countries of the ISA, as well as financiers, innovators, technical experts and non-governmental organisations (NGOs).

The ISA, which was founded in 2015 by India and France at COP21 in Paris, works with governments to promote solar power as a clean and sustainable energy source, improve energy access, and enhance energy security.

Mr Khanna also drew attention to Ghana's agricultural potential, stating

that only six per cent of its farmland was irrigated compared with 60 per cent in countries such as India and China.

"If Ghana wants food security, it needs more irrigation, and the easiest way to achieve that is through solar pumps," he said.

He announced that the ISA would soon launch a \$200 million Africa Solar Facility to support distributed renewable energy projects such as mini-grids and solar pumps. The fund is designed to mitigate risks for private investors by offering guarantees, encouraging investment in critical areas of energy access and agriculture.

On capacity building, Mr Khanna highlighted the ISA's Solar

Technology Application Resource Centres (STAR-C), which provide training in solar technology operations and maintenance for local personnel across member countries.



• Ashish Khanna — Director-General of International Solar Alliance

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# Gov't signs deal with ISA to roll out solar irrigation pumps

By Kizito CUDJOE

Government plans to deploy solar-powered irrigation pumps across farming regions under a pact with the International Solar Alliance (ISA), Energy and Green Transition Minister John Jinapor has announced in a move aimed at boosting all-year-round crop production.

Farming in Ghana is largely rain-fed, leaving many growers idle during the six-month dry season Mr. Jinapor told reporters on the sidelines of the seventh ISA Regional Committee meeting for Africa in Accra. "Particularly in some parts of the country, for close to six months during the dry season, because our farmers depend on rain-fed agriculture they virtually have no activity," he said.

The initiative, pioneered by India, is expected to help Ghanaian farmers sustain production during dry spells, strengthen food security and reduce agriculture's exposure to climate change.

Agriculture contributes about 20 percent to Ghana's gross domestic product (GDP) and employs more than one-third of the workforce, according to government data. But output remains vulnerable to erratic rainfall and rising temperatures.

Mr. Jinapor said Ghana is keen to learn from India's model. "They have agreed to



work and collaborate with us so that we can install these solar pumps. By installing these solar pumps, what happens is that Ghanaians (farmers) will be able to engage in productive agriculture all-year-round."

He disclosed that an agreement has already been signed with ISA in the form of a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU). A key aspect of the project, he noted, will be the promotion of local content through training Ghanaian artisans and technicians to handle the technology's deployment and maintenance.

In addition, he said, government is exploring solar rooftop systems for critical institutions, particularly in off-grid areas. "We are also working very hard to deploy off-grid solutions and so a collaboration is being worked on," he added.

Turning to outcomes of

the ISA Regional meeting, the minister stressed Ghana's readiness to partner with other member-countries to tackle Africa's energy security challenges. "If the continent is to develop and achieve its aspirations, provision of reliable, dependable and affordable but clean energy is key. In this case, solar represents the most viable option," he said while highlighting Ghana's renewable energy progress.

The seventh ISA Regional Committee meeting for Africa, hosted in Accra, brought together 19 ministers and representatives from 39 countries. The gathering sought to accelerate solar adoption on the continent through practical strategies for energy access, innovation and climate resilience.

ISA is a treaty-based organisation with 124 member-

countries. Since its launch in 2015, it has pushed for affordable solar solutions in developing economies - particularly in Africa where energy access remains low.

Also speaking to reporters at the meeting, ISA Director-General Ashish Khanna confirmed ratification of the Alliance's strategy in 'moving from ambition to action'.

He highlighted the Africa Solar Facility, a US\$200million catalytic fund designed to attract private sector investment. The first US\$75million will be operationalised before end-2025 and is expected to leverage over US\$800million of decentralised renewable energy financing, beginning with Nigeria.

Mr. Khanna said the meeting also underscored the importance of building local capacity. Twelve solar technology application resource centres, he said, will be established across Africa by 2025, including one in

Ghana to serve as a hub for training, testing and youth integration.

"We also discussed how Africans are going to get a lot more trained through the master's programme for getting the latest skills, but also increasingly by having a global capability centre on digitisation and AI - which will bring the latest experience of India for helping Africa not to be left behind and attain digital leapfrogging," he said.

He added that over the next three to five years, ISA will pursue clear, tangible programmes including large-scale solar, distributed renewable energy and irrigation pumps. Private sector participation, he stressed, will be crucial.

"Of US\$2.2trillion dollars invested globally in clean energy last year, only 2 percent went to Africa. With 680 million people

without energy access and one of the highest tariffs, this is not acceptable," Mr. Khanna said.

The ISA, he noted, is committed to supporting Africa under its Mission 300 initiative aimed at expanding access and reducing costs. "International Solar Alliance is really keen to partner with all African countries in ensuring faster energy access as per Mission 300, but also bringing down the cost of energy because solar for each country's least-cost generation plan will help in moving your energy needs."

The Accra meeting, officials said, signalled growing momentum for solar as a driver of Africa's clean energy transition and sustainable development - with Ghana positioning itself as a frontrunner in piloting solutions that marry energy access with food security.

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## Gov't to roll out solar-powered irrigation pumps nationwide

**G**overnment says it will soon roll out solar-powered irrigation pumps as part of efforts to enhance agricultural productivity.

Minister for Energy and Green Transition, John Jinapor, disclosed this at the seventh meeting of the International Solar Alliance regional committee for Africa.

Addressing the media, the minister explained that the initiative is expected to reduce reliance on rain-fed farming and improve resilience in the agriculture sector.

"I have had very good fruitful discussions with the Director General [of the International

Solar Alliance], and immediately, what we want to set forth is to work to deploy solar irrigation pumps across the country.

"For some part of the country, for close to like six months during the dry season, because our farmers depend on rain-fed agriculture, they virtually have nothing to do."

"India has pioneered it and we want to learn from them. They have agreed that they will work and collaborate with us so that we can install these solar pumps. By installing these solar pumps, what will happen is Ghanaians will be able to engage in productive all year round farming. We have signed some MoUs," he said.

Meanwhile, Director-General of the International Solar Alliance, Ashish Khanna, announced a \$200 million facility to accelerate the adoption of solar solutions across Africa.

"We were proud and privileged to have 19 ministers from African countries and 39 countries represented. They heard and ratified the strategy of the International Solar Alliance of moving from ambition to action by having the support of an African solar facility which is a catalytic finance of \$200 million with first \$75 million to be operationalized before the end of 2025.

"It will leverage investments of more than \$800 million of decentralized renewable energy in private sector of Africa starting with the first fund in Nigeria," he detailed.

At the seventh meeting of the ISA Regional Committee for the Africa Region, the Ministerial Session on the African Solar Facility (ASF) focused on mobilizing domestic finance to scale solar deployment. The ASF, a blended catalytic finance

initiative, has been designed to de-risk solar investments, mobilize local resources, and attract private capital.

