ISA-NTPC meeting with Ambassadors and High Commissioners of member countries interested in ISA Program-06 aiming towards implementation of solar parks and projects

New Delhi, India, 7th March 2022: International Solar Alliance (ISA), a member-driven, collaborative platform to mobilize efforts against climate change through deployment of solar energy solutions, and NTPC Limited, India's premiere and one of world's largest power company, organized a meet today at India Habitat Centre, New Delhi. The dignitaries invited for the meeting were Excellency Ambassadors and High Commissioners of ISA member countries, particularly those countries who have subscribed to ISA programs or are interested in doing so.

Ambassadors and High Commissioners of Kingdom of Cambodia, Republic of Cuba, Federal Democratic Republic of Ethiopia, Republic of Mali, Republic of Mauritius, Republic of Niger, Federal Republic of Nigeria, Republic of Paraguay, Republic of Rwanda, Republic of Suriname, Togolese Republic, Republic of Guinea and Republic of Uganda graced the occasion. Dignitaries from ISA and NTPC were also present including Director General, Chief of Unit, Senior Advisor, Program Specialist from ISA and CMD, Director (Projects), ED (Engineering) and Head (International Business) from NTPC.

The theme of the meeting centred on the Program-06 of ISA under which ISA provides support to its member countries for implementation of solar parks & projects. Through a competitive process, NTPC Limited was endorsed by ISA as the Project Management Consultant (PMC) for such solar park implementation under Program-06. Through this partnership NTPC is currently supporting nine member countries for implementation of 3845 MW of solar parks and projects. Further, discussions are on with number of other member countries for further such collaboration for implementation of Solar Parks there.

During the meeting, ISA outlined the overview of all Programs of ISA being extended to member countries with special focus on Program-06 while NTPC explained the modalities for implementation of the program from an on-ground hands-on perspective which included a step by step run through of the process, broad timelines for such park implementation and overall involvement of all stakeholders in the Program.

NTPC also briefed on the progress and major milestones achieved till date in nine ongoing assignments. NTPC further elaborated on the long-term benefits of the project both on environmental front through green energy production, savings of fossil fuel through power substitution and CO_2 emission avoidance as well as on economical development front through investment of billions of dollars and capability development of local manpower in the member countries. During the meeting, NTPC briefed that with current 3845 MW of ongoing Solar Parks implementation, around 9228 MU of power would be generated per annum. This would also result in saving of 1265 million litre of diesel per annum and in avoidance of 3.42 Ton per annum of CO2 emission even considering that, 50% of solar power is replacing diesel based power. This would also bring in an investment of USD 3-4 billion.

NTPC also thanked the member countries of the existing assignments for their continued support and welcomed other members to take benefit from the program to achieve a sustainable future.

The Ambassadors and High Commissioners of member countries wholeheartedly welcomed the beneficial prospects of solar park Program-06 of ISA in addition to other Programs and looked forward to explore collaboration on these lines. They also expressed confidence on the capability of NTPC and its collaboration with ISA for successful implementation of these solar parks and projects in their countries. They invited ISA and NTPC mission and technical teams for visit to their countries for further facilitation of the Programs.

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