

2024 Edition of the Indo-Pacific Regional Dialogue (IPRD-2024)
MANEKSHAW CENTRE, NEW DELHI
03rd, 04th, and 05th October 2024

“RESOURCE GEOPOLITICS AND SECURITY IN THE INDO-PACIFIC”

PROGRAMME

DAY ONE (Thursday, 03 October 2024)		
0900-0940 (40 min)	Tea and Registration	
PROFESSIONAL SESSION ONE		
0940-0945 (05 min)	Introductory Remarks by the EMCEE	Ms Priyasha Dixit, Research Associate, National Maritime Foundation
0945-0950 (05 min)	Welcome Remarks	Vice Admiral Pradeep Chauhan, AVSM & Bar, VSM (Retd) Director-General, NMF
0950-1005 (15 min)	Inaugural Address	Admiral Karambir Singh, PVSM, AVSM (Retd) Chairman NMF and Former Chief of the Naval Staff
1005-1020 (15 min)	Special Address	Ambassador Kanwal Sibal Chancellor, Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi
1020-1025 (05 min)	Book Release: “Eastern Segment of the Indo-Pacific: Maritime Power-play”	Former Foreign Secretary of India
1025-1035 (10 min)	Moderator’s Remarks	Dr Vishwapati Trivedi, IAS (Retd) Former Chairman, National Shipping Board Former Chairman, Inland Waterways Authority of India Former Secretary to the Government of India in the Ministry of Ports, Shipping, and Waterways, and the Ministry of Mines Member, NMF Governing Council
1035-1055 (20 min)	“Contemporary and Assessed Future Contours of Sino-Malaysian Resource-Geopolitics”	Dr (Ms) Sumathy Permal Head, Centre for Maritime Security and Diplomacy & Coastal and Marine Environment (MSD), Maritime Institute of Malaysia (MIMA), Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia
1055-1115 (20 min)	“Philippine Imperatives amidst the Resource Scramble in the Indo-Pacific”	Professor (Dr) Renato Cruz De Castro Distinguished Professor, International Studies Department, De La Salle University, Manila, Philippines
1115-1135 (20 min)	“Singapore: Navigating the Currents and Eddies of Resource-Geopolitics in the Indo-Pacific”	Ms Jane Git Yin CHAN Senior Research Fellow and Coordinator, Maritime Security Programme, Institute of Defence and Strategic Studies (IDSS), S Rajaratnam School of International Studies (RSiS), Singapore
1135-1155 (20 min)	“Resource-Geopolitics as a Current and Future Driver of Indonesia’s Maritime Security”	Dr (Ms) Shafiah F Muhibat Deputy Executive Director for Research, Centre for Strategic and International Studies (CSIS) Jakarta, Indonesia
1155-1215 (20 min)	“Maritime Resource-Geopolitics in East Asia: Opportunities for India and South Korea”	Dr Wongi Choe Professor and Head, Centre for ASEAN-India Studies, Korea National Diplomatic Academy, Republic of Korea
1215-1245 (30 min)	Audience Interaction	Dr Vishwapati Trivedi, IAS (Retd) Former Chairman, National Shipping Board
1245-1300 (15 min)	Moderator’s Summation	Former Chairman, Inland Waterways Authority of India Former Secretary to the Government of India in the Ministry of Ports, Shipping, and Waterways, and the Ministry of Mines Member, NMF Governing Council
1300-1400 (60 min)	LUNCH	

