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28th, 29th, and 30th October 2025

***“PROMOTING HOLISTIC MARITIME SECURITY AND GROWTH: REGIONAL
CAPACITY-BUILDING AND CAPABILITY-ENHANCEMENT”***

PROGRAMME

DAY ONE (Tuesday, 28 October 2025)		
0830-0900 (30 min)	Tea and Registration	
Inaugural Session		
0900-0910 (10 min)	Introductory Remarks by the EMCEE + Sessional Video	Ms Priyasha Dixit Research Associate, National Maritime Foundation
0910-0925 (15 min)	Overview	Vice Admiral Pradeep Chauhan, AVSM & Bar, VSM (Retd) Director-General, NMF
0925-0945 (20 min)	Inaugural Address	Admiral Karambir Singh, PVSM, AVSM (Retd) Chairman NMF and Former Chief of the Naval Staff

Professional Session 1: Cooperative Capacity-building and Capability-enhancement to Address Security Impacts of Climate Change		
0945-0950 (05 min)	Introductory Remarks by the EMCEE	Ms Priyasha Dixit Research Associate, National Maritime Foundation
0950-1000 (10 min)	Moderator’s Introductory Remarks	Dr Iqbal Singh Sevea Director, Institute of South Asian Studies, National University of Singapore, Singapore
1000-1020 (20 min)	<i>Adaptation to Climate Change and the Optimal Response of Armed Forces</i>	Mr Hideshi Tokuchi President, Research Institute for Peace and Security (RIPS) Tokyo, Japan
1020-1040 (20 min)	<i>An Indonesian Naval Perspective of Cooperative Approaches to Mitigate Security Impacts of Climate Change</i>	First Admiral Salim , TNI Head of the Center for Maritime Studies, Indonesia Naval Command and Staff College, Jakarta, Indonesia
1040-1105 (25 min)	Tea Break	
1105-1110 (05 min)	Moderator’s Continuation Remarks	Dr Iqbal Singh Sevea Director, Institute of South Asian Studies, National University of Singapore, Singapore
1110-1130 (20 min)	<i>An African Perspective of Cooperative Approaches to Mitigate Security Impacts of Climate Change</i>	Mr David Willima Climate Researcher Institute for Security Studies, Pretoria, South Africa
1130-1150 (20 min)	<i>A Bangladeshi Perspective of Cooperative Approaches to Mitigate Security Impacts of Climate Change</i>	Mr Badirujjaman Bodi Research Officer, Bangladesh Institute of Maritime Research And Development (BIMRAD), Dhaka, Bangladesh
1150-1210 (20 min)	Audience Interaction	Dr Iqbal Singh Sevea Director, Institute of South Asian Studies, National University of Singapore, Singapore
1210-1220 (10 min)	Moderator’s Summation	
1220-1225 (05 min)	(a) Release of “Maritime Perspectives: <i>Enhancing Maritime Consciousness</i> ” (b) Photo-Op	
1225-1325 (60 min)	LUNCH	

Special Session: CNS Address and “Chaupal ki Charcha”		
1325-1330 (05 min)	Introductory Remarks by the EMCEE	Ms Priyasha Dixit Research Associate, National Maritime Foundation
1330-1345 (15 min)	Address by the CNS	Admiral Dinesh K Tripathi , PVSM, AVSM, NM Chief of the Naval Staff
1345-1350	Release of Book: “ <i>Future Maritime Warfare</i> ” authored by Capt KS Vikramaditya, IN, Senior Fellow, NMF	

1350-1505 (75 min)	Host and Moderator: Vice Admiral Pradeep Chauhan, AVSM & Bar, VSM (Retd) Director-General, NMF Guests: 1. His Excellency Dr Philipp Ackermann, German Ambassador to India and Bhutan 2. His Excellency Mr Indra Mani Pandey, Secretary-General, Bay of Bengal Initiative for Multi-Sectoral Technical and Economic Cooperation (BIMSTEC) 3. Vice Admiral (Ms) Anne Cullere, FN (Retd), Sciences Po (Le Havre Campus), Le Havre, France 3. Capt Geordie Klein, Netherland's Defence Attaché for India, Bangladesh & Sri Lanka Format: Opening Remarks: (Host + each Guest) (Total 20 min) Moderator's Interaction with each Guest: (Total: 55 min)	
1505-1525 (20 min)	Audience Interaction	
1525-1530 (05 min)	Concluding Remarks	Vice Admiral Pradeep Chauhan, AVSM & Bar, VSM (Retd) Director-General, NMF
1530-1535 (05 min)	(a) Release of "Maritime Perspectives: <i>A Sweep Across the Indo-Pacific</i> " (b) Photo-Op	
1535-1605 (30 min)	Tea Break	

