

PV Industry Note

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What are the Global Organizations in the Field of Solar Energy?

Highlights

- Collects information on global organizations in the solar energy field
- Examines each organization's activities and research, their target audience, and key contacts
- For a more comprehensive list of international organizations in this field, please consult the IEA-PVPS [links](#) page.

Section 1: International

International Solar Energy Society (ISES)

<http://www.ises.org>

Founded in 1954, this UN-accredited NGO is represented in more than 50 countries by member organizations. "The Society supports its members in the advancement of renewable energy technology, implementation and education all over the world." It does this primarily through its publications, conferences, projects, and membership. Their primary output includes their journal *Solar Energy*, research and conference papers, and position papers.



- *Relevant Publications:* *Solar Energy*
- *Target audience:* academics, consumers, and policymakers
- *Key Contacts:* D. Yogi Goswami, U.S.A. (President), Rian van Staden (Executive Officer/Director)

World Energy Council

<http://www.worldenergy.org>

This global organization promotes various forms of renewable energy, including solar. It is primarily concerned with conducting research and collecting data on the industry and publishing that information. They also promote information sharing through conferences and workshops and collaborating with other similar organizations. For a full list of its online publications, please consult [here](#).



- *Relevant Publications:* [Delivering Sustainability: Challenges And Opportunities For The Energy Industry](#); [Global Energy Report](#) (Official Publication of the 19th WEC Congress 2004); [Survey of Energy Resources 2001: Solar Energy](#);
- *Target audience:* policymakers, academics, industry participants,
- *Key Contacts:* Gerald Doucet (Secretary General), Jan Murray (Dep. Sec. General & Director of Studies)

World Council for Renewable Energy

<http://www.world-council-for-renewable-energy.org/>

The mission of this organization is to "bring renewable energy into the mainstream world economy and lifestyle." Its major activities are centered on providing information so as to better understand this field, organizing events such as the World Energy Forum, and promoting renewable energies through the policy process. Finally, it seeks to create a network of people and organizations in the renewable energy field.



- *Relevant Publications:* [Renewable Energy and the City](#); [Problems and Perspectives of Rural Electrification](#) (presented at the PV-Hybrid and Mini-Grid Conference)
- *Target audience:* policymakers, advocates, academics
- *Key Contacts:* Dr. Hermann Scheer (General Chairman)

Section 2: North America

American Solar Energy Society (ASES)

<http://www.ases.org/>

A member of the International Solar Energy Society, ASES is a national organization dedicated to advancing the use of solar energy for the benefit of U.S. citizens and the global environment. The organization's activities include publishing journals and newsletters, organizing roundtable discussions in Washington, DC, and the National Solar Energy Conference. It has several divisions around the country to bring members together.



- *Relevant Publications:* [Solar Today](#); [Common Sense](#); [Making the Transition to a Sustainable Energy Economy](#)
- *Target audience:* academics, consumers, policymakers, advocates
- *Key Contacts:* Thomas Starrs (Chair, Exec. Committee)

Clean Edge

<http://www.cleandge.com/>



A “research and strategy firm that helps companies, investors, governments, and nonprofits understand and profit from emerging clean-energy markets.” As part of their services, Clean Edge provides useful industry research reports that inform of the opportunities within the industry. They also sponsor conferences and other information events.

- *Relevant Publications:* [Solar High-Impact National Energy \(SHINE\) Project Report](#); [Solar Opportunities Assessment Report](#)
- *Target Audience:* industry participants, policymakers, nonprofits
- *Key Contacts:* Ron Pernick (co-founder and principal), Joel Makower (co-founder and principal), Clint Wilder (contributing editor)

Greenpeace

<http://www.greenpeace.org/>

This nonprofit organization works in 40 countries to promote environmental issues, such as climate change, oceans, forests, and nuclear weapons. In carrying out its mission, Greenpeace uses “research, lobbying, and quiet diplomacy to pursue goals, as well as high-profile, non-violent conflict to raise the level and quality of public debate.” They produce research reports on a range of topics relating to these issues.



- *Relevant Publications:* [Solar Generation](#)
- *Target Audience:* advocates, policymakers
- *Key Contacts:* Gerd Leipold, (Executive Director)

Solarbuzz

<http://www.solarbuzz.com/>



This solar energy research and consulting company provides industry reports and consulting services to some of the largest PV companies in the world. The company's primary focus is on photovoltaics and providing a high profile to companies in this field. They are also disseminators of news about the industry's activities.