SPECIAL SESSION		
1400-1405 (05 min)	Introductory Remarks by the EMCEE	Ms Priyasha Dixit , Research Associate, National Maritime Foundation
1405-1505 (60 min)	<i>"Chanpal ki Charcha"</i>	Vice Admiral Pradeep Chauhan , AVSM & Bar, VSM (Retd) Director-General, NMF <i>in conversation with</i> His Excellency Mr Philip Green , OAM High Commissioner of Australia to India His Excellency Mr Hervé Delphin Delegation of the European Union to India and Bhutan Her Excellency Ms Ina Hagniningtyas Krisnamurthi Ambassador of Indonesia to India and Bhutan Mr Damien Syed Deputy Chief of Mission <i>and</i> Officiating Ambassador of France to India
1505-1530 (25 min)	Audience Interaction	Moderated by Vice Admiral Pradeep Chauhan , AVSM & Bar, VSM (Retd), Director-General, NMF
1530-1600 (30 min)	End-of-Day Tea	
1600-1730 (90 min)	<i>Meeting of the Maritime Research Working Group (MRWG) [By Invitation]</i> <i>[chaired by Captain Sean Andrews, RAN]</i> <i>Venue: TALWAR Hall, Manekshaw Centre</i>	

DAY TWO (04 October 2024)		
0830-0905 (35 min)	Tea and Registration	
PROFESSIONAL SESSION TWO		
0905-0910 (05 min)	Introductory Remarks by the EMCEE	Ms Priyasha Dixit , Research Associate, National Maritime Foundation
0910-0925 (15 min)	Special Address	Prof (Dr) Christian Bueger , Professor of International Relations, Department of Political Science, University of Copenhagen, Denmark
0925-0930 (05 min)	Book Release: <i>“India’s Blue Economy Transition”</i>	
0930-0940 (10 min)	Moderator’s Introductory Remarks	Admiral Sunil Lanba , PVSM, AVSM (Retd) <i>Former Chairman Chiefs of Staff Committee</i> <i>Former Chief of the Naval Staff</i>
0940-1000 (20 min)	<i>“Security of the Maritime Transportation of Energy: Meaningful Japanese-India Maritime Cooperative Options”</i>	Prof Hideshi Tokuchi President, Research Institute for Peace and Security (RIPS)
1000-1020 (20 min)	<i>“US Perspective on the “State-of-Play” of Resource-Geopolitics in South- and West Asia”</i>	Mr Jeffrey Payne Manager of Academic Affairs, Near East and South Asia (NESA) Centre, Washington, DC, USA
1020-1040 (20 min)	<i>“Managing Competitive Resource-Geopolitics — India-UK Collaborative Options”</i>	Professor Alessio Patalano Professor of War & Strategy in East Asia, Co-director, Centre for Grand Strategy (CGS), KCL Director, Indo-Pacific Programme, Department of War Studies, King's College London
1040-1100 (20 min)	<i>“Germany’s Approach to Resource-Geopolitics in the Indo-Pacific”</i>	Dr Gudrun Wacker Senior Fellow, Asia Division, <i>Stiftung Wissenschaft und Politik (SWP)</i> , [German Institute for International and Security Affairs], Berlin, Germany
1100-1120 (20 min)	<i>“French Geopolitics in the Search for New-Age Resources of the Seabed”</i>	Ms Marianne Peron-Doise Research Associate and Director, Indo-Pacific Observatory The French Institute for International and Strategic Affairs (IRIS) Paris, France
1120-1150 (30 min)	Audience Interaction	Admiral Sunil Lanba , PVSM, AVSM (Retd) <i>Former Chairman Chiefs of Staff Committee</i> <i>Former Chief of the Naval Staff</i>
1150-1200 (10 min)	Moderator’s Summation	
1200-1250 (50 min)	LUNCH	