1605-1610 (05 min)	Introductory Remarks by the EMCEE	Ms Priyasha Dixit Research Associate, National Maritime Foundation
1610-1630 (20 min)	Special Address	Prof (Dr) Christian Bueger Professor of International Relations, Department of Political Science, University of Copenhagen, Denmark
1630-1650 (20 min)	Audience Interaction	
1650-1655 (05 min)	Release of NMF Journal: <i>"Maritime Affairs"</i> Photo Op	

END OF PROCEEDINGS OF DAY ONE

DAY TWO (Wednesday, 29 October 2025)	
0830-0900 (30 min)	Tea and Registration

0900-0910 (10 min)	Introductory Remarks by the EMCEE + Sessional Video	Ms Priyasha Dixit Research Associate, National Maritime Foundation
Special Session		
0910-0925 (15 min)	1. Signing of MOUs between: (A) NMF and Research Institute for Peace and Security (RIPS), Japan (B) NMF and Pacific RBS, Papua New Guinea 2. Brief Remarks by Signatories on “Future Collaboration”	Vice Admiral Pradeep Chauhan , AVSM & Bar, VSM (Retd) Director-General, NMF and (1) Mr Hideshi Tokuchi President, Research Institute for Peace and Security (RIPS) Tokyo, Japan (2) Ambassador (Commodore) Peter Ilau <i>Former Chief of Defence Staff; Former Ambassador of Papua New Guinea to Indonesia.</i> Director, Pacific RBS, Papua New Guinea
0925-0945 (20 min)	Special Address	Vice Admiral G Ashok Kumar , PVSM, AVSM, VSM, IN (Retd) <i>Former National Maritime Security Coordinator (NMSC), National Security Council Secretariat (NSCS), New Delhi</i>
0945-1005 (20 min)	Audience Interaction	
1005-1010 (05 min)	(a) Release of Book: “ <i>Quantum Era Warfare</i> ” authored by Mr Atul Tripathi, Adjunct Fellow, NMF, and Commodore Manish Sinha, IN (Retd) (b) Photo-Op	

Professional Session 2: Strengthening the “Africa Integrated Maritime Strategy 2050” (AIMS-2050)		
1010-1015 (05 min)	Introductory Remarks by the EMCEE	Ms Priyasha Dixit Research Associate, National Maritime Foundation
1015-1025 (10 min)	Moderator’s Introductory Remarks	Rear Admiral Kunal Singh Rajkumar , VSM Joint Secretary (Navy and Defence Staff), Department of Military Affairs (DMA), New Delhi
1025-1045 (20 min)	<i>A South African Perspective of Indo-Pacific Regional Cooperation to Strengthen the ‘Africa Integrated Maritime Strategy 2050’ (AIMS-2050)</i>	Captain Mark Blaine , SA Navy (Retd) Security Institute for Governance and Leadership in Africa (SIGLA), Faculty of Military Science, Stellenbosch University, South Africa
1045-1105 (20 min)	<i>A DCoC-JA Perspective of Indo-Pacific Regional Cooperation to Strengthen the ‘Africa Integrated Maritime Strategy 2050’ (AIMS-2050)</i>	Mr Kiruja Micheni Project Manager, DCoC Sub-Division on Maritime Security and Facilitation (Maritime Safety Division), Nairobi, Kenya
1105-1135 (30 min)	Tea Break	
1135-1140 (05 min)	Moderator’s Continuation Remarks	Rear Admiral Kunal Singh Rajkumar , VSM Joint Secretary (Navy and Defence Staff), Department of Military Affairs (DMA), New Delhi
1140-1200 (20 min)	<i>An Indian Perspective of Indo-Pacific Regional Cooperation to Strengthen the ‘Africa Integrated Maritime Strategy 2050’ (AIMS-2050)</i>	Ms Muanpuui Saiawi , IFS Joint Secretary, Government of India, Disarmament & International Security Affairs (D&ISA) Division, Ministry of External Affairs
1200-1220 (20 min)	<i>Indonesia in Africa: Strengthening the ‘Africa Integrated Maritime Strategy 2050’ (AIMS-2050)</i>	Rear Admiral Surya Wiranto (Retd) Indo-Pacific Strategic Intelligence (ISI) (ISI), Jakarta, Indonesia
1220-1240 (20 min)	Audience Interaction	Rear Admiral Kunal Singh Rajkumar , VSM Joint Secretary (Navy and Defence Staff), Department of Military Affairs (DMA), New Delhi
1240-1250 (10 min)	Moderator’s Summation	
1250-1255 (05 min)	(a) Release of NMF-ISI Monograph: “ <i>Forging Strategic Convergence</i> ” (b) Photo-Op	Vice Admiral G Ashok Kumar , PVSM, AVSM, VSM, IN (Retd) <i>Former National Maritime Security Coordinator (NMSC), National Security Council Secretariat (NSCS), New Delhi</i>
1300-1400 (60 min)	LUNCH	