Ministers and partners shared perspectives on an ecosystem approach that ensures bankability of projects, emphasizing transparent procurement, secure payment systems, and targeted equity support. Discussions also highlighted the role of public-private collaboration and catalytic finance in accelerating large-scale deployment.

The session highlighted leveraging local financial systems to support renewable energy investment, reinforcing public-private partnerships for project implementation and using catalytic finance to crowd in private sector resources.

The discussions concluded that the ASF will serve as a key instrument for scalable, sustainable, and bankable solar projects, advancing ISA's focus on action-oriented, country-led implementation.

## Cedi's world-beating performance upended by surge in imports

**A** surge in demand for dollars by companies paying for imports before the year-end holiday season has ended the Ghanaian cedi's world-

central bank is trying to meet all demand."

The cedi traded 0.1% weaker at 11.9507 per dollar by 1:50 a.m. in Accra. On a year-to-date basis, it's gained 23%.

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## Expanding Solar Capacity Is Africa's Socio-Economic Opportunity -Jinapor

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**M**inister for Energy and Green Transition, John Abdulai Jinapor, has called on African nations to urgently transform the continent's vast solar potential into concrete projects, warning that failure to act would deepen inequality in global energy access.

"Expanding solar capacity is not only an environmental necessity, but also a significant socio-economic opportunity," Mr Jinapor declared, as he chaired the opening of the Seventh Meeting of the International Solar Alliance (ISA) Regional Committee for Africa in Accra on Wednesday, September 3, 2025.

"About 600-million people in Africa do not have access to electricity. Africa represents 17 percent of the world's population, yet consumes just 4 percent of global energy. Bridging this gap is our collective responsibility," the minister said.

He stressed that Ghana, which currently serves as ISA's African Vice President alongside Seychelles, is committed to working with member states to ensure energy aspirations are translated into bankable, financed projects on the ground.

### Financing the Transition

Jinapor's remarks set the tone for a gathering that brought together African ministers, international partners, and energy experts to discuss strategies for scaling up clean power. He urged the private sector to step in, noting that attracting capital, lowering risk premiums, and reforming regulatory frameworks would be key to unlocking Africa's solar revolution.

Foreign Affairs Minister, Samuel Okudzeto Ablakwa, backed the call, stressing that Africa's economic growth depends on sustainable energy.

"Partnerships formed at events like this can play a crucial role in harnessing our solar potential. With adequate financing and strategic collaborations, Africa can exceed the current 2 percent threshold of global clean energy investment. Ghana is ready to set the pace," he said.

Madam Damilola Ogunbiyi, CEO and

Special Representative of the UN Secretary-General for Sustainable Energy for All, described solar as the "fastest and least-cost path" to electrify underserved communities.

But she warned against the continent's continued energy injustice: "The average African, even when connected, uses about 400 kilowatt-hours of energy compared to 13,000 kilowatt-hours in the United States. This is unjust and cannot be part of our transition story. Africa must invest in Africa."

### Global Support

ISA's co-presidents, France and India, reiterated their support for Africa's energy ambitions. France's Ambassador to Ghana, H.E. Jules Armand Beaussieux, pledged his country's commitment to renewable energy investments that advance climate resilience, industrial development, and job creation.

India's High Commissioner, H.E. Manish

Gupta, tied Africa's efforts to India's "One Sun, One World, One Grid" initiative, pointing to concrete areas of collaboration such as distributed solar projects, solar home lighting, clean cooking solutions, and healthcare applications.

ISA Director General Ashish Khanna used the platform to unveil the Alliance's new "Moving from Ambition to Action" strategy. He said the approach would focus on innovative financing, public-private implementation partnerships, and building local capacity to ensure that African nations can develop solutions tailored to their own needs.

"Access to energy is a fundamental human right," Khanna reminded delegates.

### Key Outcomes

The Accra meeting produced several major outcomes:

- Country Partnership Frameworks (CPF): Ghana, Nigeria, and The Gambia formalised frameworks aligning solar policies with national goals.
- Solar for Agriculture: Expansion of solar-powered irrigation and cold storage to reduce Africa's USD 400 billion food import bill while creating rural jobs.
- Africa Solar Facility: A \$200 million catalytic fund, managed by Africa50, expected to mobilise more than 20 times this amount in private investment.
- Digital Transformation: Introduction of AI-driven tools and digital "twins" of energy systems to boost efficiency and reliability.



A group picture of dignitaries who were present at the summit

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# International Solar Alliance, African leaders unite to drive solar power adoption

BY KINGSLEY ASARE

**T**HE Seventh Meeting of the International Solar Alliance (ISA) Regional Committee for Africa opened in Accra on Wednesday with a call on African countries to scale up investments in solar energy to accelerate the continent's energy transition and sustainable development.

The three-day meeting, attended by Ministers, development partners, private sector actors and international organisations, is discussing strategies to expand energy access, promote solar innovation

and strengthen climate-resilient growth.

Opening the meeting, the Minister of Energy and Green Transition, and Chair of the Regional Committee for Africa, Mr John Abdulai Jinapor, said expanding solar capacity was not only an environmental necessity but also a socio-economic opportunity to attract greater private capital," he stated.

The Chief Executive Officer of Sustainable Energy for All, Ms Damilola Ogunbiyi, said solar remained the least-cost and fastest path to expand energy access on the continent. She observed that while the average African consumed

about 400 kilowatt-hours of electricity annually, consumption in the United States stood at 13,000. She urged African governments to streamline licensing regimes and unlock tariffs to encourage private sector participation.

The Ambassador of France to Ghana, Mr Jules Armand Beaussieux, reaffirmed France's support for renewable energy deployment in Africa, while the Indian High Commissioner to Ghana, Mr Manish Gupta, said India's "One Sun, One World, One Grid" initiative aligned with Africa's energy transition ambitions.

The Director-General of the ISA, Mr Ashish Khanna, said access to energy was a fundamental human right. He explained that ISA's new strategy, "Moving from Ambition to Action", sought to mobilise investment, innovate financing and build local capacity to support member countries.

Key announcements at the meeting included the signing of Country Partnership Frameworks between Ghana, Nigeria and The Gambia to support solar rooftop systems, community mini-grids and agriculture-driven applications. ISA also signed a Memorandum of

Cooperation with the African School of Regulation to strengthen regulatory frameworks and knowledge exchange.

Additionally, ISA's Africa Solar Facility, managed by Africa50, was launched with \$200 million in catalytic financing, expected to mobilise up to 20 times that amount in private capital. Nigeria's Sovereign Investment Authority has committed up to \$150 million to the initiative.

Addressing the gathering on behalf of President John Mahama, Mr Seth Terkper, Presidential Advisor, said Africa's abundant solar resources offered an extraordinary opportunity to create jobs, improve energy access and foster economic growth.

"With nearly 60 per cent of the world's best solar resources, Africa can leapfrog traditional energy pathways and emerge as a leader in distributed renewable energy," he stated.

