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Preface

In light of the role played by fossil fuels in global warming and climate change and the increasing demand for energy, renewable industries must address the need for sustainable electricity and buildings, especially within the field of photovoltaics. Presently, investment in renewable energy is double that of the investment in coal and gas according to UN sources. With this in mind, this volume brings together a number of distinguished authors to make the case for photovoltaics as one of the most effective electricity generators among all the renewable energy producers.

The book is aimed at national and regional policy makers as well as environmentalists. It will be of interest to electricity producers, researchers, building technologists, and postgraduate students in science and engineering. Photovoltaic developers and manufacturers will find this book gives them a view of the industry as it stands at the present time and where its future lies.

It is hoped that this book will encourage the building and construction industries to adopt the concept of photovoltaic cells and panels as a building material which contributes not only to a building's fabric but also to its source of electricity supply.

The book is structured to take the reader from the recent history of photovoltaics development through to modern concepts and applications.

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