

United Nations Economic and Social Council grants Special Consultative Status to India's NSEFI

A big recognition of the Country's growing prowess in Renewable space

New Delhi, 19th June 2023: National Solar Energy Federation of India (NSEFI) today announced that it has been granted special consultative status by United Nations Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC). Consultative status with ECOSOC empowers NSEFI to actively engage with ECOSOC, its subsidiary bodies, the Human Rights Council, select meetings of the General Assembly and other intergovernmental bodies, and the United Nations Secretariat. This status opens new avenues for collaboration and advocacy, allowing us to contribute more effectively to global sustainable development efforts.

Mr. Deepak Gupta, IAS (Retd) the Director General, of NSEFI, expressed his delight at the organization's achievement, stating, "Obtaining the United Nations ECOSOC NGO special consultative status is a significant milestone for NSEFI. This recognition underscores our commitment to sustainable development and renewable energy initiatives. We look forward to actively contributing to the economic and social discourse and collaborating with other stakeholders to address global challenges."

Some of the key benefits of consultative status for the Indian RE industry include:

NSEFI now has the privilege to appoint official representatives who can actively participate in various sessions, events, conferences, and activities held at the United Nations Headquarters in New York, Geneva and Vienna. Furthermore, with the consultative status NSEFI is eligible to attend public meetings of ECOSOC, and other subsidiary bodies namely the Human Rights Council, the General Assembly and other intergovernmental bodies. NSEFI is also empowered to engage in consultations with ECOSOC, its subsidiary bodies, and commissions. The Commissions may even request NSEFI to conduct studies, investigations and prepare papers. With NSEFI's special consultative status it can access multiple United Nations facilities, enabling it to participate in meetings, organize side events, and foster connections with other stakeholders. These developments provide NSEFI with enhanced opportunities to contribute and strengthen its engagement within the United Nations community.

With this special status, NSEFI is delighted to serve as the representative of India's dynamic solar landscape on a global platform. As India assumes an increasingly influential role in global decision-making arenas, NSEFI's new international status represents a significant milestone for

the country's solar industry. This recognition opens doors for greater collaboration, facilitating NSEFI's active participation in shaping global initiatives and policies related to clean energy. It reinforces our commitment to advancing solar energy adoption and sustainable development not only within India but also beyond its borders. NSEFI eagerly looks forward to leveraging this elevated position to accelerate the global transition towards clean and renewable energy sources, contributing to a greener and more sustainable future.

About NSEFI:

NSEFI, India's solar policy advocacy body, has made remarkable strides in advancing the country's solar energy sector. Representing a wide array of solar companies, NSEFI has played a key role in making solar energy affordable in India within a decade. NSEFI has contributed to achieving India's ambitious national targets of 100 GW of solar power by 2022 and a renewable target of 450 GW by 2030. These efforts have positioned India as the 5th largest country in terms of installed solar capacity. NSEFI actively collaborates with government stakeholders, providing valuable input on policies related to utility-scale, rooftop, manufacturing, microgrids, and more. The organization's membership has grown significantly, encompassing 142 members and representing nearly 95% of India's solar market. NSEFI's advocacy efforts have led to transformative reforms, including reverse bidding, net metering, and the production-linked incentive scheme. Furthermore, NSEFI has established a global presence by co-founding the Global Solar Council and participating in international initiatives such as the IRENA Coalition for Action. The organization's strategic partnerships with various countries further enhances its influence and facilitate knowledge exchange. NSEFI's commitment to promoting sustainable solar energy and its impactful contributions both domestically and globally solidify its position as a driving force in India's solar industry.

About ECOSOC:

The United Nations Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC), one of the UN's six main agencies, acts as a focal point for debating and coordinating global economic, social, and environmental concerns. ECOSOC, which is made up of 54 member nations chosen by the UN General Assembly, is crucial in developing policies, advancing sustainable development, and fostering international collaboration to meet major challenges. Regular meetings of the

ECOSOC are held, including its annual substantive session, where member states, NGOs, and other stakeholders come together to discuss and offer recommendations on a range of important economic and social issues. In order to advance development in a number of areas, including education, health, human rights, poverty eradication, and sustainable development, ECOSOC concentrates on particular issues and conducts in-depth studies, policy analyses, and coordination efforts through its subsidiary bodies, such as commissions, committees, and working groups. The UN Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC) is a key player in establishing the global development agenda and advancing inclusive and equitable growth through fostering dialogue, fostering partnerships, and providing policymaking direction.

For media inquiries, please contact:

Catherine Leon

Policy Associate, NSEFI

Catherine@nsefi.in