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## **NOTIFICATION**

### **by the Director-General of IRENA**

Sixteenth session of the IRENA Assembly and related meetings  
10 – 12 January 2026  
St. Regis Hotel, Saadiyat Island, Abu Dhabi, United Arab Emirates

The sixteenth session of the Assembly of the International Renewable Energy Agency (IRENA) and related meetings will be held in-person from 11 to 12 January 2026 in Abu Dhabi, United Arab Emirates, under the theme ‘Powering Humanity: Renewable Energy for Shared Prosperity’.

Marking the 6<sup>th</sup> World Energy Transition Day, the Assembly will commence its work on 11 January 2026 at 10.00 am, followed by a High-level Dialogue on Reimagining Energy Futures: Bold Visions for Shared Prosperity.

A number of strategic, administrative and institutional matters will be considered in the context of the Assembly session. Additionally, a series of Ministerial meetings and Plenary sessions, as well as stakeholder meetings and side events, will be held over the course of the Assembly, including on 10 January 2026, the day preceding the opening of the Assembly.

### **Ministerial and other High-level meetings**

During the sixteenth Assembly session, the following Ministerial and other High-level meetings will be convened:

- The High-level Dialogue on Reimagining Energy Futures: Bold Visions for Shared Prosperity will be held on Sunday, 11 January from 10.30 to 12.00.
- The Ministerial Roundtable on Geothermal Heat and Power: Building a Resilient Energy Backbone will be held on Sunday, 11 January from 14.45 to 16.15. \*
- The Ministerial Roundtable on Green Industrialization will be held on Sunday, 11 January from 16.30 to 18.00. \*
- The Ministerial Dialogue on the Role of Artificial Intelligence in Accelerating the Energy Transition will be held on Monday, 12 January from 10.00 to 11.30.
- The Interministerial Dialogue on Renewable Energy for Agri-Food Systems will be held on Monday, 12 January from 11.30 to 13.00.
- The High-level Panel on Advancing Sustainable Aviation Fuel through Partnerships and Finance will be held on Monday, 12 January from 14.30 to 16.00.

**\* To ensure timely planning, delegations are requested to confirm interventions by their Minister or Head of Delegation at the relevant Ministerial Roundtable(s) by sending her/his name and title to the Secretariat at [Assembly@irena.org](mailto:Assembly@irena.org), indicating in the subject line “IRENA 16th Assembly: Ministerial Roundtable on [title]”.**

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## Plenary sessions

As the supreme decision-making organ of IRENA, the Assembly will consider and discuss a number of programmatic and institutional matters relevant to the Agency's future work and direction.

### A. Strategic, Programmatic, Administrative and Institutional items

Members will have the opportunity to exchange experiences and best practices on national and global efforts towards a just and resilient energy future, and to provide guidance to the Agency's programmatic activities in this regard. Members will also consider a number of administrative and institutional matters.

Over the course of the Assembly, these sessions will cover the following items:

- Annual Report of the Director-General on the Implementation of the Work Programme and Budget for 2024-2025, including Work Programme Self-Assessment (2024-2025)
- Medium-term Strategy 2023-2027 – Mid-term evaluation
- Proposed Work Programme and Budget for 2026-2027
- General Member Statements
- Report of the Chair of the Council
- Administrative and Institutional matters
- Arrangements for the seventeenth session of the Assembly
- Any other mandates

### B. General Member Statements

Delegations wishing to share their national statements on experiences, priority actions and challenges related to the deployment of renewable energy, and exchange views on issues related to the energy transition in the coming decade and beyond, are invited to **register in the Speakers List** by sending a request noting the name and the title of the speaker to [Assembly@irena.org](mailto:Assembly@irena.org), indicating in the subject line “IRENA 16<sup>th</sup> Assembly: Speakers List”. The requests will be considered observing international protocol precedence and the principle of “first come, first served”.

A preliminary Speakers List based on requests received will be circulated prior to the opening of the sixteenth session of the Assembly.