The ISA, established in 2015 by India and France, currently has 124 member and signatory countries, including 39 from Africa. Its mission is to unlock investment in solar power and promote its use across agriculture, healthcare, transport and power generation to drive inclusive development and climate resilience.



• Mr Jinapor (seated third from right), Mr Terkper (fifth from left) and Mr Khanna with some dignitaries at the opening ceremony Photo: Ebo Gorman

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## Solar Alliance Leaders Want Urgent Action for 600m Africans Without Power

The Seventh Meeting of the International Solar Alliance (ISA) Regional Committee for Africa began on Wednesday in Accra, Ghana, marking a new epoch of transformative action in the continent's solar transition and sustainable energy development. The event gathered Member Countries from across Africa and international partners to discuss actionable strategies for energy access, solar innovation, and climate-resilient growth.

John Abdulai Jinapor, the Minister of Energy and Green Transition, Ghana, and Chair of the Seventh Meeting of the Regional Committee for Africa, stated in his address that expanding solar capacity is not only an environmental necessity but also a significant socio-economic opportunity. "Advancing Africa's energy transition is central to sustainable growth and shared prosperity," he said.

"About 600 million people in Africa do not have access to electricity. Africa represents 17% of the world's population, yet consumes just 4% of the world's energy. Bridging this gap is our collective opportunity: transforming pipeline projects into bankable

ones, providing low-risk premiums, and attracting greater private capital," he added, expressing Ghana's commitment to working closely with every member state to ensure that energy aspirations translate into financed projects on the ground. Ghana and Seychelles serve as vice presidents of the ISA in the African Region.

Ghana's Honorable Minister of Foreign Affairs, Samuel Okudzeto Ablakwa, emphasised that economic growth should rely on a dependable, clean, and sustainable

energy supply. Speaking about the importance of collaborative efforts in the transition to clean energy, he stated, "Partnerships formed at events like this can play a crucial role in harnessing this potential. With adequate financing and strategic collaborations, we can achieve Africa's goal of exceeding the current 2% threshold of global clean energy investment. Ghana is ready to take action and set an example that we all deserve."

In recent decades, most electricity connections in sub-Saharan Africa

have come from solar power and other renewable energy sources, according to Ms Damilola Ogunbiyi, CEO and Special Representative of the UN Secretary-General for Sustainable Energy for All. She stressed that solar is the fastest, least-cost path to reach the underserved.

"The average African, even when connected, uses about 400 kilowatt-hours of energy compared to 13,000 kilowatt-hours in the United States. This is unjust and cannot be part of our transition story. Africa must invest in Africa. Sovereign wealth institutes, pension funds, and local banks hold the capital to fund distributed renewable energy projects. Governments must streamline licenses and unlock tariffs to scale private sector participation," she said.

Representing France, which shares co-presidency of the International Solar Alliance (ISA) with India, H.E. Jules Armand Beausieux, the Ambassador of France to Ghana, emphasised that

solar energy is essential for addressing climate change while also promoting industrial development, energy security, and job creation. "France is committed to supporting renewable energy in Africa through significant investments and collaboration with the ISA," he said.

Manish Gupta, the High Commissioner of India to Ghana, emphasised India's commitment to sustainable energy. He stated, "India's vision of 'One Sun, One World, One Grid' aligns with energy transition strategies aimed at providing clean and reliable energy to millions. We are supporting various initiatives, including distributed solar projects, solar home lighting, solar water pumps, clean cooking solutions, and healthcare applications."

In his inaugural address, ISA Director General Mr Ashish Khanna emphasised that access to energy is a fundamental human right. He pointed out the significant gap in clean energy investment in Africa compared to global standards. "ISA's strategy, 'Moving from Ambition to Action,' aims to establish implementation

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partnerships, innovate financing methods, and strengthen local capacities. The ISA strategy of implementation partnership is aligned with M300 enabling private sector ecosystem in countries. Our goal is to empower countries to develop their own solutions," he stated. The Director General also mentioned that ISA will engage in in-depth discussions to outline actionable steps for each Member Country in the region.

Ghana, Nigeria, and The Gambia formalised CPFs with ISA to align solar policies with national energy goals. These frameworks focus on solar rooftops, community mini-grids, agriculture-driven applications, institutional capacity building, and National Focal Point Support Units for implementation.

Memorandum of Cooperation with African School of Regulation: The partnership strengthens solar deployment through regulatory development, capacity building, knowledge exchange, and funding mobilisation for member countries.

Initiatives across Africa, such as solar-powered irrigation and agricultural applications, aim to enhance productivity, food security, and rural livelihoods. Expanding solar-powered irrigation and cold storage could help reduce Africa's annual food import bill of USD 400 billion, create

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## Solar Alliance Leaders Want Urgent Action for 600m Africans Without Power

rural jobs, and strengthen climate resilience.

ISA Alignment with Mission 300: ISA has aligned itself strategically with Mission 300, an initiative aimed at accelerating solar deployment, encouraging private investment, and improving livelihoods across the continent. "Programs like Mission 300, supported by \$48 billion in concessional funding, demonstrate the power of public-private partnerships to electrify 300 million Africans," said Ogunbiyi.

ISA's Africa Solar Facility managed by Africa50 is designed as a catalytic instrument to de-risk investments and unlock private capital for solar across the continent. Leveraging \$200 million in catalytic finance, the facility is expected to mobilise over 20 times in private sector investments in decentralised renewable energy. NSIA of Nigeria has committed \$100-150 million in sovereign wealth to the initiative, which will become operational before the end of the year.

ISA is advancing AI-driven tools and digital twins of power distribution systems—virtual models that map every asset and process within a utility. These tools help identify inefficiencies, improve

dispatch of rooftop solar, storage, and utility-scale plants, and ultimately lower costs while enhancing reliability.

Africa's energy transition is being led by African countries, with support from ISA as a Global South-led institution. The emphasis is on equitable access, local capacity building through a network of Solar Application Resource Centres (STAR-Cs), and innovative technologies to ensure no community is left behind.

During the opening ceremony of the Africa Regional Committee Meeting, Seth Terkper, the economic advisor to His Excellency the President of the Republic of Ghana, highlighted Africa's energy potential. He stated, "Africa has an extraordinary opportunity to harness its abundant solar resources to drive economic growth, create jobs, and improve energy access for millions. Strategic partnerships, capacity building, and innovative financing models are critical to accelerating solar adoption."

He said, "With nearly 60% of the world's best solar resources, Africa can leapfrog traditional energy pathways and become a global leader in distributed renewable energy solutions."

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.

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 stan-

dards, 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 inter-governmental 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).



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# Let's harness vast solar resources for accelerated devt

BY KINGSLEY ASARE

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"This imbalance must change. Africa needs about \$90 to \$100 billion annually to achieve universal energy access by 2030, yet we attract less than three per cent of global clean energy investments," the President said in a speech read on his behalf by the Presidential Advisor on the Economy, Mr Seth Terkper, at the opening of the Seventh Meeting of the International Solar Alliance (ISA) Regional Committee for Africa in Accra yesterday.

