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# Global Solar Council Introduction and Membership

**Passion. Community. Progress.**



# Our Vision and Mission



## Mission

To **unite** the voice of the **solar PV industry worldwide** to lead the global energy transition

The world has reached **2TW+** of installed solar PV capacity, marking a historic milestone in the **global energy transition**.

## Vision

Create a fair and sustainable world with **solar** at the heart of a new energy economy

- Our Goal -  
**8TW** by 2030, requiring 1TW of new solar **each year**.



# GSC Board

Our Board of Directors represent every region of the world and are thought leaders in the global PV industry. All members, apart from the smallest company and association categories, can nominate candidates for the Board when vacancies become available.



**Rodrigo Sauaia**

**Chair**

CEO, Associação Brasileira de Energia Solar Fotovoltaica



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**Chair-Elect**

CEO, Smart Energy Council



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**Past Chair**

Director of Global Affairs, SolarPower Europe



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**Vice Chair**

Chairman, Asian Photovoltaic Industry Association



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**Board Member**

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**Board Member**

President, Syndicat des Energies Renouvelables



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**Board Member**

President, Bundesverband Solarwirtschaft



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**Board Member**

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Executive Director, Orisun Invest



**Yue Mi**

**Board Member**

Executive Chairman, New Energy Industry Association for Asia and the Pacific



**Winnie Wen**

**Board Member**

Vice President, GCL



**Eric Quiring**

**Board member**

Director Global Public Affairs at SMA Solar Technology, SMA Solar Technology AG



**David Renne**

**Treasurer**

Immediate Past President, International Solar Energy Society



**Gianni Chianetta**

**Secretary**

President, Greening the Islands Foundation



**Pia Alina Lange**

**Board Member**

EU Public Affairs & Policy Director, Trina Solar



**Abby Hopper**

**Board Member**

President and CEO, SEIA, Global Solar Council



**Dany Qian**

**Board Member**

Global Vice-President, Jinko Solar

# GSC Secretariat



**Sonia Dunlop**  
CEO

## GSC team



**Alyssa Pek**  
Strategy Director



**Erik Solheim**  
Global Ambassador



**Abdallah Alshamali**  
Senior Advisor



**Lennart van Walsum**  
Director EMEA & Americas



**Rita Ren**  
APAC Director



**Léo Echard**  
Policy Officer



**Anjali Lathigara**  
Head of Marketing Intelligence



**Naomi Kelechi Di Meo**  
Communications and Events Officer

## Locations





# Association & Corporate Members include



# Representing solar in key global alliances & diplomacy





# Global Solar Council Partners



## **Our Workstreams & Task Forces**

Sustainability  
Supply Chains  
Skills & Training  
Low-cost Finance  
Grid Management





# Our core functions



## POLICY & ADVOCACY

The GSC advocates for policies, regulations and energy strategies at the national and global level that can ensure the long-term growth and success of the solar PV industry to accelerate the energy transition while delivering local benefits.



## STANDARD SETTING

The GSC has world-class expertise in developing standards and best practices. We share this knowledge through reports, policy papers, events, workshops, and campaigns to build capacity with local associations, policymakers and other stakeholders.



## NETWORK BUILDING & CONNECTION

As a global organization, the GSC is uniquely positioned to bring together stakeholders to drive solar power growth. This includes B2B and B2G, to provide access to new markets and business partners.

**7 million  
solar jobs  
worldwide**

## **Skills & training Task Force**



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Global standardised training modules and skills certification as part of the Global Solar Training Standards Initiative.





# Grid, Storage and Flexibility Task Force

**3TW of  
renewables  
ready to  
build**

Working to address grid congestion,  
delay and integration challenges for solar and storage.



**Creating  
global  
dialogue and  
finding  
consensus**

## Supply Chain Workstream



Fair, transparent and open trade, to unlock target  
& deliver a low-cost, resilient, sustainable supply chain.



# Finance Workstream

**Reduce cost  
of capital  
from 15% to  
5%**

Working to lower the cost of capital  
for solar, especially in developing countries.

## **Membership** Benefits

## **Basic & Premium** Packages





# Membership Benefits | Connect to the Global Solar Industry

- **Exclusive industry connection** opportunities
- Participation in **GSC Task Forces**
- Annual **pre-COP Briefing** Webinar
- Free Participation in **GSC Webinars**
- **Access to Member Networking** Events
- Receive GSC email **Updates and Briefings**
- **Discounted Registrations** to Partner Events
- **Board** Candidacy Eligible - **Elections Voting Rights**
- Company Profile on the **Online Members Directory**
- Invitation to Receptions or **Events for Members Only**





## Premium Membership | Advantages Include

- Speaking opportunities and badges at **COP, NYCW and CEM**
- Be part of a **global platform for dialogue** on supply chain issues
- Seat on SteerCo of the **Global Solar Training Standards Initiative**
- **Special Discount** on any of the Sponsorship Packages **(from 5% to 15%)**
- Join B2G **government relations opportunities** (partnerships & speaking)
- Market Opening Missions, Study Tours and B2B and B2G **matchmaking events**
- **Introductions** to association partners and corporate members **for new markets**
- Right to ask the GSC for **specific research, case study and market intel** questions
- List your C-suite in the GSC's list for **mainstream media requests**



# Membership Discounts



## Networking Benefits

**25% discount** on Solar Media event tickets and  
**15% discount** on tickets for RE+ USA

## Responsible Player

Up to **40% discount** on Solar Stewardship Initiative membership

## Training Opportunities

Discount **of 25%** on [ARMSA Academy](#) solar training courses.

