

THE INDO-PACIFIC REGIONAL DIALOGUE: 2018 EDITION

DRAFT PROGRAMME (AS ON 28 DECEMBER 2017)

Monday, 26 February 2018		
Time	Activity	Remarks
1900-2130	Ice Breaker Cocktails & Dinner (By Invitation)	Venue: Naval Officers' Mess Annexe (NOMA), Kotah House, Shahjahan Road, New Delhi 110011
Tuesday, 27 February 2018		
0900-0930	Registration	Light Refreshments
Inaugural Session		
0930-0945	Welcome Address	Admiral RK Dhowan , PVSM, AVSM, YSM, IN (Retd) Chairman, National Maritime Foundation, New Delhi
0940-1000	Opening Address	Admiral Sunil Lanba , PVSM, AVSM, ADC, Chief of the Naval Staff & Chairman, Joint Chiefs of Staff Committee, New Delhi
1000-1015	Special Address	Guest of Honour (TBC)
1015-1045	Keynote Address	Chief Guest (TBC)
1045-1115	Tea Break	1045-1050: Group Photograph (By Invitation)
Session 1: Regional Economic Overview		
1115-1140	Review of Progress wrt "Blue Economy"	Captain (Dr) Gurpreet S Khurana , IN Executive Director, National Maritime Foundation, New Delhi
Panel Discussion 1: "Maritime Merchandise Trade: Patterns and Trajectory of Growth, Vulnerabilities and Mitigation Options: Part 1"		
1140-1145	Opening Remarks	Chairperson: Anup Wadhawan , Additional Secretary, Dept of Commerce, Min of Commerce & Industry, Government of India
1145-1210	Implications of the Maritime Trade-dependence of India, China and Japan	Dr Zeng Xiangyu Associate Professor, Institute of South Asian Studies, Sichuan University, China
1210-1235	Implications of oil-imports of India, China and Japan	Vice Admiral Pradeep Chauhan , AVSM & Bar, VSM, IN (Retd), Director, National Maritime Foundation, New Delhi
1235-1300	Implications of the Maritime Trade-dependence of Singapore, Vietnam and Indonesia	Ms Lee YingHui Senior Analyst, S Rajaratnam School of International Studies, Singapore
1310-1330	Q&A Session / Audience Interaction	
1330-1340	Concluding Remarks	Chairperson: Anup Wadhawan , Additional Secretary, Dept of Commerce, Min of Commerce & Industry, Government of India
1340-1345	Distribution of mementoes to Speakers and Chairperson	

1345-1430	Working Lunch	Manekshaw Centre
Tuesday, 27 February 2018 (Continued)		
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Session 2: Regional Economic Overview (Part 2)		
Panel Discussion 2: “Maritime Merchandise Trade: Pattern and Trajectory of Growth, Vulnerabilities and Mitigation Option: Part 2”		
1430-1435	Opening Remarks	Chairperson: Mr Anil Devli , Chief Executive Officer, Indian National Ship-owners Association, Mumbai
1435-1500	Implications of the Maritime Trade-dependence of Bangladesh, Myanmar and Sri Lanka	Admiral Jayanath Colombage, RSV, VSV, USP, Sri Lanka Navy (Retd) , Director, Pathfinder Foundation, Sri Lanka
1500-1525	Implications of the Maritime Trade-dependence of West Asia and North Africa	Commodore Mohammad Raza Khan, AVSM, IN (Retd) Independent Strategic Analyst, New Delhi
1525-1550	Implications of Maritime Trade-dependence of East Africa and IOR Island States	TBC
1550-1620	Q&A Session / Audience Interaction	
1620-1630	Concluding Remarks	Chairperson: Mr Anil Devli , Chief Executive Officer, Indian National Ship-owners Association, Mumbai
1630-1635	Distribution of mementoes to Speakers and Chairperson	
1635-1700	Breather	Tea/ Coffee & Light Refreshments
Session 3: Geopolitical Challenges & Opportunities		
Panel Discussion 3: Regional Structures and Connectivity: Challenges and Opportunities		
1700-1705	Opening Remarks	Chairperson (TBC)
1705-1730	China’s Port-development : Opportunities and Challenges	Dr Zhu Cuiping , Executive Director, RIIO
1730-1755	Connectivity-Models in the Indo-Pacific: An Indian Perspective	Dr Jabin Jacob , Institute of Chinese Studies, New Delhi
1755-1820	Review and Way ahead wrt IOR Regional Structures: IOP and IONS	Captain Michael McArthur, RAN , Director, Sea Power Centre -Australia
1820-1850	Q&A Session / Audience Interaction	
1850-1900	Concluding Remarks	Chairperson (TBC)
1900-1905	Distribution of mementoes to Speakers and Chairperson	
1930-2130	Cocktails and Conference Dinner (By Invitation)	Manekshaw Centre

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Session 4: Regional Security Challenges and Opportunities		
Panel Discussion 4: “Non-Traditional Security Challenges & Opportunities”		
1030-1040	Opening Remarks	Chairperson: Hideshi Tokuchi , Senior Fellow, Visiting Professor, National Defense Academy, Japan
1040-1105	The Challenges of Surveillance	Rear Admiral Sanjay Jit Singh, NM Assistant Chief of the Naval Staff (Communications, Space and Network Centric Operations), IHQ MoD, New Delhi
1105-1130	The Challenges of Digitization of the Maritime Domain	Dr Eric V Thompson , Vice President & Director, CNA Strategic Studies (TBC)
1130-1155	The Challenges of Cyber Malevolence	Anand Naik Co-CEO & Founding Director, Sequarek IT Solutions Pvt Ltd, Mumbai
1155-1220	Q&A Session / Audience Interaction	
1220-1230	Concluding Remarks	Chairperson: Hideshi Tokuchi , Senior Fellow, Visiting Professor, National Defense Academy, Japan
1230-1235	Distribution of mementoes to Speakers and Chairperson	
1235-1330	Working Lunch	Manekshaw Centre
Session 5: Industry in Maritime Security		
Panel Discussion 5: “The Role and Potential of Industry in Holistic Maritime Security”		
1330-1335	Opening Remarks	Chairperson: Vice Admiral Dinesh Mukund Deshpande , Controller of Warship Production & Acquisition, IHQ MoD, New Delhi
1335-1400	‘Make-in-India’ and ‘Make-for-India’ Options for Holistic Maritime Security	Mr Chandrajit Banerjee , Director General, Chamber of Indian Industries (CII), New Delhi
1400-1425	MSMEs in Maritime Security: Present Contribution and Future Potential	Mr. Vivek Pandit , Assistant Secretary General, FICCI, New Delhi
1425-1450	Private Industry in Maritime Security: Present Contribution and Future Potential	Mr Jayant D Patil , Sr Executive VP & Whole Time Director – Defence, Larsen & Toubro [L&T], Mumbai
1450-1515	Q&A Session / Audience Interaction	
1515-1525	Concluding Remarks	Chairperson: Vice Admiral Dinesh Mukund Deshpande , Controller of Warship Production & Acquisition, IHQ MoD, New Delhi
1525-1530	Distribution of mementoes to Speakers and Chairperson	
1530-1555	Wind-down	Tea/ Coffee & Light Refreshments

Valedictory Session		
1555-1615	Summing Up	VAdm Pradeep Chauhan (Retd), Director, NMF
1615-1645	Valedictory Address	(TBC)
1645-1650	Presentation of Memento to Valedictory Speaker	
1650-1700	Vote of Thanks	Rear Admiral Dhiren Vig, Assistant Chief of the Naval Staff (Foreign Cooperation & Intelligence), IHQ MoD (Navy)