



## Palau Joins ISA

Palau became the **76<sup>th</sup>** 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.



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- 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.