## Refer a friend scheme

**10% discount on GSC fees** for next year if you nominate a company or association who goes on to join the GSC (cumulable to 5 members / 50% off your fees)

*Many of these discounts are also available to the member companies of our association members.*





# Our value proposition Corporate Membership



## **Increase your visibility on the global stage**

Position your company as one of the leading solar companies in the global PV market. Get extra visibility and speaking opportunities at big solar PV trade fairs and climate conferences like COPs.



## **Shape GSC's work and priorities**

Help find global solutions within the industry to our global challenges of finance, grid, skills and supply chains. Start or get involved with workstreams on these topics.



## **Be an industry leader**

Be part of our efforts to win a 'positive global narrative' on solar in the media and in policy-making circles. Engage in thought leadership on the cutting edge of technology, supply chains and market analysis.



## **Build your global network**

Build a network of contacts and allies around the world to expand into new markets, through our Regional Groups on Africa, South East Asia and Latin America.





# ESG Benefits



## **Help promote the Solar Stewardship Initiative**

Show you are committed to global high ESG standards, be part of raising ESG standards across the industry. Receive a 40% discount on membership fees. Engage with MDBs and private investors this area.



## **Improve standards for the solar workforce**

Support efforts to support health and safety of solar workers, just transition, skills development and quality project build with the Solar Training Standards Initiative.



## **Bring down our solar carbon footprint**

Work with leading manufacturers, BNEF, Global Electronics Council and MDBs to improve and standardise the carbon footprint of modules and systems.



## **Strengthen our green credentials**

Improve solar co-benefits by promoting agrivoltaics, biodiversity and ensuring recycling schemes all over the world with PV Cycle. Support campaigns and create workstreams.



# Communications and visibility benefits



## **Strengthen your association**

New member announcement on GSC social media channels. Case studies and news stories on social media channels. Opportunities for speaking slots in webinars and in person events. Opportunities to speak to press and journalists.



## **Develop knowledge and best practices**

Logo, link to your website and description on GSC website. Opportunity to sponsor blogs or blog series on website. Inclusion of your logo on all GSC marketing materials



# Event Sponsorship Opportunities 2025



## Sponsorship opportunities: Drinks, Round Tables, Side Events & Workstream Topic Events, Reports, High Level Meetings, etc.

-  Intersolar India - Feb 2025
-  Intersolar Africa - Mar 2025
-  Berlin Energy Transition Dialogue - Mar 2025
-  Solar Power Summit - Mar 2025
-  Intersolar Europe (Board meeting) - May 2025
-  SNEC PV Power Expo (Board meeting) - Jun 2025
-  London Climate Action Week - Jun 2025
-  Intersolar South America - Aug 2025
-  New York Climate Week - Sep 2025
-  RE+ USA (Board meeting) - Sep 2025
-  Clean Energy Ministerial (G20) - Aug 2025
-  World Bank & IMF (AM) - Oct 2025
-  COP30, Belem, Brazil - Nov 2025





# Corporate Membership Categories

Category	Voting Rights	Board seats	Fees 2025	Updated 2026 Fees
<b>PREMIUM – VISIONARY</b>	10	Board candidacy	<b>\$79,000</b>	\$79,000
<b>PREMIUM – CHAMPION</b>	8	Board candidacy	<b>\$66,500</b>	\$66,500
<b>PREMIUM – LEADER</b>	6	Board candidacy	<b>\$57,000</b>	\$57,000
<b>BASIC – VERY LARGE</b> <i>&gt;1 billion USD turnover</i>	5	Board candidacy	<b>\$15,000</b>	\$33,900
<b>BASIC – LARGE</b> <i>&gt;100 million USD turnover</i>	4	Board candidacy	<b>\$15,000</b>	\$29,900
<b>BASIC – MEDIUM</b> <i>50-100 million USD turnover</i>	3	Board candidacy	<b>\$10,000</b>	\$22,900
<b>BASIC – SMALL</b> <i>10-50 million USD turnover</i>	2	Board candidacy	<b>\$5,000</b>	\$11,500
<b>BASIC – SME</b> <i>&lt;10 million USD turnover</i>	1	No	<b>\$2,500</b>	\$2,550



# Association Membership Categories

Category	Voting Rights	Board Seats	Task Forces	Annual Fees 2025/2026
<b>A-1</b> Leading National Solar Associations <i>&gt;10,000 MW installed in represented market</i>	5	Board candidacy	Yes	<b>US\$ 5,000</b>
<b>A-2</b> National Solar Energy Associations <i>&lt;10,000 MW installed in represented market</i>	2	Board candidacy	Yes	<b>US\$ 1,000</b>
<b>A-3</b> Leading Regional Solar Energy Associations <i>&gt;20,000 MW installed in represented market</i>	5	Board candidacy	Yes	<b>US\$ 5,000</b>
<b>A-4</b> Regional Solar Energy Associations <i>&lt;20,000 MW installed in represented market</i>	2	Board candidacy	Yes	<b>US\$ 2,000</b>
<b>A-5</b> LDC associations & Support Organizations <i>Not for profits and LDC national associations</i>	1	No	Yes	<b>US\$ 1,000</b>





## HOW TO JOIN?

Are you interested in joining the Global Solar Council and driving the solar revolution across the world? [Fill in the online form](#) or get in touch with us today to discuss how your organisation can become a member.

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