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At a workshop in Tunis, SolarPower Europe's Emerging Markets Task Force issued a new report detailing the significant solar investment opportunities in Tunisia. The report provides a snapshot of Tunisia's business environment, macroeconomic trends, and issues related to the country's credit and political risk. At the workshop, SolarPower Europe also signed a Memorandum of Understanding with the Tunisian Solar Installers' Association (Chambre Syndicale du Photovoltaïque, CSPV).

Ali Kanzari, President of CSPV, said: "Solar resources in Tunisia are abundant. Combined with the proximity between Tunisia and southern Europe (180km), it makes a clear case for Tunisia to become a major provider of solar electricity for the European continent. This interconnection with Europe is no longer a fiction and should be accomplished by 2027. This will help the EU achieve its climate-neutrality goal, as well as give Tunisia access to Europe's electricity spot market, which will support national demand during peak hours."

Antoine Poussard, Managing Partner MENA Region at Finergreen, said: "After a few years of strong commitment and support from the government, the Plan Solaire Tunisien is becoming a reality at a large scale, making Tunisia a strong renewable player in North Africa. The country managed to attract the best tariffs in all of Africa from prime global players on its concession auctions. The focus is now on successfully developing a market of mid-size projects to attract stakeholders (fund providers, developers, EPC contractors) from all over the world."

SolarPowerEurope, together with the Tunisian Ministry for Industry, National Agency for Energy (ANME), the Tunisian Energy Utility (STEG), the German development cooperation (GIZ) and CSPV, also launched the Tunisian edition of the "Operation and Maintenance Best Practice Guidelines".

SolarPower Europe's Emerging Markets Task Force identifies business and cooperation opportunities in emerging markets outside of Europe, with the aim of contributing to energy transitions around the world. The report on Tunisia is the seventh in a series of market reports - previous reports cover Mozambique, Senegal, Ivory Coast, Myanmar, Kazakhstan, and India. (HCN)

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