PROFESSIONAL SESSION THREE		
1250-1255 (05 min)	Introductory Remarks by the EMCEE	Ms Priyasha Dixit , Research Associate, National Maritime Foundation
1255-1310 (15 min)	Special Address	Vice Admiral G Ashok Kumar , PVSM, AVSM, VSM (Retd) National Maritime Security Coordinator, Government of India
1310-1315 (05 min)	Book Release <i>"Negotiating the Western segment of the Indo-Pacific: Maritime Power-play"</i>	
1315-1325 (10 min)	Moderator's Introductory Remarks	Vice Admiral K Swaminathan , AVSM, VSM Vice Chief of the Naval Staff
1325-1345 (20 min)	<i>"Contemporary Maritime Impacts of the 2024 'Critical Minerals bubble-burst': Identifying New Maritime Opportunities"</i>	Mr Mahadevan Shankar Core Committee Member, Current and Strategic Affairs Forum
1345-1405 (20 min)	<i>"Geopolitical Impact of Great and Middle Powers upon Sri Lanka's transition to Blue Economy"</i>	Admiral Jayantha Perera (Retd), RWP, VSV, USP, ndu, psc <i>Former Commander of the Sri Lanka Navy</i>
1405-1425 (20 min)	<i>"Derisking Maritime Supply Chains within the Indo-Pacific"</i>	Dr (Ms) Eva Pejsova Japan Chair at the Centre for Security, Diplomacy and Strategy (CSDS) of the Brussels School of Governance (BSOG-VUB)
1425-1445 (20 min)	<i>Resource Exploration Challenges in the Indo-Pacific Geopolitical Milieu: Artificial Intelligence, Generative Intelligence, and Quantum Based Solutions</i>	Mr Atul Tripathi Consultant Big Data and Artificial Intelligence <i>Former adviser in the PMO and NSCS</i>

1445-1505 (20 min)	<i>"Extra-regional Resource-driven Geopolitics in the South Pacific"</i>	Ambassador Peter Ilau, Commodore (Retd) MQM, DMS, CBE <i>Former CDF, Papua New Guinea Defence Force (PNGDF)</i> <i>Former Ambassador of PNG to Indonesia</i>
1505-1535 (30 min)	Audience Interaction	Vice Admiral K Swaminathan , AVSM, VSM Vice Chief of the Naval Staff Naval Headquarters, New Delhi
1535-1550 (15 min)	Moderator's Summation	

1550-1600 (10 min)	Preparation for the COMMEMORATIVE SESSION	
1600	<i>Hon’ble Raksha Mantri arrives at the Manekshaw Centre</i>	
COMMEMORATIVE SESSION		
1600-1605 (05 min)	Introductory Remarks by the EMCEE	Ms Priyasha Dixit, Research Associate, National Maritime Foundation
1605	<i>Hon’ble Raksha Mantri</i> arrives on stage	Accompanied by CNS, and Chairman, NMF,
1605-1610 (05 min)	Special Address	Admiral Dinesh K Tripathi, PVSM, AVSM, NM Chief of the Naval Staff
1610-1615 (05 min)	Book Release by Hon’ble RM: <i>“Maritime India: Temporal and Spatial Continuum”</i>	Shri Rajnath Singh
1615-1635 (20 min)	Commemorative Address	Hon’ble <i>Raksha Mantri</i> (Union Defence Minister) Government of India
1635-1640 (05 min)	Special Address	Admiral Karambir Singh, PVSM, AVSM (Retd) <i>Chairman NMF and Former Chief of the Naval Staff</i>
1640-1645 (05 min)	Group Photograph	General Upendra Dwivedi, PVSM, AVSM Chief of the Army Staff <i>and</i> Air Chief Marshal Amar Preet Singh, PVSM, AVSM Chief of the Air Staff
1650	<i>Hon’ble Raksha Mantri departs Manekshaw Centre</i>	} join dignitaries on stage
1650-1700 (10 min)	Group photograph	
		CNS with all Speakers and Moderators [on Stage]

1700-1730 (30 min)	End-of-Day Tea	
1930-2130	Conference Dinner, hosted by the Chief of the Naval Staff: By Invitation Venue: Lawns of <i>Varuna</i> Naval Officers' Mess	

