



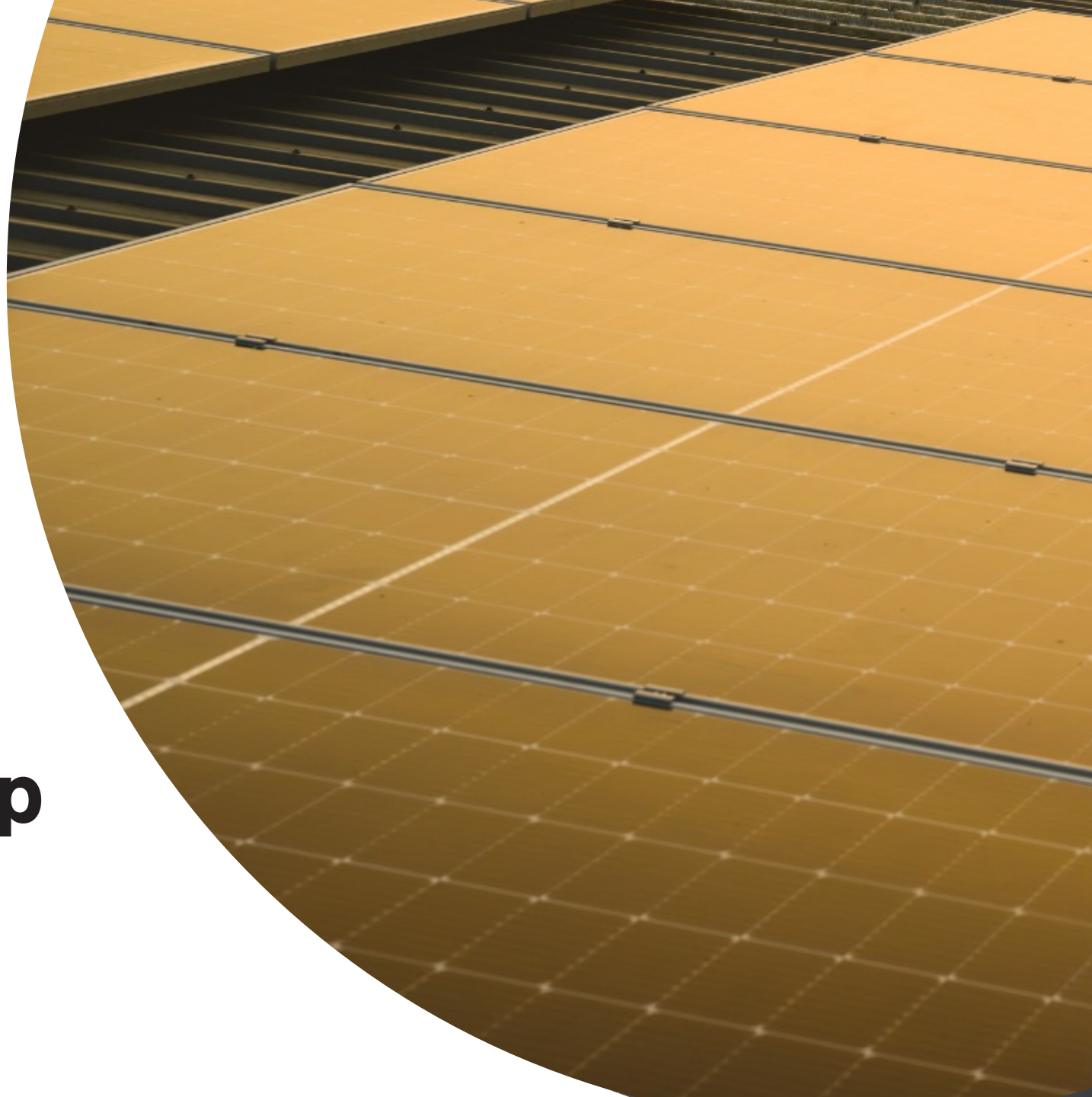
**GLOBAL SOLAR  
COUNCIL**

*Passion. Community. Progress.*

# About Global Solar Council Membership

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# Who we are

The Global Solar Council (GSC) was founded at COP21 Paris in 2015 to become the voice for the solar industry across the world. We unite every part of the solar value chain from manufacturing to project development and beyond, every region of the world and every market segment.