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gigawatts, with South Africa, Egypt, Morocco, Tunisia, Algeria, Kenya and Ghana emerging as leaders," he said.

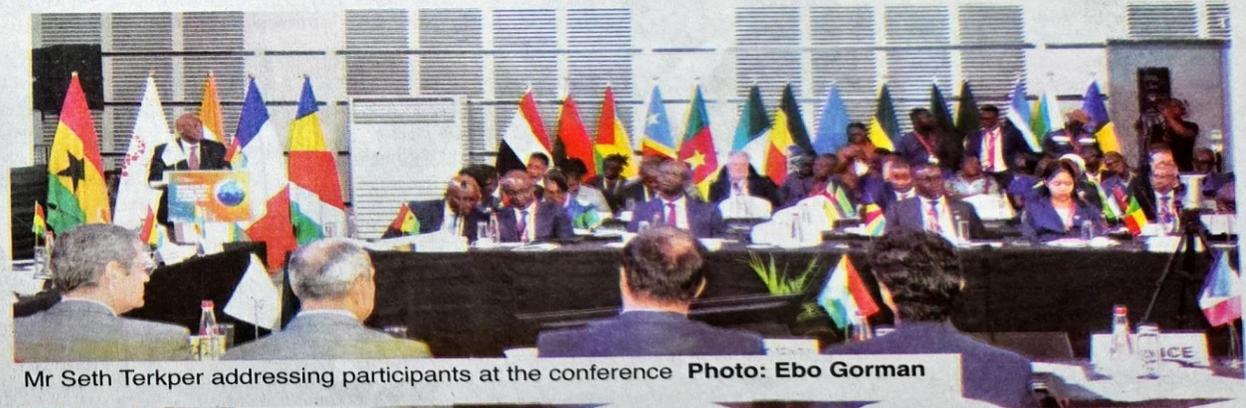
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The Director-General of ISA, Mr Ashish Khanna, emphasised the urgency of moving from ambition to action.

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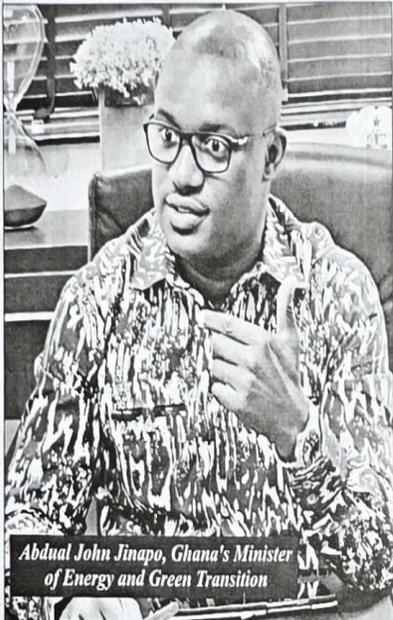
Mr Seth Terkper addressing participants at the conference Photo: Ebo Gorman

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# Accra Hosts ISA's Seventh Regional Committee Meeting for Africa's Clean Energy Future

## -ISA Rallies Nations to Catalyse Finance, Skills, and Innovation



**Abdul John Jinapo, Ghana's Minister of Energy and Green Transition**



**ISA's Director General, Ashish Khanna**

**Shaping Africa's Solar Future**  
Guided by ISA's four pillar: **Catalytic Finance, Global Capability & Digitisation, Technology & Policy Roadmaps, and Regional Engagement**, the Accra RCM is more than a technical forum. It is a platform to align Africa's solar ambitions with the SDG 7 universal energy access goal and the Paris Agreement climate targets. Through high-level dialogues, side events, and technical sessions, participants are expected to produce actionable roadmaps, new financing partnerships, and stronger institutional frameworks to make Africa's solar promise a reality.

stressed ahead of the meeting. "This must change. Through platforms like Mission 300, we are bringing governments, financiers, and innovators together to unlock private-sector-led investments, strengthen policies and institutions, and build local capacity."

**Catalytic Finance: Unlocking Billions for Solar Projects**  
A central focus of the Accra meeting is mobilising finance to overcome persistent barriers such as high perceived risks and underdeveloped markets. ISA will spotlight instruments including the **Africa Solar Facility (ASF)**, a USD 200 million blended finance vehicle, and the **Multi-Donor Trust Fund (MDTF)**, which provides USD 25 million in technical assistance. These tools aim to de-risk investments, attract Development Finance

**Building Africa's Solar Workforce and Institutions**  
The continent's modest share of clean energy investments has slowed job creation, with just 324,000 renewable energy jobs recorded in Africa in 2023 (IRENA, 2024). To counter this, ISA is expanding its **Solar Technology Application Resource Centres (STAR-C)**, ten of which are already operational, to provide labs, training, and innovation support. Partnerships with the **Indian Institute of Technology Delhi**, France's **INES**, and the **National Power Training Institute** will be leveraged to create a **Global Capability Centre**, connecting African institutions with cutting-edge digital solutions.

The **Mission 300** initiative will also build **National Delivery Units**, equipping a new generation of skilled professionals to drive deployment.

**Solar for Food Security and Rural Livelihoods**  
With 95% of African farmland dependent on rainfall and over USD 400 billion spent annually on food imports, solar energy offers a lifeline for agriculture. ISA's **Scaling Solar Applications for Agricultural Use (SSAAU)** programme will be showcased, with solutions such as solar irrigation and cold storage systems. These are designed to reduce post-harvest losses, boost yields, and create rural jobs—directly linking energy access to food security.

**Digitalisation and AI: Smart Solar for Smart Growth**  
ISA leaders emphasise that digital transformation is not optional but foundational. AI-driven energy management systems, digital twins, and e-procurement platforms can cut global grid costs by USD 1.8 trillion by 2050 (IEA, 2023).

The Accra sessions will explore how Africa can leapfrog to AI-enabled energy systems, closing the digital divide while building inclusive, resilient grids.

**About the International Solar Alliance (ISA)**  
Launched at COP21 in Paris in 2015 by India and France, ISA now counts **124 Member and Signatory Countries**. Headquartered in India, it works with governments, multilateral development banks, DFIs, civil society, and the private sector to scale solar solutions, lower costs, de-risk investments, and build global solar markets. By pooling demand, designing innovative business models, and supporting enabling policies, ISA is driving the global transition to solar power, making energy more affordable and accessible, particularly in developing nations.

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**Accra Hosts Africa's Solar Finance Meeting**

**T**he International Solar Alliance (ISA) is set to host its Africa Regional Committee Meeting (RCM) in Accra, a landmark gathering aimed at unlocking investments, building institutional capacity, and accelerating solar deployment across the continent.

Africa, with the world's highest solar potential yet the lowest access to clean energy finance, remains at the heart of ISA's mission. Over 600 million people on the continent still lack electricity, while Africa receives less than 2% of global clean energy investments. ISA Director General Ashish Khanna stressed the urgency of bridging this gap, noting that the Accra meeting will focus on moving "from ambition to action."

