

**The Future of Humanitarian Assistance and Disaster Relief(HADR): Co-operations
in the Indo-Pacific**

Tuesday, 12th December 2023

Venue: Ashoka Auditorium, Manekshaw Centre

Time (IST)	Event	Speaker
OPENING SESSION 0855-0930 (35 min)		
0855-0900 (5 min)	Welcoming Remarks	Ms Divya Rai Programme Executive, National Maritime Foundation (NMF), India
0900-0915 (15 min)	Keynote Address	Vice Admiral Pradeep Chauhan Director-General, National Maritime Foundation (NMF)
0915-0930 (15 min)	Keynote Address	Vice Admiral Emmanuel Slaars Commander of the French Joint Forces in the Indian Ocean

SESSION I 0930-1100 (90 MIN)		
THE GEOPOLITICS OF HADR: HADR AS AN INSTRUMENT OF GLOBAL STRATEGIC COMPETITION		
0930-0945 (15 min)	Expert Input	Dr Frédéric Grare Senior Researcher, National Security College, Australian National University
0945-1000 (15 min)	Expert Input	Vice Admiral Pradeep Chauhan Director-General, National Maritime Foundation (NMF)
1000-1015 (15 min)	Expert Input	Dr Lina Gong Research Fellow, Humanitarian Assistance and Disaster Relief Programme, S Rajaratnam School of International Studies (RSIS)
1015-1100 (45 min)	Interactive Session	Moderator: Dr Méliissa Levaillant Senior Policy Fellow, European Council on Foreign Relations (ECFR)

1100-1130 (30 min)	Tea Break
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SESSION II 1130-1300 (90 min) EXISTING REGIONAL MECHANISMS AND THEIR PERFORMANCE		
1130-1145 (15 min)	Expert Input	Captain KS Vikramaditya Senior Research Fellow, National Maritime Foundation (NMF)
1145-1200 (15 min)	Expert Input	Mr Tim Hall First Secretary (Maritime), Australian High Commission, New Delhi
1200-1215 (15 min)	Expert Input	Dr Jonatan Lassa Senior Lecturer, Humanitarian, Emergency and Disaster Management Studies, Charles Darwin University, Australia
1215-1300 (45 min)	Interactive Session	Mr Thibault Fournol Research Fellow, Foundation for Strategic Research (FRS), France

1300-1400 (60 mins)	Group Photo followed by Lunch
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SESSION III 1400-1530 (90 min) THE CHALLENGES OF HADR CAPACITY-BUILDING AND CAPABILITY ENHANCEMENT IN THE INDO-PACIFIC		
1400-1415 (15 min)	Expert Input	Mr Ronny Matatiken Maritime Expert & Project Representative for CRIMARIO in Kenya, Mauritius, South Africa and Tanzania
1415-1430 (15 min)	Expert Input	Captain Sarabjeet Parmar Distinguished Fellow, United Service Institution of India & Former Executive Director, NMF
1430-1445 (15 min)	Expert Input	Ms Darshana Baruah Fellow, South Asia Program, Carnegie Endowment for International Peace, India
1445-1530 (45 min)	Interactive Session	Moderator: Mrs Manisha Reuter Asia Programme Manager, European Council on Foreign Relations (ECFR)

1530-1600 (30 min)	Tea
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SESSION IV 1600-1730 (90 min) THE WAY FORWARD: IMPROVING HADR GOVERNANCE IN THE INDO-PACIFIC

1600-1615 (15 min)	Expert Input	Dr Shreya Upadhyay Deputy Director (Hon.), Kalinga Institute of Indo-Pacific Studies, India
1615-1630 (15 min)	Expert Input	Mr Nidhirat Srisirirojanakorn Humanitarian Affairs Analyst, Regional Office for Asia and the Pacific, UN Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs (OCHA), Thailand
1630-1645 (15 min)	Expert Input	Dr Sreejith Sugunan Project Officer, Centre for Humanitarian Dialogue (HD), Singapore
1645-1730 (45 min)	Interactive Session	Moderator: Commodore Debesh Lahiri, IN Executive Director, National Maritime Foundation (NMF)

CLOSING SESSION 1730-1750 (20 min)		
1730-1740 (10 min)	Concluding Remarks	Vice Admiral Pradeep Chauhan Director-General, National Maritime Foundation (NMF)
1740-1750 (10 min)	Concluding Remarks	Vice Admiral Emmanuel Slaars Commander of the French Joint Forces in the Indian Ocean