## Our Mission

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

## Our Vision

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



# Our members

The GSC works with a global network of industry associations, companies, international institutions, NGOs and more to accelerate the deployment of solar PV across the world. The GSC has now opened its membership to corporates to strengthen advocacy and action to scale up solar globally.





# Our Partners

The GSC works with partners who share our mission and vision for a more just and sustainable world powered by solar. From industry associations, corporations, international institutions, NGOs and other initiatives – we collaborate with our partners at the international level to scale-up solar globally



# GSC Secretariat

## Our Team



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## Our Locations



# 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**.





Thank you Global Solar Council for your work to accelerate solar power deployment globally. We need to triple global renewable energy capacity by 2030 together for climate, security and just transition.

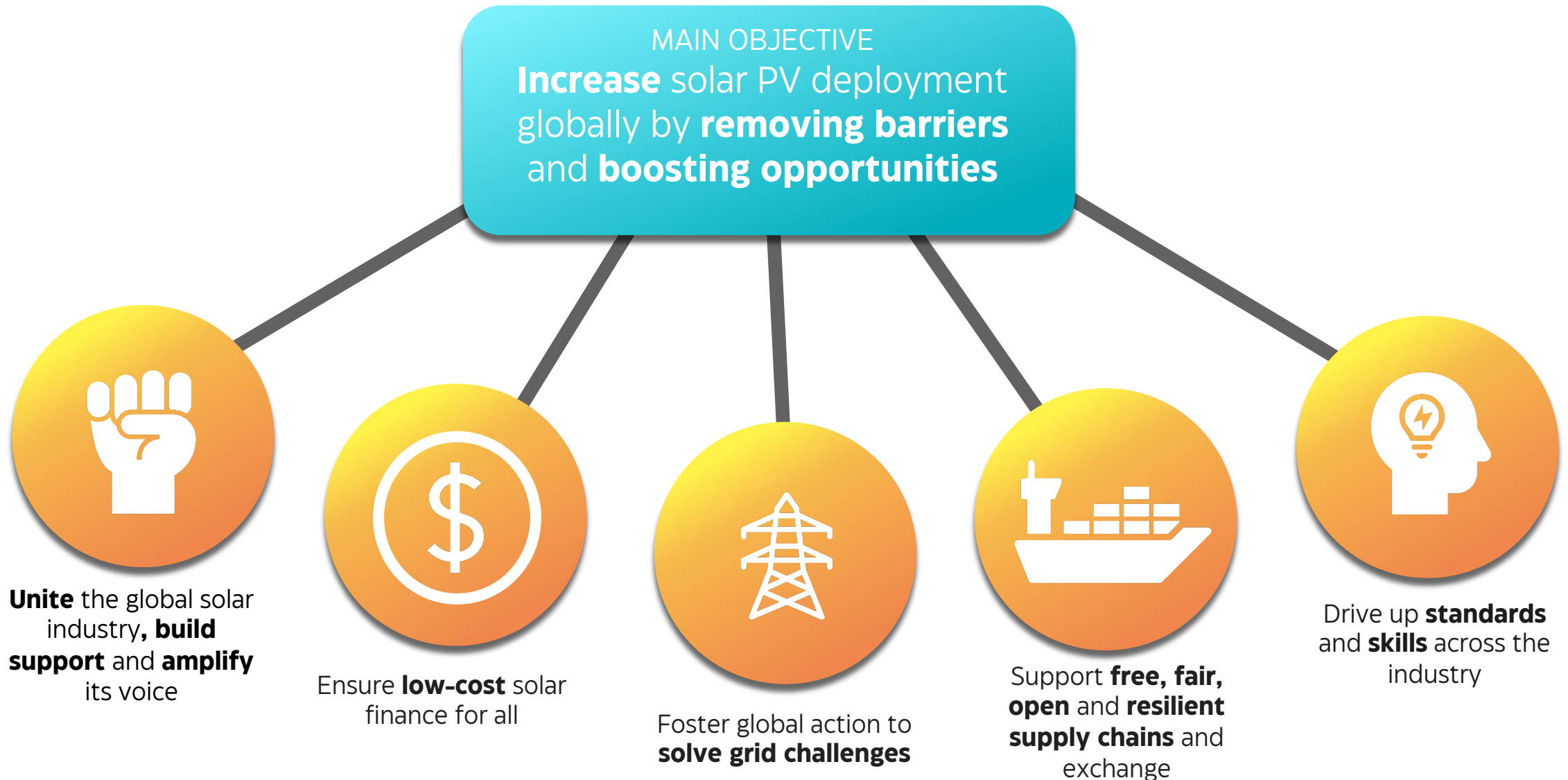
**Ms Ditte Juul Jørgensen, Director General, Energy,  
European Commission**