The meeting will showcase ISA's flagship financing tools, including the Africa Solar Facility (USD 200 million) and the Multi-Donor Trust Fund (USD 25 million), designed to de-risk investments and attract



both public and private capital. By connecting governments, financiers, and development banks, ISA seeks to mobilize blended finance solutions to accelerate large-scale solar projects.

Another key priority is workforce development and institutional strengthening. Despite a growing demand for clean energy, Africa accounted for just 324,000 renewable energy jobs in 2023. ISA is scaling up its network of Solar Technology Application Resource Centres

(STAR-C), with ten already operational across Africa, offering technical training, testing labs, and innovation platforms. Partnerships with institutions such as IIT Delhi, France's INES, and India's NPTI will further connect African institutions to advanced digital solutions.

Agriculture will also take center stage, with the RCM highlighting how solar can transform food security on a continent that imports over USD 400 billion of food annually. ISA's Scaling Solar Applications

for Agricultural Use (SSAAU) programme is piloting solutions like solar irrigation and cold storage, which can reduce food waste, increase productivity, and create rural livelihoods.

The meeting will equally explore how digitalisation and AI can enable smart, efficient, and inclusive solar expansion. According to the International Energy Agency, digital technologies could save up to USD 1.8 trillion in global grid investments by 2050. However, Africa faces a widening digital divide. Discussions in Accra will therefore center on AI-driven energy management, digital twins, and public digital infrastructure to ensure the continent is not left behind.

With 39 Member Countries and seven Signatory Countries in Africa, ISA's Regional Committee Meetings serve as a vital platform for coordination, policy alignment, and knowledge-sharing. The Accra meeting is expected to deliver concrete roadmaps and partnerships that will help translate Africa's solar potential into sustainable, inclusive growth, directly supporting the continent's energy, food security, and climate goals.

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# Mahama Urges Africa to Lead in Global Solar Revolution

"The sun shines on all of us equally, but its promise can only be fully realised if we harness it together."

**Implications:**

If Africa rises to Mahama's challenge, the continent could reposition itself as a global energy powerhouse, attract billions in green investment, and create millions of jobs for its youth. For Ghana, prioritising solar energy could lower electricity costs, boost industrialisation, and reduce dependence on fossil fuel imports—cementing the country's place as a leader in Africa's energy transition.

President John Dramani Mahama has called on African nations to take decisive steps in leading the global shift to renewable energy, stressing the continent's vast solar potential and the urgent need for greater investment. Delivering his keynote address—read on his behalf by Presidential Advisor on the Economy,

Mr. Seth Terkper—at the opening of the Seventh International Solar Alliance (ISA) Regional Committee Meeting for Africa in Accra, President Mahama said Africa could not afford to lag behind in the global solar revolution. He noted that while solar energy is projected to account for more than 60% of new global power capacity by 2030, Africa currently attracts less than 3% of global clean energy

investment. "The continent holds 60% of the world's best solar resources but accounts for only 3% of global solar PV capacity," he lamented. The President urged African energy leaders to focus on practical solutions for financing, skills development, and digital innovation, while also leveraging artificial intelligence to accelerate progress. He outlined Ghana's "24 Plus Economy

Agenda" and Energy Transition Framework, targeting net zero emissions by 2070 and 21 gigawatts of solar capacity. "Africa requires about US\$90 billion annually to achieve universal energy access by 2030," Mahama said, calling for concessional financing, risk-sharing mechanisms, and partnerships that empower Africa's youth. He concluded with a rallying call:

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## Ghana, ISA Push Solar Solutions for Africa

Ghana has reaffirmed its commitment to advancing renewable energy development in partnership with the International Solar Alliance (ISA), as the country hosted the Seventh Meeting of the ISA Regional Committee for Africa in Accra. Speaking at a press conference after the meeting, the Minister for Energy and Green Transition, Hon. John Abdulai Jiraport, who also chaired the session, underscored Ghana's readiness to collaborate with regional and global partners to accelerate access to clean and affordable energy across the continent. He emphasized Ghana's progress in achieving near-universal access to electricity and stable power supply, with surplus exported to neighboring countries. The government's vision, he said, is to achieve at least 10% of its energy mix from renewables, excluding hydro potential. Outlining key initiatives, Mr. Jiraport revealed plans to deploy



solar irrigation pumps nationwide to address the seasonal challenges of rain-fed agriculture. This, he explained, would empower farmers to engage in year-round production. The initiative, pioneered by India, will include training Ghanaian artisans and technicians to ensure local

content and sustainability. Additionally, Ghana will expand solar rooftop installations for critical institutions and roll out off-grid solutions to improve rural access. "Solar has proven to be a game changer, and through these collaborations, we can transform agriculture, industry,

and livelihoods," the Minister said. Director General of the ISA, Mr. Ashish Khanna, hailed the success of the meeting, which brought together 19 African ministers and delegates from 39 countries. He announced the establishment of a \$200 million Africa Solar Facility, with the first \$75 million expected to be operationalized by the end of 2025.

The fund aims to leverage \$800 million in private sector investments, beginning with Nigeria. Mr. Khanna also disclosed plans to set up 12 Solar Technology Application Resource Centers across Africa, including one in Ghana, to serve as hubs for training, testing, and youth incubation in solar technologies. In addition, he said ISA will support capacity building through master's programs, digitization, and AI-driven innovations to ensure Africa is not left behind in the energy transition. Highlighting the urgency of scaling up investment, he noted that while \$2.2 trillion was invested in clean energy globally last year, only 2% went to Africa, despite 680 million people lacking access to electricity. "This is not acceptable," Mr. Khanna stressed, pledging ISA's commitment to partner with African countries to achieve faster energy access and reduced costs. Both leaders welcomed the signing of new country partnership frameworks with Ghana, Nigeria, and The Gambia, which will guide detailed renewable energy strategies over the next three to five years. The Accra meeting reinforced Africa's collective determination to shift from ambition to action in addressing the continent's energy security and sustainable development challenges.

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Mr Seth Terkper addressing participants at the conference Photo: Ebo Gorman

# Mahama Calls for Africa to Lead Global Solar Transition

**L** detailed expenditure processes for Ghana's national football teams, particularly the Black Stars, in line with President John Dramani Mahama's directive for transparency in sports financing.

