



# 1<sup>st</sup> GLOBAL SOLAR FORUM

*The launch of the Global Solar Academy*

10-12 November, 2011

Évora, PORTUGAL

## What is the Global Solar Forum?

- The Global Solar Forum is a very ambitious project aiming to be recognized as the “Davos for Solar Energy and Development”
- It will be a high-level conference to be held on a yearly basis in Évora, Portugal
- The Global Solar Forum will be the corollary of the Global Solar Academy’s activities
- It will be the venue for all stakeholders of the Global Solar Academy for sharing experiences, project insights, generating advocacy, presenting results and networking

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- The Global Solar Academy will be an integration vehicle and global networking platform for solar knowledge and development issues
- The GSA will aggregate a wide ranging variety of stakeholders determined to alleviate poverty through the implementation of integrated solar technology solutions
- Stakeholders will include Universities, Think-tanks, Knowledge Institutes, Non-Governmental Organizations, Governmental bodies, Community-Based Organizations, Financial Institutions and Investment Funds, International Development Agencies, Private Sector Corporations and Foundations

## Who is hosting the event?

- Global Solar Academy: Sun Aid, IDEAAS, SELF joint-venture

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## Who will be attending the 1<sup>st</sup> Global Solar Forum?

- Attendance is by invitation and include some of the world’s high level entities with recognized alignment and track record in the field of development and solar energy
- Invitations will be sent to executive members of the following institutions:
  - African Development Bank, Aga Khan Foundation, Ashoka, AusAID, AVINA, BID, Canopus Foundation, EDP, Emirates Foundation, Ford Foundation, Fundação Calouste Gulbenkian, Grameen Bank, Grameen Shakti, GVEP, IDEAL, IFAD, IPAD, IUCN, Lemelson Foundation, REEEP, Rockefeller Foundation, SCHWAB Foundation, SELCO, Synergos, UNDP, UNEP, UNHCR, UNIDO, United Nations Foundation, Universidade de Évora, USAID, World Bank

## When will it happen?

- The 1st Global Solar Forum will start with a welcome dinner on Thursday the 10th of November and conclude on Saturday afternoon the 12th of November
- Please do confirm your presence to [info@sunaid.org.pt](mailto:info@sunaid.org.pt) no later than the 5th of September

## Support to participants and general information

- Participants will be supported with free accommodation and meals during the conference days and a touristic tour
- Transport to and from the venue site will have to be supported by participants
- There will be a touristic tour in the Alentejo region and a concert by the wind and percussion orchestra os “filarmonica palmelense, os loureiros”
- In the next few weeks, further information and full program details will be made available to you