DAY THREE (Saturday, 05 October 2024)		
0915-1000 (45 min)	Tea and Registration	
PROFESSIONAL SESSION FOUR		
1000-1005 (05 min)	Introductory Remarks by the EMCEE	Ms Priyasha Dixit , Research Associate, National Maritime Foundation
1005-1020 (15 min)	Special Address	General Anil Chauhan , PVSM, UYSM, AVSM, SM, VSM Chief of Defence Staff <i>and</i> Secretary, Department of Military Affairs, Government of India
1020-1025 (05 min)	Book Release: “ <i>Bangladesh: Voyage of the Nation State</i> ” and “ <i>Maritime Affairs Journal</i> ”	
1025-1035 (10 min)	Moderator’s Introductory Remarks	Mr Deepak Shetty , IRS (Retd) <i>Former Secretary to the Government of India & Director General of Shipping</i> , Senior Adviser (India), Maritime Anti-Corruption Network (MACN)
1035-1055 (20 min)	“ <i>Maritime Resource-Geopolitics and Security off Southern and Eastern Africa: Opportunities for South Africa</i> ”	Mr Timothy Walker , Senior Researcher and Maritime Project Leader, Institute for Security Studies, Pretoria, South Africa
1055-1115 (20 min)	“ <i>Resource-Geopolitics in West Asia as a Driver of the Yemen Crisis</i> ”	Captain Sean Andrews , RAN National Security College (NSC), Australian National University (ANU)
1115-1135 (20 min)	“ <i>Resource Geopolitics and Security of the Eastern Mediterranean</i> ”	Rear Admiral (Prof) Shaul Chorev , IsrNavy (Retd) Head, Institute for Maritime Policy & Strategy (MPS), Israeli National Centre of Blue Economy and Innovation, Haifa, Israel
1135-1155 (20 min)	“ <i>Offshore Natural Gas as a Driver for Tanzania’s Geopolitics</i> ”	Dr (Ms) Tumaini S Gurumo Senior Lecturer, Dept of Maritime Transport, Dar-es-Salaam Maritime Institute, Tanzania
1155-1215 (20 min)	“ <i>Maritime Resource-Geopolitics off the Coast of Eastern Africa — The Case for Kenyan Leadership</i> ”	Dr Hassan Khannenje Director, The HORN International Institute for Strategic Studies, Nairobi, Kenya
1215-1245 (30 min)	Audience Interaction	Mr Deepak Shetty , IRS (Retd) [TBC] <i>Former Secretary to the Government of India & Director General of Shipping</i> , Senior Adviser (India), Maritime Anti-Corruption Network (MACN)
1245-1300 (15 min)	Moderator’s Summation	

1300-1400 (60 min)	LUNCH
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PROFESSIONAL SESSION FIVE		
1400-1405 (05 min)	Introductory Remarks by the EMCEE	Ms Priyasha Dixit , Research Associate, National Maritime Foundation
1405-1420 (15 min)	Special Address	Ambassador PS Raghavan Chairman, National Security Advisory Board (NSAB) National Security Council Secretariat, New Delhi
1420-1425 (05 min)	Book Release: “ <i>Viewing Maritime Activities through a Legal Lens</i> ”	
1425-1435 (10 min)	Moderator’s Introductory Remarks	Ms Jane Git Yin CHAN Senior Research Fellow and Coordinator, Maritime Security Programme, Institute of Defence and Strategic Studies (IDSS), S Rajaratnam School of International Studies (RSIS), Singapore
1435-1455 (20 min)	“ <i>Impact of Maritime Resource-Geopolitics upon the Security of Member-States of the IOC</i> ”	Mr Raj Mohabeer Officer in Charge, General Secretariat, Indian Ocean Commission (IOC), Mauritius
1455-1515 (20 min)	“ <i>Russia and Resource-Geopolitics in the Indo-Pacific</i> ”	Ambassador D Bala Venkatesh Varma <i>Former Ambassador of India to the Russian Federation</i> Distinguished Fellow, Vivekananda International Foundation
1515-1535 (20 min)	“ <i>Viet Nam’s Oil and Natural Gas Exploitation: Geopolitical Challenges and Opportunities</i> ”	Dr NGUYEN Hung Son Vice President, The Diplomatic Academy of Vietnam (DAV)
1535-1555 (20 min)	“ <i>Fiseries-driven Geopolitics within the Bay of Bengal and BIMSTEC</i> ”	Dr P Krishnan Director, Bay of Bengal Programme- Inter-Governmental Organisation (BOBP-IGO), Chennai
1555-1615 (20 min)	UNCLOS and the Rule of Law in the Indian Ocean	Rear Admiral Kunal Singh Rajkumar , VSM, IN Flag Officer Doctrines and Concepts