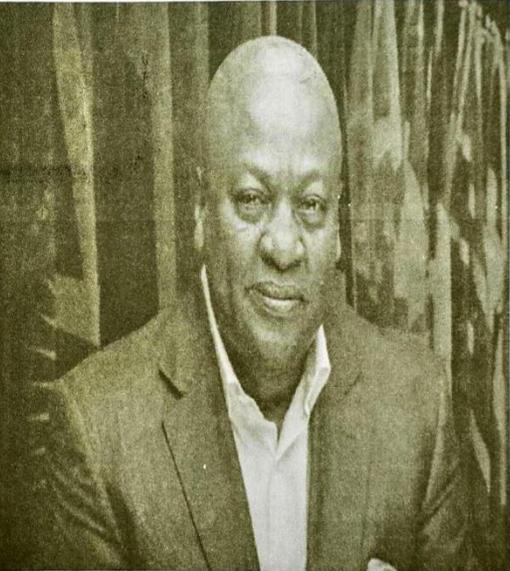
Addressing the media in Accra, the Minister emphasized that taxpayers deserve to know how funds allocated to national teams are spent, especially as

He called for concessional financing, risk-sharing mechanisms to lower capital costs, technology transfer, and skills development programs to empower Africa's youth to lead in the solar era.

Touching on Ghana's energy vision, Mr. Mahama outlined the Ghana 24 Plus Economy Agenda and the country's Energy Transition Framework, which charts a course to net zero emissions by 2070. He said Ghana is leveraging solar energy not only to generate power but also to drive industrialization, create jobs, and position itself as a regional power hub through the West African Power Pool.

"The Big Push Agenda seeks to turn solar energy into a catalyst for industrialization, transforming it from a climate solution into a powerful economic engine," he stated.

Concluding, Mr. Mahama reaffirmed Ghana's commitment to green growth and inclusive prosperity, declaring: "Let us commit here in Accra that Africa will not be a follower in the global energy transition but a leader."



**P**resident John Dramani Mahama has urged African nations to position themselves at the forefront of the global renewable energy revolution, stressing that the continent must not remain a follower in the transition to clean energy.

Delivering a keynote address through his Presidential Advisor on the Economy, Hon. Seth Terkper, at the 7th Africa Regional Committee Meeting of the International Solar Alliance (ISA) in Accra, Mr. Mahama highlighted the immense potential of solar energy to transform Africa's economy.

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Mr. Mahama stressed the urgency of increasing financing for Africa's energy sector, pointing out that while the continent needs about US\$100 billion annually to meet its renewable targets by 2030, it currently attracts less than 3% of global clean energy investments.

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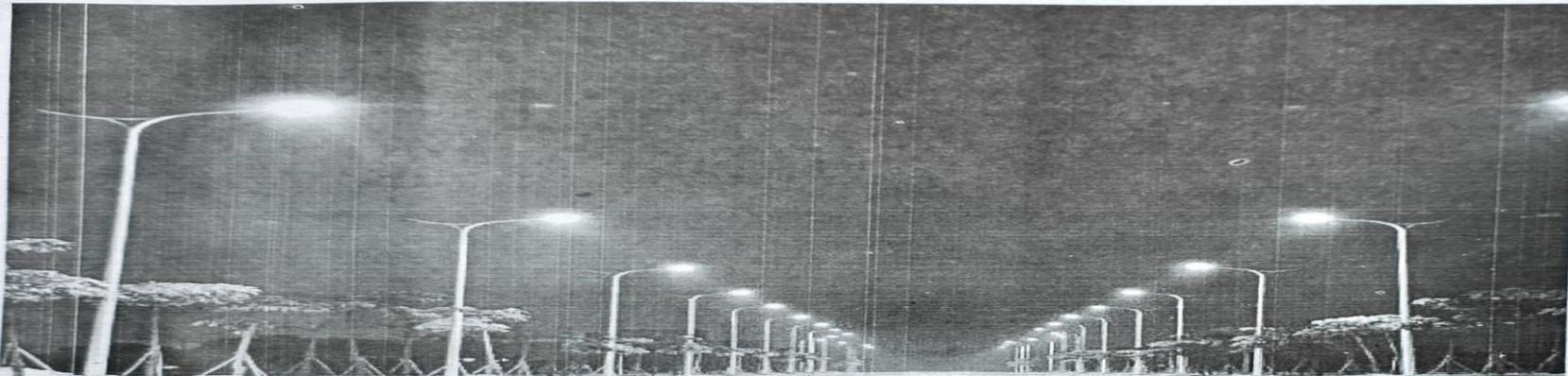
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# Ghana Lights Up Africa's Future!



*Ghana takes the lead in continental shift to clean, sustainable energy*

By Prince Ahenkorah

**G**hana is stepping up to the plate, ready to spearhead Africa's monumental transition from fossil fuels to clean, sustainable energy. The nation played host to the seventh meeting of the International Solar Alliance (ISA) Regional Committee for the Africa region, a high-stakes event where key players charted the future of the continent's renewable energy revolution. Speaking on behalf of President John Dramani Mahama, Presidential Advisor on the Economy, Hon. Seth Terkper, declared that Ghana's role as host was a clear signal of the

nation's commitment to leading the charge. He emphasized that as global energy demands skyrocket and the climate crisis intensifies, a decisive shift is no longer an option—it's an urgent necessity. "Solar energy now leads the renewable charge and is projected to account for over 60% of new power capacity globally by 2030," Terkper stated. He highlighted a staggering statistic: in 2024, global investment in solar energy hit a record-breaking US\$521 billion, a figure that represents 72% of all renewable energy investments. This surge is fueled by falling costs and massive capacity expansions, with China leading the pack. While Africa saw a significant boost in solar investment last year, jumping from a measly US\$2.6 billion

in 2021 to a whopping US\$40 billion in 2024, the continent still pulls in less than 3% of global clean energy investments. Terkper stressed that Africa needs about US\$100 billion annually to hit its renewable energy targets by 2030, which is why Ghana has committed to the Accelerated Partnership for Renewable Energy in Africa (APRA). The 7th Africa Regional Committee Meeting served as a critical platform for energy ministers and experts from across the continent to tackle pressing issues head-on, including financing, skills development, and the integration of technology like AI into energy systems. "Ghana's pathway to prosperity centers on the Ghana 24 Plus Economy Agenda, a forward-looking strategy prioritizing resilience, inclusivity, and green growth. Energy is

at the core," he explained. "We are harnessing solar not only to generate power but to drive jobs, industrialization, and innovation." Terkper underscored that ambitious goals require robust financing. He pointed out the stark imbalance in global clean energy investment, with Africa receiving just 2-3%. To fix this, he called for securing increased financing, developing risk-sharing mechanisms, facilitating technology partnerships, and implementing skills development programs to empower Africa's youth. Echoing these sentiments, the Minister of Energy and Green Transition, John Abdulai Jinapor, painted a sobering picture: over 600 million Africans still live without electricity, and almost a billion lack clean cooking solutions. He lamented that despite being the sunniest continent, Africa accounts for only 4% of global solar generation and a mere 6% of global energy use. Jinapor highlighted the dire energy inequity, stating that it reflects chronic underinvestment and structural barriers. He insisted that universal access to energy isn't just a development goal—it's a moral imperative. He also championed innovative solutions like Floating Solar Photovoltaics (FSPV), which utilize reservoirs, canals, and urban water bodies to expand energy access without competing for land. This technology also helps curb reservoir evaporation and boosts energy yields through natural cooling. "Ghana is proud to be at the forefront of this innovation," Jinapor announced. "A pioneering 5 MW floating solar pilot project has been seamlessly integrated with the existing Bui Hydropower Station, and we are making significant progress on the 30 MW project at the Pong Hydro Reservoir." He concluded with a powerful message: "Africa's transition must transcend megawatts. It must empower our communities, preserve our resources, and unlock prosperity for all. Floating solar is more than just a technology; it represents a unified response to our continent's pressing needs for energy, water, and food security."