Delegations are also invited to **submit written statements** to the Secretariat in advance of delivery. A template for written statements is available [at this link](#). Full official written statements will be made available to the Membership on the [REmember Portal](#) and included as part of the official records of the session.

In the interest of enhancing transparency and inclusiveness, open sessions and meetings of the Assembly will be live streamed on the IRENA website.

### C. Appointments and designations

Sixteenth Assembly President and Vice-Presidents: Pursuant to Article IX.E of the IRENA Statute and Rule 27 of the Rules of Procedure of the Assembly (RoP), the Assembly shall elect a President and four Vice-Presidents, having due regard to equitable geographical representation.

In accordance with Rule 28 of the RoP, at the beginning of each meeting of the Assembly, the Assembly shall confirm the designation made and elect a President and four Vice-Presidents from among its Membership. An update will be provided on this matter prior to the opening of the session.

Credentials Committee: In accordance with Rule 25 of the RoP, members of the Credentials Committee are to be appointed by the Assembly on the proposal of the President, at the start of the plenary session of the Assembly (item 2.c. of the provisional agenda).

Members wishing to serve on the Credentials Committee at the sixteenth session of the Assembly are invited to submit their expressions of interest to the Secretariat at [Secretariat@irena.org](mailto:Secretariat@irena.org) no later than **26 December 2025**.

Seventeenth Assembly President and Vice-Presidents: To facilitate advance planning for the seventeenth session of the Assembly in 2027, on 28 November 2025, Slovenia, as President of the fifteenth Assembly, invited expressions of interest for the positions of the President (the Asia and the Pacific Group) and the four Vice-Presidents of the seventeenth session of the Assembly, to be submitted to the Secretariat at [Secretariat@irena.org](mailto:Secretariat@irena.org) by **31 December 2025**.

Following updates on the expressions of interest received, the Assembly in January 2026 will be invited to designate the President and the four Vice-Presidents of its seventeenth session.

## Other meetings

On Saturday, 10 January 2026, a number of thematic and stakeholder meetings will allow for in-depth discussions on various aspects related to the energy transition between public, multilateral, private and civil society representatives:

- Pathways for a Renewable Future across Latin America and Caribbean subregions: Regional Energy Transition Outlook for South America
- 2026 IRENA Legislators and Regulators Forum – Rethinking the Framework: Powering the Renewable Energy Transition
- From Planning to Power: Energy Communities for Energy Transitions
- REPowering for Tripling: Advancing Wind Energy
- High-level Consultation Towards the Review of SDG7 at the HLPF 2026: Tripling Renewables in Support of the Agenda 2030 and Beyond
- Global Coalition for Energy Planning (GCEP) – From Planning to Investment: High-Level Policymakers and Finance Leaders Roundtable
- SIDS Ministerial – Investment Pathways, Regional Approaches and Partnerships for the Energy Transition
- Call to Action on Skilling for the Energy Transition
- Innovation Landscape for Sustainable Development Powered by Renewables
- High-Level Public-Private Dialogue – Key Enablers for the Energy Transition: Grids and Storage
- 2026 IRENA Youth Forum – Youth Innovation and Digital Solutions: From AI to Access in Renewable Energy
- Mobilising Finance for Clean Cooking

On the sidelines of the Assembly on 11 and 12 January 2026 as well as during the Pre-Assembly Day on 10 January 2026, a number of side events will be held for interested delegations:

- Enabling Synergies between Solar PV Projects and the Local Environment
- Africa's Regional Energy Transition Outlooks: Preliminary Insights and Regional Pathways
- High-Level Dialogue on Accelerating Electrification: Pathways for Renewables, Grids, and Industry
- Renewable energy auctions for risk mitigation and allocation
- Energy Transitions Across the Mediterranean
- Global Geothermal Alliance (GGA) Annual Meeting

### Assembly documentation

In an effort to implement paper smart procedures for IRENA's Governing Body meetings, the Secretariat will make all sessional documentation available electronically.

