




Palau Joins ISA

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Palau became the **76th** country to sign the **International Solar Alliance** framework agreement.

- Palau will host the **2020** edition of the '**Our Oceans conference**', (based on the concept of partnership - "big brothers working with small brothers to address sustainable development issues") which will focus on issues such as **climate change**, **sustainable fisheries** and **marine pollution**.
- The ISA was jointly launched by India and France at the **UN Climate Change Conference** in Paris on November 2015.
- The **First Assembly** of the ISA was held in New Delhi in 2018.



- Palau, is a country in the western Pacific Ocean that consists of coral and volcanic islands surrounded by single barrier reef.
- Palau lies in the southwest corner of Micronesia (country spread across the western Pacific Ocean comprising more than 600 islands), with New Guinea to the south, and the Philippines to the west.
- Its major populated islands are Babelthup (Babeldaob), Koror, Malakal, Arakabesan, and Peleliu.

- There is concern that the low-lying islands could be badly affected by rising sea levels possibly due to climate change.