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# Energy Minister Calls for Bold Action on Africa's Energy Inequities



growing energy gap, describing the crisis as “urgent yet full of promise.”

Speaking during the ISA Floating Solar PV Framework session in Accra, Mr. Jinapor lamented that over 600 million Africans lack access to electricity, while nearly one billion people are without clean cooking solutions. “Africa contributes just 6% of global energy use and emits under 3% of energy-related CO<sub>2</sub> emissions, yet our people remain in the dark,” he said. Despite being the sunniest continent, Africa generates only 4% of global solar power and receives less than 2% of clean energy investment. The Minister identified underinvestment, unequal access, and structural barriers as the main obstacles to Africa's growth. He stressed that energy access was central to industrialisation, food security, job creation, and climate resilience. “Universal access to energy is not merely a development goal; it is a moral imperative,” he declared. Calling for collective resolve, Mr. Jinapor said: “With bold vision and collaboration, we can transition from energy poverty to energy prosperity, forging a brighter, greener, and more resilient future for all.”

**Implications:** Mr. Jinapor's call underscores the urgency for Africa to overcome decades of energy neglect. Expanding solar and renewable projects could unlock industrial capacity, reduce reliance on costly fuel imports, and attract private sector investment. Beyond economics, bridging the energy divide would uplift millions from poverty, empower schools and hospitals, and make Africa a serious player in the global clean energy race.

**G**hana's Minister of Energy and Green Transition, John Abdulai Jinapor, has urged global and regional stakeholders to take decisive action to close Africa's

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# Gov't signs deal with ISA to roll out solar irrigation pumps

By Kizito CUDJOE

Government plans to deploy solar-powered irrigation pumps across farming regions under a pact with the International Solar Alliance (ISA). Energy and Green Transition Minister John Jinapor has announced in a move aimed at boosting all-year-round crop production.

Farming in Ghana is largely rain-fed, leaving many growers idle during the six-month dry season. Mr. Jinapor told reporters on the sidelines of the seventh ISA Regional Committee meeting for Africa in Accra. "Particularly in some parts of the country, for close to six months during the dry season, because our farmers depend on rain-fed agriculture they virtually have no activity," he said.

The initiative, pioneered by India, is expected to help Ghanaian farmers sustain production during dry spells, strengthen food security and reduce agriculture's exposure to climate change.

Agriculture contributes about 20 percent to Ghana's gross domestic product (GDP) and employs more than one-third of the workforce, according to government data. But output remains vulnerable to erratic rainfall and rising temperatures.

Mr. Jinapor said Ghana is keen to learn from India's model. "They have agreed to



work and collaborate with us so that we can install these solar pumps. By installing these solar pumps, what happens is that Ghanaians (farmers) will be able to engage in productive agriculture all-year-round."

He disclosed that an agreement has already been signed with ISA in the form of a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU). A key aspect of the project, he noted, will be the promotion of local content through training Ghanaian artisans and technicians to handle the technology's deployment and maintenance.

In addition, he said, government is exploring solar rooftop systems for critical institutions, particularly in off-grid areas. "We are also working very hard to deploy off-grid solutions and so a collaboration is being worked on," he added.

Turning to outcomes of

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Ghana to serve as a hub for training, testing and youth integration.

"We also discussed how Africans are going to get a lot more trained through the master's programme for getting the latest skills, but also increasingly by having a global capability centre on digitisation and AI - which will bring the latest experience of India for helping Africa not to be left behind and attain digital leapfrogging," he said.

He added that over the next three to five years, ISA will pursue clear, tangible programmes including large-scale solar, distributed renewable energy and irrigation pumps. Private sector participation, he stressed, will be crucial.

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tractor working on the Olankor–Nsawam road project, clearing a major financial bottleneck that had stalled progress in recent years.

Speaking in a media interview on Thursday, 4 September 2025, after accompanying President John Dramani Mahama on an inspection tour of the project site, Mr Agbodza disclosed that the government has paid over USD77 million, settling every certificate raised and leaving no arrears.

“In excess of USD77 million has been paid. As of today, we don’t owe the contractor a penny. Every certificate raised which was outstanding before we came to power and led to the abandonment of the site has been paid fully,” the minister explained.

The minister expressed optimism that with the financial hurdle out of the way, work on the strategic highway linking Accra to the eastern corridor would now move at a faster pace.

He said government remains committed to ensuring that the project, which is critical for easing traffic congestion and boosting trade, is com-

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## Gov’t to roll out solar-powered irrigation pumps nationwide



Minister for Energy and Green Transition, John Jinapor

The government has announced plans to deploy solar-powered irrigation pumps nationwide as part of efforts to improve agricultural productivity and reduce dependence on rain-fed farming.

Minister for Energy and Green Transition, John Jinapor, disclosed this at the seventh meeting of the International Solar Alliance (ISA) Regional Committee for Africa, held in Accra.

According to the minister, the initiative will allow farmers to engage in year-round farming, especially

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“I have had fruitful discussions with the Director-General of the International Solar Alliance, and we are working to deploy solar irrigation pumps across the country. India has pioneered this successfully, and we want to learn from them. We have signed some MoUs, and once installed, these pumps will allow Ghanaians to farm productively all year round,” Mr Jinapor explained.

Meanwhile, Director-General of ISA, Ashish Khanna, announced a USD200 million facility to accelerate solar adoption across Africa.

He revealed that

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# Gov't signs deal with ISA to roll out solar irrigation pumps

By Kato CUDJOE

Government plans to deploy solar-powered irrigation pumps across farming regions under a pact with the International Solar Alliance (ISA). Energy and Green Transition Minister John Jusuor has announced in a move aimed at boosting all-year-round crop production.



Farming in Ghana is largely rain-fed, leaving many growers idle during the six-month dry season. Mr. Jusuor told reporters on the sidelines of the seventh ISA Regional Committee meeting for Africa in Accra. "Periodically in some parts of the country, for close to six months during the dry season, because our farmers depend on rain-fed agriculture they virtually have to starve," he said.

The initiative, pioneered by India, is expected to help Ghanaian farmers sustain production during dry spells, strengthen food security and reduce agriculture's exposure to climate change.

Agriculture contributes about 20 percent to Ghana's gross domestic product (GDP) and employs more than one-third of the workforce, according to government data. But output remains vulnerable to erratic rainfall and rising temperatures.