Documentation pertaining to the sixteenth session of the Assembly and related meetings, including the provisional agenda and Indicative schedule, are contained in this transmission and will also be made available on the IRENA Meeting Application and the Member portal '[Remember](#)', for Focal Points officially designated to IRENA.

Should you require access to '[Remember](#)', please contact [Remember@irena.org](mailto:Remember@irena.org).

### IRENA and the World Future Energy Summit

The sixteenth session of the Assembly will take place in parallel to the World Future Energy Summit (WFES), to be held from 13 to 15 January 2026.

IRENA will hold a number of events at the margins of the WFES at the Abu Dhabi National Exhibition Centre (ADNEC). Information on these events will be communicated separately.

### Credentials

All Members are requested to ensure that Credential Letters for their representatives at the sixteenth session of the Assembly, along with the names of the alternates and advisors constituting their delegation, are submitted to the Secretariat in a proper form and in a timely manner, in accordance with Rule 24 of the RoP.

Members are requested to submit an electronic copy of the Letter of Credentials for their representatives by email to [Credentials@irena.org](mailto:Credentials@irena.org) no later than **4 January 2026**. A sample form of Letter of Credentials that Members are encouraged to use is available [here](#). In accordance with Rule 24 of the RoP, the Letter of Credentials must be issued by a competent authority, which may be one of the following authorities:

- a) The Head of State; or
- b) The Head of Government; or
- c) The Minister of Foreign Affairs; or
- d) An official with full powers signed by the Head of State, the Head of Government or the Minister of Foreign Affairs, in which case the full powers should be submitted together with the Letter of Credentials.

Please be advised that in the event a government representative other than the Head of State, the Head of Government or the Minister of Foreign Affairs will participate in the sixteenth session of the Assembly, a Letter of Credentials must be submitted in accordance with the above requirements.

Any later change in the representation of a Member must be notified to the Secretariat through the appropriate diplomatic channel. In any such case, a new Letter of Credentials will be required for the new representative(s), a copy of which must be submitted by email to [Credentials@irena.org](mailto:Credentials@irena.org).

## Registration

Registration links have been sent to all IRENA Members, along with an Information Note on organisational arrangements.

In order to allow sufficient time for the preparation of logistical and related arrangements, delegations are kindly requested to register all delegation members at the earliest, by **4 January 2026**, through the registration links received.

For queries related to registration and organisational arrangements, please contact the Secretariat at [Assembly@irena.org](mailto:Assembly@irena.org).

## Visa arrangements

Delegates requiring a visa should contact [LiaisonandProtocolOffice@irena.org](mailto:LiaisonandProtocolOffice@irena.org). Please bear in mind that for visa requests received after **22 December 2025**, visa issuance cannot be guaranteed.

## Badges

Badges will be issued on 10-12 January 2026 from 08.00 to 17.00 in the registration area (Manhattan lounge) next to the main lobby of the venue, St. Regis Hotel, Saadiyat Island, Abu Dhabi.

## Arrangements for the seventeenth session of the Assembly

The seventeenth session of the Assembly will consider, amongst other issues, the election of the next Director-General of IRENA. To allow sufficient time for the consideration and arrangements of this key mandate, it is proposed that, as per previous practice, the number of days for the Assembly session (one day for Stakeholder meetings and two Assembly days) be extended for its seventeenth session in January 2027, to include one additional Assembly Day. This will facilitate the smooth conduct of the election of the next Director-General of IRENA, while ensuring the Assembly's consideration of its recurring strategic, programmatic and administrative issues.

The seventeenth session of the Assembly is tentatively proposed to be held on 9, 10 and 11 January 2027 in Abu Dhabi, United Arab Emirates, with related meetings held on 8 January 2027. The Assembly session will take place in parallel to the Abu Dhabi Sustainability Week (ADSW), including the World Future Energy Summit (WFES), which is scheduled to take place from 12 to 14 January 2027 at the Abu Dhabi National Exhibition Centre (ADNEC).