



## Expert Connections Empower Bankable Solar Projects

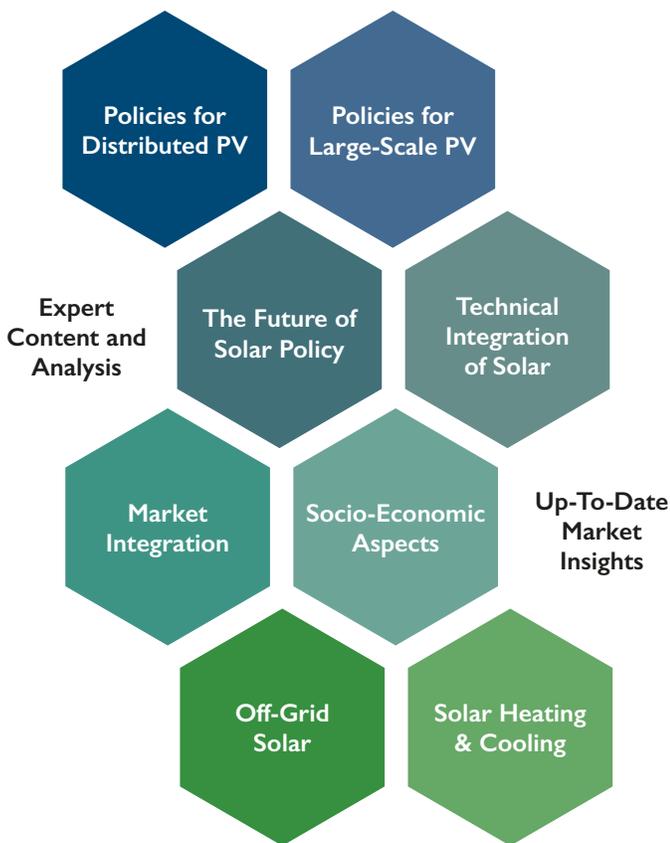
The International Solar Alliance (ISA) formed in 2015 to serve as a collaborative platform for increasing solar energy technology deployment worldwide. Currently, the ISA includes more than 65 signatory countries that are working with global partners to improve their access to affordable and reliable clean energy.

In support of ISA member countries, the U.S. Department of Energy and the Australian Government's Department of Environment and Energy selected the Clean Energy Solutions Center (Solutions Center) to help mobilize private investment in solar technologies associated with this global effort. The Solutions Center, an initiative of the Clean Energy Ministerial that is operated by the National Renewable Energy Laboratory, has a proven track record of helping more than 90 governments design tailored solar policies and identify viable finance mechanisms.

The Solutions Center is offering new ways for ISA member countries to grow their solar expertise. As an implementer of training courses under the ISA's Solar Technology Application Resource-Center (STAR-C) program the Solutions Center aims to harness worldwide expertise on solar finance, innovative policy options, photovoltaic technology advancements, and market insights for the benefit of member countries.

## CAPACITY BUILDING

In March 2018, the Government of Australia announced that the Solutions Center will develop and provide a free training program to build solar knowledge among ISA member governments. These targeted trainings consist of eight modules focused on building technical expertise, establishing solar policies, attracting project investors, and supporting grid integration and ongoing system operations.



Learners can easily and conveniently access the online training modules consisting of recorded presentations. In addition, a curated collection of resources, including reports, data, analysis, and tools are available to supplement the course materials. By participating in these capacity building trainings, ISA member countries can not only fine-tune clean energy strategies, but also promote effective stakeholder engagement and maximize equal gender opportunities.

The Solutions Center is proud to work with multiple partners to host the training modules, including:

- Exergia
- INES-Solaire
- E3 Analytics
- Factor
- International Energy Transition, and others.

## TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE

The Solutions Center will leverage its Ask an Expert (AaE) service to provide individualized support for ISA member governments. This no-cost service provides fast, reliable, and unbiased assistance using a network of over 60 global leaders on specific clean energy finance and policy topics.

Each request provides a country with access to 40 hours of remote expert assistance offering insights, guidance, and global best practices that can be used by the country to address their specific needs. AaE assistance is tailored to the requesting country's unique conditions, while also aligning with the ISA mission to harmonize strategies, aggregate demand, and mobilize investment for solar energy projects.

To request assistance, visit [cleanenergysolutions.org/expert](http://cleanenergysolutions.org/expert).

The Solutions Center has a globally recognized webinar program, which has hosted more than 280 webinars, training nearly 19,500 policymakers on clean energy policy and finance topics.

Ask an Expert has delivered no-cost assistance for more than 400 requests from 90 countries and counting.

