

Fifth Assembly of the International Solar Alliance reprasantatives including Sri Lanka

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The Fifth Assembly of the International Solar Alliance was inaugurated in Delhi. India holds the office of President of the ISA Assembly, with the Government of France as Co-President. Ministers from 20 countries and delegates from across 110-Member and Signatory countries and 18 prospective countries joined the inaugural ceremony of the 5th ISA Assembly. Milinda Moragoda High Commissioner of Sri Lanka represented the Country at the Assembly.

At the opening, Shri Raj Kumar Singh, Minister of Power and New & Renewable Energy, India in his capacity as President, of International Solar Alliance stated that the past two years have provided multiple reminders that the global dependence on fossil fuels is unhealthy, not just for the environment, but also for the economy.

The Assembly is the apex decision-making body of ISA, in which each Member Country is represented. This body makes decisions concerning the implementation of the ISA's Francework Agreement and doordinated actions to be taken to achieve its objective.

It assesses the aggregate effect of the programmes and other activities in terms of deployment of solar energy, performance, reliability, cost, and scale of finance. The Fifth Assembly of the ISA has deliberated on the key initiatives of ISA on three critical issues energy access, energy security, and energy transition. The deliberations and discussions among representatives from 110 Member Countries at the Fifth Assembly of ISA were expected to lead to a greater consensus among the comity for promoting the deployment of solar power.