- *Relevant Publications:* [QBuzz](#) (quarterly World PV market report), [MarketBuzz](#) (Annual World PV market report), [NBuzz](#) (weekly email newsletter that summarizes solar energy news of the week), [Industry Reports](#)
- *Target audience:* industry participants

Solar Electric Power Association

<http://www.solarelectricpower.org/>



This association is a collaboration of utilities, energy service providers, government agencies, educational institutions, research organizations and the photovoltaic industry. SEPA works to “establish standards for photovoltaic systems and their interconnection to the utility grid, hosts cross-industry workshops, and manages educational and outreach campaigns.” The association publishes data on the industry and facilitates networking in the industry through meetings and conferences (notably the Annual Solar Power Conference and Expo).

- *Relevant Publications:* [Solar Power Solutions Showcase Projects Final Report](#) (addresses the barriers to the commercialization of PV technologies)
- *Target audience:* industry participants, consumers, policymakers
- *Key Contacts:* Jeff Serfass (General Manager)

Solar Energy Industries Association (SEIA)

<http://www.seia.org/>



SEIA is the national trade association of solar energy manufacturers, dealers, distributors, contractors, installers, architects, consultants, and marketers. The aim of the association is to promote solar technologies in the global marketplace. SEIA provides the latest industry news, as well as informing the general public of the incentives of solar power.

- *Relevant Publications:* [News Releases](#)
- *Target audience:* industry participants, consumers
- *Key Contacts:* Rhone Resch (Executive Director), Chris O'Brien, Sharp Solar (Chairman of the Board)

Section 3: Europe

European Photovoltaic Industry Association



<http://www.epia.org/>

This industry association of renewable energy companies and research organizations devoted to the solar electricity market aims to promote photovoltaics at the national, European and worldwide levels. Furthermore, it aims to assist its members in the development of their businesses in both the European Union and in export markets. Their activities include publishing data and papers, lobbying on behalf of the PV industry, and hosting conferences.

- *Relevant Publications:* [Statistics on PV in Europe](#); [World PV Production](#); [EPIA Roadmap](#) (presents the European PV Industry priorities); [Position Paper On A Feed-In Tariff For Photovoltaic Solar Electricity](#); [Solar Generation Report](#)
- *Target audience:* industry stakeholders, policymakers, advocates
- *Key Contacts:* Dr. Murray Cameron, Phönix SonnenStrom (President), Dr. Winfried Hoffmann, RWE Schott Solar (Vice-President)

Germany:

Eurosolar



<http://www.eurosolar.org/>

EUROSOLAR develops political and economic plans of action and concepts, including legal frameworks, for the introduction of renewable energies. This membership-based organization provides political, scientific, technological, and industrial expertise. It does so through its publications (books, magazines, conference proceedings) and conferences (notably the World Renewable Energy Assembly).

- *Relevant Publications:* [Action Plan for the Global Proliferation of Renewable Energy](#); [Speeches & Presentations from the 2004 World Renewable Energy Forum](#)
- *Target audience:* researchers, policymakers, industry participants
- *Key Contacts:* Dr. Hermann Scheer (President), Irm Pontenagel (Managing Director)

Netherlands:

Free Energy Foundation- Netherlands



<http://www.freeenergyfoundation.org/>

The goal of this organization is to use entrepreneurship for the benefit of the world's poorest in the field of energy. Specifically, the Foundation "supports the development of commercial market channels" in these countries.

- *Relevant Publications:* [Solar Entrepreneur](#);
- *Target audience:* consumers, advocates, entrepreneurs
- *Key Contacts:* Frank van der Vleuten

Slovenia:

PV Resources.com



<http://www.pvresources.com/>

This website was developed as a resource about the perspectives of solar energy. It is designed to be a domain where information on photovoltaic technologies and its applications can be found, and a gateway to more information. It covers solar cell production and operation, the theory behind solar cell operation, solar cell models, PV applications, the economics and environmental impact of solar energy, a glossary of related terms and links to other related sites providing further information.