# Our Works



# Our Objectives



# Finance workstream

We work to lower the cost of capital for solar, especially in developing countries. We will engage with public and private banks to enhance bankability, to encourage corporate PPAs, and raise ESG standards.

## **Solar Finance Working Group**

We will bring together representatives at global level from the solar PV industry, private financial institutions and MDBs to address challenges in investing in solar.

## **Putting grid at the top of the agenda**

Potential COP30 grid commitment with GRA, GGI, RGI, Dii, OSOWOG and GEIDCO, best practice sharing, cyber and distributed RE grid in LDCs.



# Grid and storage workstream

We work to address grid congestion, delay and integration challenges for solar and storage. We promote the ability for solar and storage to support grid forming and provide high quality services to the grid.

## **Grid, Solar and Storage Report**

We will produce a report with best practices on grid forming and global policy asks. We will also address cyber risks and distributed and hybrid mini-grids in least developed countries.

## **Putting grid at the top of the agenda**

We will push for a COP30 grid commitment together with a coalition of GRA, GGI, RGI, Dii, OSOWOG and GEIDCO.



## Skills and training workstream

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

### **Reducing duplication**

We will cut transaction costs across the industry and reduce duplication by setting global standards for developers and EPCs, together with renewables training partner GWO.

### **Supporting just transition**

We will use our skills work to support just transitions and re-skilling initiatives all over the world





# Examples of our successes



**DOUBLE DOWN,  
TRIPLE UP.  
TIME 4 ACTION**

## GLOBAL TRIPLING TARGET

At COP28 Dubai, the GSC was part of the Double Down Triple Up campaign, resulting in the inclusion of tripling renewables in the final COP28 text. At COP29, the GSC will be an integral part of a global campaign to take action on the 3X renewables.



**ISO** INTERNATIONAL SOLAR ALLIANCE

## INTERNATIONAL SOLAR ALLIANCE

Engage with the intergovernmental alliance of 130 governments headquartered in Delhi working together to bring down the barriers to PV deployment in the Global South.



## GLOBAL MARKET OUTLOOK

The GSC has a strategic partnership with the Global Market Outlook report. Each year, the GSC contributes a special focus chapter on a global solar PV market, leveraging its global network and expertise.



## EMPOWERING PEOPLE WITH SOLAR PV

In order to represent the power of distributed solar at global level, the GSC launched the 'Empowering People with Solar PV' campaign and web portal to allow the comparison of policy frameworks for behind the meter solar around the world.



## SOLAR TRAINING STANDARDS INITIATIVE

The Global Solar Council is spearheading the Solar Training Standards Initiative. The program includes global standardised training modules and skills certifications and a global database of trained workers.



# Membership Benefits



# Our value proposition

## Corporate Membership



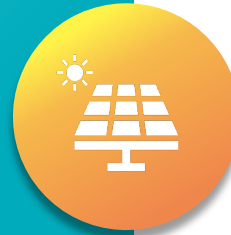
### Increase your visibility on the global stage

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.



# Our value proposition

## Association Membership



### Strengthen your association

Having access to GSC's global network can bring **additional value to your members** through increased visibility beyond your market, discounts for your members, opportunities to participate in delegations in events, and capacity building training.



### Develop knowledge and best practices

As a GSC Members, you can use our experts and community to share knowledge, market intelligence and best practices that can strengthen your work at the national or regional level.



### Increase international cooperation

International cooperation is critical to deliver the solar revolution at speed, scale and the highest-quality. GSC offers opportunities to strengthen international cooperation through our regional working groups, and being part of **international advocacy** around COPs, IRENA, IEA, G7, G20, CEM and ISA and other campaigns.



