

**INDIA, COP 22 PRESIDENCY DISCUSS ENHANCED CO-OPERATION;
INDIA’S LEAD ROLE IN STITCHING TOGETHER ISA FRAMEWORK
APPRECIATED AT COP 22**

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Minister of State (Independent Charge) of Environment, Forest and Climate Change, Mr. Anil Madhav Dave, met the COP 22 President Mr Salaheddine Mezouar, on the sidelines of the ongoing COP 22 at Bab Ighli, here on Monday. The cordial meeting saw the two leaders discussing a wide range of issues, which will be coming up for consideration over the next few days of the annual climate conference being held from 07th -18th November 2016.

Mr Dave told the COP President that India believes that all future actions must be firmly rooted in Climate Justice and issues like adopting sustainable lifestyle and Common But Differentiated Responsibilities (CBDR) will remain central to India’s course of action. He also proposed to the President COP, that in his capacity as the head of the current Climate Summit, a Call from Marrakesh will be a good sign for streamlining actions envisioned by the global community.

Welcoming the Indian Minister with a warm embrace, Mr Mezouar appreciated the initiative the country has taken in stitching together a formidable International Solar Alliance, which will be open to signing from 15th November 2016. He also expressed his desire to further enhance the co-operation between India and Morocco, especially in the renewable energy sector, so that energy becomes affordable for the poor and vulnerable population of the two countries.

The two leaders also discussed enhancing South-South Co-operation among others issues during the meeting.

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