- *Relevant Publications:* [World's largest PV power plants](#)
- *Target audience:* advocates, consumers
- *Key Contacts:* Denis Lenardic

United Kingdom:

British Photovoltaic Association



<http://www.greenenergy.org.uk/>

This trade association of the PV industry was formed in 1991 to promote the use of PV in the UK, as well as in other regions of the world. In addition to providing information to consumers about how to buy and set up PV systems, they also provide updates on news and events related to the PV industry.

- *Relevant Publications:* [News and Press Releases](#), [PV Reports](#)
- *Target audience:* industry participants, policymakers, academics, consumers
- *Key Contacts:* Bernard McNelis, Chairman

Section 4: Asia

China:

China New Energy Network

<http://www.newenergy.org.cn/>



This organization is a “non-profit professional information network system constructed by Guangzhou Institute of Energy Conversion, Chinese Academy of Sciences, under the direction of State Ministry of Science & Technology, State Economic & Trade Commission and Chinese Academy of Sciences jointly.” The network collects information and organizes it into databases that are searchable for various renewable energies, including solar energy.

- *Target Relevant Publications:* [Solar energy page](#); [Solar Energy Photovoltaic Technology](#);
- *audience:* policymakers, academics

Chinese Renewable Energy Industries Association

<http://www.creia.net/>

This association (a venture between regulatory authorities and industry) was set up in 2000 to assist the development of renewable energies in China. It works on policy analysis in the field, outreach & education, and market development & regulation. Its mission is to become a key driver of this field in China.



- *Relevant Publications:* [Policy page](#); [Regulations Page](#); [Solar page](#)
- *Target audience:* industry participants, policymakers, academics
- *Key Contacts:* Zhu Junsheng (Director), Li Junfeng (Deputy Director), Luo Zhentao, China Country Energy Industry Association (Solar division), Yin Zhiqiang, Tsinghua University Electron Department (Solar division)

Japan:

National Energy and Industrial Technology Development Organization (NEDO)

<http://www.nedo.go.jp/english/>



Established by the Japanese government in 1980, NEDO's primary mission is to promote the development of new energy technology. Its activities are currently focused on Industrial Technology Research and Development, New Energy, Energy Conservation and Environmental Technologies, and International Cooperation Projects.

- *Relevant Publications:* [Ensuring the Future with Solar and Wind Energy](#); [Solar energy project page](#);
- *Target audience:* industry participants, academics, policymakers
- *Key Contacts:* Tsutomu Makino (Chairman)

New Energy Foundation

<http://www.nef.or.jp/english/>



The mission of the Foundation is to promote energy conservation along with the development and use of renewable energy sources. It carries out this mission through “surveys, research, introduction, and spreading of new energy.” They also create policy proposals that represent the interests of private sector in the government's new/renewable energy technology development programs and introduction schemes.

- *Relevant Publications:* [Present State of New Energy Introduction](#) (including solar energy);
- *Target audience:* industry participants, policymakers,
- *Key Contacts:* Kosuke Yamamoto (Chairman)

India:

Indian Renewable Energy Development Association

<http://www.iredaltd.com/>



The mission of this association, established under the Indian Ministry for Non-Conventional Energy Sources is “to operate a revolving fund for promotion, development and commercialization of New and Renewable Sources of Energy (NRSE), to assist in upgrading of technologies, and to extend financial support to Energy Efficiency & Conservation projects and schemes.”

- *Relevant Publications:* [The Bulletin on Energy Efficiency](#)
- *Target audience:* industry participants, policymakers, advocates
- *Key Contacts:* Shri A. M. Gokhale (Chairman), Shri D. Majumdar (Managing Director & Technical Director)

The Energy and Resources Institute (TERI)

<http://www.teriin.org/>



Founded in 1974, TERI is devoted to the field of sustainable development, particularly in India. Its activities focus on devising local and national solutions that can then have a broader, global application. TERI hosts the annual [Delhi Sustainable Development Summit](#) and produces publications ranging from research reports to an updated newswire.

- *Relevant Publications:* [Research Journals](#); [Teri Energy Data Directory & Yearbook](#), [Solar Energy Development in India](#) (published in *Solar Energy*)
- *Target audience:* advocates, academics, policymakers
- *Key Contacts:* R K Pachauri (Director-General), Leena Srivastava Ph.D. & Vibha Dhawan Ph.D. (Executive Directors)

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