# Communications and visibility benefits

## **Social media and events**

- 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

## **Website**

- 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





# Becoming a GSC Members is a badge of quality for your company

At the Global Solar Council we are striving to ensure the highest ESG standards, high-quality projects and a sustainable and responsible industry.

- We are close partners of the **Solar Stewardship Initiative**.
- We have created the **Solar Training Standards Initiative** to increase quality standards and reduce health and safety incidents.
- We work with **PV Cycle** to promote end of life re-use and re-cycling schemes all over the world.

## Proud member of GSC

Add the **GSC Membership badge** to your website, your booths at trade exhibitions, your flyers and social media banners.

This will **boost your credibility** and **act as a quality mark** to show you are a committed member of the solar industry with a long-term outlook.



# Membership Discounts

## Networking Benefits

**25% discount** on Solar Media event tickets and further media opportunities with key trade press

## Responsible Player

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

## Training Opportunities

Discounts of **up to 25%** on solar training courses in pipeline.

## 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.*



# Membership Categories

## Corporate Members

Category	Voting Rights	Board seats	Task Forces and Workstreams	Annual fees
C-1: Leading Corporate Member >100 million USD turnover	2	Board Candidacy	Yes	\$15,000
C-2: Major Corporate Member 50-100 million USD turnover	1.5	Board Candidacy	Yes	\$10,000
C-3: Full Corporate Member 10-50 million USD turnover	1	Board Candidacy	Yes	\$5,000
C-4: Small Corporate Member <10 million USD turnover	0.5		Yes but cannot Chair a Task Force	\$2,500



# Membership Categories

## Association Members

Category	Voting Rights	Board Seats	Task Force & Committee Access	Annual Fees (USD)
A-1: Leading National Solar Associations >10,000 MW installed in represented market	2	Board Candidacy.	Yes	5000
A-2: National Solar Energy Associations +10,000 MW installed in represented market	1	Board Candidacy.	Yes	1000
A-3: Leading Regional Solar Energy Associations >20,000 MW installed in represented market	2	Board Candidacy.	Yes	5000
A-4: Regional Solar Energy Associations <20,000 MW installed in represented market	1	Board Candidacy.	Yes	2000
A-5: Support Organizations National Councils, Societies, and Academic Institutions	.5	Board Candidacy.	Yes	1000



# What do our members say about GSC?

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As a member of the Global Solar Council, we want to **contribute to the further acceleration** of solar deployment around the globe by **jointly working on unblocking development bottlenecks**, shaping global solar standards around topics such as carbon footprint, recyclability and product passports, and **promoting the vast advantages** of solar energy for people and the climate.

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Pia Alina Lange, EU Public Affairs & Policy Director,  
**Trina Solar**

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At JinkoSolar, we recognize the **transformative power of collaboration** in advancing solar energy worldwide. Joining the **GSC amplifies our dedication to advancing clean energy solutions**, fostering innovation and shaping policies for a cleaner and brighter future.

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Jing Qian, Vice President, **JinkoSolar**

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We are embarking on an **ambitious journey of international expansion** throughout Europe and beyond. Our decision to join the **GSC reinforces our commitment** to advancing sustainable energy solutions on a global scale. This partnership **provides us with an invaluable platform** to participate in critical technical, commercial and legal dialogues at an international level.

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Aymen Soufi, Strategic Director, **Suncontract**

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The growth of solar energy is unstoppable and will soon connect all sectors. Therefore, it is **necessary to engage in technical and political debates** on an international level today. We are excited to join **GSC as an important platform** to bring together relevant stakeholders from across the world to ensure solar can lead the energy transition.

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Eric Quiring, Director Global Public Affairs, **SMA Solar Technology**





The solar industry has the potential and the opportunity to be the driving force of the energy transition, and keep 1.5C within reach. We have to unite at global level and make that potential reality on the ground and on rooftops all over the world.

Sonia Dunlop, CEO, GSC



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## HOW TO JOIN

Are you interested in joining the Global Solar Council and driving the solar revolution across the world? Get in touch with us today to discuss how your organization can become a member.

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