

International Renewable Energy Agency (IRENA)

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Why in News?

India reaffirmed its commitment to a just and inclusive global energy transition at the 16th annual IRENA Assembly (2026).

- It is an **intergovernmental organization**, founded in 2009, supports countries in their transition to a sustainable energy future.
- It serves as the principal platform for international cooperation, a centre of excellence, and a repository of policy, technology, resource and financial knowledge on renewable energy.
- **Headquarters** - Abu Dhabi, United Arab Emirates (UAE).
- **Membership** - Presently, IRENA has **171 Members (170 Countries and the European Union)**.
- **India is also one of the founder members** of IRENA.
- **Objectives** - Promote the adoption and sustainable use of renewable energy worldwide.
- Support countries in energy transition, climate mitigation, and energy security.
- Provide policy advice, technology analysis, and capacity building.
- **Key Areas of Work**
 - Renewable energy policy frameworks
 - Energy transition roadmaps
 - Climate change and sustainable development
 - Investment and finance in renewables
 - Data, statistics, and global renewable energy outlooks
- **India & IRENA**
 - **India** is an active member and collaborates on renewable energy deployment and policy support
 - IRENA complements India's leadership in global renewable initiatives like the International Solar Alliance (ISA).

- **Key highlights of IRENA Assembly (2026)** - It is presided over by the Dominican Republic, Vice Presidents from Kenya, Solomon Islands, Spain, and Antigua and Barbuda.
 - **Held in** - Abu Dhabi, UAE.
 - **Theme** - “Powering Humanity: Renewable Energy for Shared Prosperity.”
- India reaffirmed its strong commitment to a just, equitable, affordable and sustainable global energy transition.

Reference

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