

Conference Program

Venue: Institute for Defence Studies and Analyses (IDSA) Auditorium,
Development Enclave, New Delhi

Day 1 (09 Feb 2017)

0900 – 0930: Registration and Tea

Inaugural Session

0935 – 0940: Welcome Address, Admiral RK Dhowan (Retd), Chairman, NMF

0940 – 0950: Opening Address, Admiral Sunil Lanba, Chief of the Naval Staff and Chairman
Chiefs of Staff Committee

0950 – 1000: Special Address by the Guest of Honour, Shri Rajiv Pratap Rudy, Union Minister of
State, Skill Development and Entrepreneurship (Independent Charge)

1000 – 1010: Keynote Address by the Chief Guest, Shri Nitin Gadkari, Union Minister, Road
Transport & Highways and Minister of Shipping

1010 – 1015: Release of Books

1015 – 1020: Group Photograph

1015 – 1045: Tea

Session 1: Blue Economy and Sustainable Development (1045 – 1230)

Chair: Mr Chris Elstoft, Australian Deputy Head of Mission to India

Paper 1: Blue Economy and Sustainable Development Goals – Aligned and Mutually Reinforcing
Concepts

Cdr (Dr) Kapil Narula, Research Fellow, NMF, India

Paper 2: Institutions and Mechanisms for International Cooperation on Blue Economy

Dr Wang Hanling, Director, National Centre for Ocean Affairs, CASS, China

Paper 3: Challenges of Developing the Ocean Economy from a SIDS Perspective

Prof Romeela Mohee, Former Vice Chancellor, University of Mauritius, Mauritius

Lunch: 1230 – 1330

Session 2: Habitat Protection and Ocean Ecology (1330 – 1500)

Chair: Mr Ravi Singh, CEO and Secretary General, WWF (India)

Paper 4: Role of Fisheries, Aquaculture and Management of Fish Stocks

Rear Admiral (Retd) Md. Khurshed Alam, BN, Secretary Maritime Affairs Unit, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Bangladesh

Paper 5: Implementing Blue Economy in the Western Indian Ocean: Marine Protected Areas and Integrated Coastal Management in Seychelles

Dr Nirmal Jivan Shah, Chief Executive, Nature Seychelles, Seychelles

Paper 6: Marine Spatial Planning and Ocean Ecology: Prospects and Lessons for the Indian Ocean

Ms M Imali U Manikarachchi, Lecturer, Ocean University of Sri Lanka, Sri Lanka

1500 – 1530: Tea

Session 3: Ocean Governance and Marine Resources (1530 – 1700)

Chair: Mr HP Rajan, Deputy Director (Retd), Division for Ocean Affairs and LoS, United Nations

Paper 7: Maritime Regimes: Legal Limitations and Implementation Gaps

Prof Brijmohan Dimri, Dean, School of Law, IMS Unison University, India

Paper 8: Role of Marine Energy in Tropical Waters to Support Regional Growth and Energy Needs

Dr Narasimalu Srikanth, Program Director (Wind and Marine), Energy Research Institute, NTU, Singapore

Paper 9: Deep Seabed Mining and Blue Economy in the Indian Ocean

Prof GS Roonwal, Honorary Visiting Professor, Inter University Accelerator Center, India

Day 2 (10 Feb 2017)

Session 4: Maritime Security, Industry and Administration (0930 – 1100)

Chair: Vice Admiral Satish Soni (Retd), Former Flag Officer Commanding-in-Chief Eastern and Southern Naval Commands

Paper 10: Maritime Security as an Enabler for Blue Economy

IG S Paramesh, Deputy Director General (Operations & Coastal Security), Indian Coast Guard, India

Paper 11: Marine Leisure Industry and Infrastructure

Mr Sujay Chohan, Co-founder, Ocean Blue Boating Pvt. Ltd., India

Paper 12: Streamlining Maritime Administration for Providing Sustainable Services

Vice Admiral Pradeep Chauhan (Retd), Strategic Analyst and Consultant, India

Tea: 1100 – 1130

Session 5: Enablers of Blue Economy (1130 – 1300)

Chair: Dr Jitendra Nath Misra, IFS (Retd), Former Indian Ambassador to Portugal

Paper 13: Planning and Financing Blue Economy

Dr P Sekhar, Chairman, Micro Tech Global Foundation, India

Paper 14: Technology and its Role in Enhancing the Blue Economy

Dr MA Atmanand, Sc 'G', Former Director, NIOT, India

Paper 15: Role of Entrepreneurs and Start-ups in the Marine Industry – Enabling Through a 'Maritime Cluster' Approach

Dr (Capt) S. Bhardwaj, Resident Director & Principal, MASSA Maritime Academy, India

Valedictory Session

1300 – 1310: Concluding Remarks, Dr Vijay Sakhuja, Director, NMF

1310 – 1325: Valedictory Address by the Chief Guest, Shri Amitabh Kant, CEO, NITI Aayog

1325 – 1330: Book Release

1330 – 1335: Vote of Thanks, Capt (Dr) Gurpreet S. Khurana, Executive Director, NMF

Lunch: On completion