



GSC Launches Technology & Innovation Forum at Eilat-Eilot Renewable and Clean Energy Conference

Dan Eilat, Israel – November 29, 2016: Today, the Global Solar Council (GSC) launched the GSC Technology & Innovation Forum (GSC T&I Forum) at the Eilat-Eilot Renewable and Clean Energy Conference in Dan Eilat, Israel. The event featured a high-level panel discussion and joint networking reception sponsored by Eilat-Eilot Energy, the Green Energy Association of Israel and the Global Solar Council. The event was conducted in participation with the International Renewable Energy Agency (IRENA).

“Solar energy will become the world’s main source of electricity and, for the sake of climate change mitigation, the sooner the better,” said Eitan Parnass, GSC Secretary and Director General of the Green Energy Association of Israel. “Our goal in creating the GSC Technology & Innovation Forum is to accelerate solar innovation and breakthrough technologies by strengthening the ties between the solar industry, innovation, and finance communities as well as the government sector, including IRENA.”

“IRENA welcomes the initiative of the GSC to focus more on technology innovation. The private sector has a key role to play in broadening the field of applications, reducing technology costs even further and reshaping the power system to facilitate more rapid solar deployment and growth,” said Dolf Gielen, Director of Innovation and Technology at IRENA. Mr. Gielen moderated the panel session *Solar PV Energy – Innovation for the Next Stage of Expansion*, which included:

Dr. Gideon Friedman, Head of Renewable Energy Division, Chief Scientist Office,
Ministry of National Infrastructure, Energy and Water Resources
José María Blasco Ruiz, Economic & Commercial Counselor, Economic &
Commercial Office, Embassy of Spain in Israel
Dr. Philipp Ulbrich, Vice President Innovation Scouting and Co-Investments, E.ON
SE
Emily Rochon, Global Energy Strategist, Greenpeace International
Dr. Harold Wiener, Founder & General Partner, Terra Venture Capital
Avishai Drori, CEO SolAround

“We greatly appreciate the support of IRENA and such a distinguished group of panelists at this inaugural GSC Technology & Innovation Forum,” said Bruce Douglas, GSC Chairman and Chief Operating Officer of SolarPower Europe. “This annual event will serve as the principal international forum for public-private collaboration on accelerating solar technologies.”



About Global Solar Council - The Global Solar Council is an international organization founded in 2015 to coordinate the efforts of the world's solar energy associations. Its goal is to champion the rapid and wide-scale adoption of solar energy through cooperation, education, and training.

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