



*Ségolène Royal,
COP21 President*

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International Solar Alliance Statutes Signed:

*Ségolène Royal Proposes a New Program for the Specific Solar
Energy Needs of Small Islands*



Ségolène Royal and Shri Anil Madhav Dave, the Indian Minister for the Environment, Forest and Climate Change, today signed the Statutes of the International Solar Alliance with several countries from every continent. On this occasion, the COP21 President proposed to develop a new program catering for the special solar energy needs of small islands by making them self-sufficient in energy.

The International Solar Alliance is a joint initiative launched by the French President François Hollande and the Indian Prime Minister Narendra Modi on November 30, 2015, at the opening of the United Nations Climate Change Conference in Paris. Its aim is to change the scale of solar technology deployment and reduce its cost in the solar resource rich regions between the Tropic of Cancer and the Tropic of Capricorn by improving demand harmonisation and aggregation.

In Delhi on October 5, 2016, India and France submitted a draft set of flexible and agile Statutes directed towards these objectives to the Alliance's steering committee. **In the view of Ségolène Royal, the signature of these Statutes with several American, Asian and Pacific countries today represents "a major step forward in the implementation of the Paris Agreement, and it was very important for us that it took place at Marrakech, the action's COP."**

The Solar Alliance meets the needs of populations throughout the intertropical zone, particularly those of African countries. **It is in line with the African Renewable Energy Initiative, which Ségolène Royal made one of her**

priorities as the COP21 President: solar energy represents a large proportion of the 240 projects identified in the report on this Initiative.

The COP21 President also called on all intertropical countries to join the International Solar Alliance and so contribute together to the development of solar energy.

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