Mr. Jusuor said Ghana is keen to learn from India's model. "They have agreed to

work and collaborate with us so that we can install these solar pumps. By installing these solar pumps, what happens is that Ghanaian farmers will be able to engage in productive agriculture all-year-round."

He disclosed that an agreement has already been signed with ISA in the form of a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU). A key aspect of the project, he noted, will be the provision of local content through training Ghanaian artisans and technicians to handle the technology's deployment and maintenance.

In addition, he said, government is exploring solar rooftop systems for critical institutions, particularly in off-grid areas. "We are also working very hard to deploy off-grid solutions and to collaborate in being worked on," he added.

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## Power supply stable, surplus being exported - Energy Minister

By Beatrice Laryea

THE country's power supply system is now stable, with surplus energy being exported, the Minister of Energy and Green Transition, John Abdulai Jusuor, has said, adding that efforts are being made to achieve universal electricity access.

"Our power supply is fairly stable. We have enough, and we are even exporting. Our vision is to have a minimum of 10 per cent of our energy mix emanating from renewables, and that even excludes our high-flow potential. Immediately, what we want to set forth is to work to deploy solar irrigation pumps across the country," he added.

The minister disclosed this at a press briefing at the 7th Meeting of the International Solar Alliance (ISA) Regional Committee for the Africa Region in Accra yesterday.

The summit, which started on September 2 and ended yesterday, was attended by 19 Energy and Power Ministers from across Africa.

They included Malawi, Liberia,

Seychelles, Comoros, Nigeria, The Gambia, Somalia and Sao Tome and Principe, and representatives from 39 member countries and 7 signatory nations.

Among issues discussed were actionable strategies for energy access, solar innovation and climate-resilient growth.

### Solar pumps

The minister also said that the government was planning to deploy solar irrigation pumps across the country to support year-round farming, especially during the dry season.

"India has pioneered it, and we want to learn from them. They have agreed that they will collaborate with us," he said, adding that an MoU would be signed to that effect and would include the training of artisans.

### Energy gaps

Earlier at the summit, Mr Jusuor highlighted Africa's deepening energy crisis and said over 600 million Africans lacked electricity access, with nearly one billion people lacking clean cooking solutions, especially in rural areas.

He said, despite being the sunniest continent, Africa generates only four per cent of global solar power and receives less than two per cent of global clean energy investment.

"Africa's energy inequity extends far beyond infrastructure. It reflects underinvestment, unequal access and structural barriers that hinder our progress."

"Without affordable, clean and reliable energy, our ambitions, industrialisation, job creation, food security, and climate resilience will remain out of reach."

"Universal access to energy is not merely a development goal, it is a moral imperative and central to realising Sustainable Development Goal Seven by 2030," the minister said.

He further emphasised the importance of innovative and practical solutions such as Floating Solar Photovoltaics (FSVP) to address Africa's energy crisis.

Mr Jusuor said Africa's energy transition must go beyond megawatts to empower communities and secure resources for sustainable development.

### Ratification

The Director-General of ISA, Ashish Khanna, said the organisation comprised 124 member countries.

He said the meeting ratified the launch of the Africa Solar Facility, a \$200 million catalytic fund - \$75 million of which would be operational by the end of 2025 to unlock over \$800 million in private-sector investment for decentralised renewable energy, beginning in Nigeria.

Additionally, Mr Khanna said ISA would establish 12 solar technology education resource centres across Africa, including one in Ghana, to provide technical training, testing labs, and youth incubation to foster local expertise and innovation in solar energy.

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## Ghana Hosts Africa Renewable Energy Forum, Calls for Major Boost in Solar Investments

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Accra, Ghana – Ghana reaffirmed its commitment to leading Africa’s renewable energy revolution as it hosted the Seventh Meeting of the International Solar Alliance (ISA) Regional Committee for the Africa Region. The event brought together energy ministers, technocrats, and international partners to address the continent’s urgent need for clean energy solutions and increased investment in solar power.

Seth Emmanuel Terkper, Economic Advisor to the President of Ghana, opened the forum by highlighting Ghana’s achievements in hydro and solar power, including the Akosombo Dam project. He emphasized the nation’s determination to drive Africa’s transition from fossil fuels to sustainable energy sources, noting that effective leadership and innovative financing strategies are essential for success.

Despite Africa possessing 60% of the world’s best solar resources, the continent currently attracts less than 3% of global clean energy investments. Terkper stressed that Africa needs \$100 billion annually to meet its renewable energy targets by 2030, yet current investments fall far short. He called for a clear roadmap to catalyze solar investments, build workforce capacity, and integrate digital innovation and artificial intelligence into energy systems.

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# Energy Minister Leads Call for Action as African Solar Future Takes Center Stage in Accra

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Chairing the high-level gathering, Hon. Jinapor emphasised that Africa’s energy transition is both a necessity and a major economic opportunity.

“With 600 million Africans lacking electricity, and the continent consuming just 4% of global energy, this is our moment to transform pipeline projects into bankable realities,” – he said.

The three-day meeting has drawn representatives from across the continent, as well as international partners including France and India.

Discussions are focused on accelerating solar deployment, unlocking private capital, and enhancing energy access for millions.

Ghana’s Foreign Affairs Minister, Hon. Samuel Okudzeto Ablakwa, highlighted the importance of reliable, sustainable energy for Africa’s economic development.

“With the right partnerships and financing, we can lift Africa’s share of global clean energy investment above the current 2%,” Hon. Ablakwa said.

Key outcomes so far include the formalisation of solar cooperation frameworks with Ghana, Nigeria, and The Gambia, and announcements around ISA’s Africa Solar Facility, which is expected to mobilise over \$4 billion in private investment.

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## Ghana pushes \$3.4bn solar plan at ISA Africa Meeting

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The high-level gathering brought together regional leaders, policymakers, and global partners to drive solar investment, strengthen institutions, and advance technological innovation across Africa.

ISA's Director General, Ashish Khanna, stressed the urgency of scaling up clean energy financing on the continent.

“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.

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## Foreign Minister Okudzeto Calls for Bold Partnerships to Power Africa's Solar Future

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Speaking to representatives from over 40 African countries and global partners, Hon. Ablakwa stressed that sustainable economic growth on the continent must be built on a foundation of reliable and renewable energy.

"With the right collaborations, we can surpass Africa's current 2% share of global clean energy investment. Ghana is ready to lead by example," – he said.

The high-level meeting, hosted by Ghana and co-chaired by Energy Minister Hon. John Abdulai Jinapor, focused on translating Africa's vast solar potential into real-world projects.

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John Abdulai Jinapor, Ghana's Minister of Energy and Green Transition and Chair of the Seventh Meeting of the Regional Committee for Africa, stated in his address that expanding solar capacity is not only an environmental necessity but also a significant socio-economic opportunity.

"Advancing Africa's energy transition is central to sustainable growth and shared prosperity," he said.

"About 600 million people in Africa do not have access to electricity. Africa represents 17% of the world's population yet consumes just 4% of the world's energy.

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