		Mumbai
1615-1645 (30 min)	Audience Interaction	Ms Jane Git Yin CHAN Senior Research Fellow and Coordinator, Maritime Security Programme, Institute of Defence and Strategic Studies (IDSS), S Rajaratnam School of International Studies (RSIS), Singapore
1645-1700 (15 min)	Moderator's Summation	

NHCC Breakout Session: (Parallel with Session 5)		
1400-1410 (10 min)	Moderator's Introductory Remarks	Rear Admiral Arjun Dev Nair , VSM, IN Commandant, Naval War College
1410-1435 (25 min)	<i>"Cooperative Naval Options in respect of Taiwan"</i>	Captain Wade Turvold , USN (Ret) Dean, Admissions and Business Operations Daniel K Inouye Asia-Pacific Center for Security Studies (DKI-APCSS), Hawaii
1435-1500 (25 min)	<i>"Regionally rooted, globally committed - The German Navy's Approach and Perspective on Contributing to Maritime Security in the Indo-Pacific"</i>	Rear Admiral Jens Nemeyer , Commander of the Mürwik Naval Academy, Germany
1500-1525 (25 min)	<i>"Global Supply Chains and Future Maritime Conflict"</i>	Commander Allan F Rodrigues , IN (Retd) Independent Analyst, New Zealand
1525-1550 (25 min)	<i>"Strategic Relevance of the Indian Ocean to Italy: Concept of the Wider Mediterranean"</i>	Rear Admiral (LH) Giuseppe Schivardi , ITN Director, Centre for Studies Venice Institute of Maritime Military Studies
1550-1635 (45 min)	Audience Interaction	Rear Admiral Arjun Dev Nair , IN Commandant, Naval War College
1635-1650 (15 min)	Moderator's Summative Remarks	
1650-1700 (10 min)	<i>Transition to Zorawar</i>	Conjoin with the Closing Session of IPRD-2024

CLOSING SESSION		
1700-1705 (05 min)	Introductory Remarks by the EMCEE	Ms Priyasha Dixit , Research Associate, National Maritime Foundation
1705-1715 (10 min)	Signing of MOUs between NMF and: (1) The HORN International Institute for Strategic Studies, Nairobi, Kenya (2) Institute for Maritime Policy & Strategy (MPS), Haifa, Israel (3) National Maritime Safety Authority (NMSA), Port Moresby, PNG	(1) Dr Hassan Khannenje Director, The HORN International Institute for Strategic Studies, <i>and</i> Vice Admiral Pradeep Chauhan , Director General, NMF (2) Rear Admiral (Prof) Shaul Chorev , IsrNavy (Retd) Head, Institute for Maritime Policy & Strategy (MPS), <i>and</i> Vice Admiral Pradeep Chauhan , Director General, NMF (3) Ambassador Peter Ilau, Commodore (Retd) Former CDF, Papua New Guinea Defence Force (PNGDF) Former Ambassador of PNG to Indonesia <i>and</i> Vice Admiral Pradeep Chauhan , Director General, NMF
1715-1735 (20 min)	Closing (Valedictory) Address	Mr Jaideep Mazumdar , IFS Secretary (East), Ministry of External Affairs, Government of India
1735-1745 (10 min)	Vote of Thanks and Session Closure	Commodore Manish Sinha Executive Director, National Maritime Foundation