Professional Session 3: Strengthening Maritime Resilience

1400-1410 (10 min)	Introductory Remarks by the EMCEE + Sessional Video	Ms Priyasha Dixit Research Associate, National Maritime Foundation
1410-1420 (10 min)	Moderator's Introductory Remarks	Dr David Brewster Senior Research Fellow, ANU National Security College, Australian National University, Canberra, Australia
1420-1440 (20 min)	<i>Developing Resilient Maritime Supply Chains in the Indo-Pacific</i>	Mr Akhil Nair Operating Officer & Global Head of Freight Forwarding, LOGISTEED Ltd, Hong Kong
1440-1500 (20 min)	<i>Regional Cooperation in Building Port and Coastal Resilience — A Filipino Approach</i>	Mr Deryk Baladjay Research Manager, Amador Research Services and Assistant Editor, FACTS Asia, Mandaluyong City, Philippines
1500-1520 (20 min)	<i>A Sri Lankan Perspective on Resilience-centric Regional Cooperation</i>	Admiral Jayantha Perera , (Retd), RWP, VSV, USP, ndu, psc, SLN (Retd) <i>Former Commander of the Sri Lanka Navy</i>
1520-1540 (20 min)	<i>Cooperative Approaches by South Korea and India towards Resilient Capacity-building and Capability-enhancement</i>	Dr Wongi Choe Professor and Head, Centre for ASEAN-India Studies, Korea National Diplomatic Academy, Republic of Korea
1540-1600 (20 min)	Audience Interaction	Dr David Brewster Senior Research Fellow, ANU National Security College, Australian National University, Canberra, Australia
1600-1610 (10 min)	Moderator's Summation	
1610-1615 (05 min)	Photo-Op	Ms Priyasha Dixit Research Associate, National Maritime Foundation
1615-1645 (30 min)	End-of-Day Tea	

END OF PROCEEDINGS OF DAY TWO

2000-2145	Conference Dinner (By Invitation): hosted by the Chief of the Naval Staff: Navy House
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DAY THREE (Thursday, 30 October 2025)

0830-0900 (30 min)	Tea and Registration	
Professional Session 4: The Blue Economy (Including Seabed Infrastructure) as an Instrument of Foreign Policy		
0900-0910 (10 mins)	Introductory Remarks by the EMCEE + Sessional Video	Ms Priyasha Dixit Research Associate, National Maritime Foundation
0910-0920 (10 min)	Moderator's Introductory Remarks	Dr (Ms) In-Joo Yoon Research Fellow, Global Strategy Research Department and Director, Ocean Security and Strategy Research Division Korea Maritime Institute (KMI), Busan, Republic of Korea
0920-0940 (20 min)	Cooperative Regional Capacity-building and Capability-enhancement for the 'Blueing' of Israel's Economy	Rear Admiral (Prof) Shaul Chorev, IsrNavy (Retd) Director, Maritime Policy & Strategy (MPS) Research Centre Israeli National Centre of Blue Economy (INCBE), Haifa, Israel
0940-1000 (20 min)	Cooperative Regional Capability-enhancement for the Protection of Critical Underwater Infrastructure in and off Vietnam	Dr Do Thanh Hai Deputy Director -General, East Sea Institute, Diplomatic Academy of Vietnam, Hanoi, Vietnam
1000-1020 (20 min)	Cooperative Regional Capability-enhancement in the Philippines and its Environs for the Protection of Critical Underwater Infrastructure	Rear Admiral Rommel Jude Ong, PN (Retd) Non-Resident Fellow, Stratbase Alberto del Rosario Institute Makati City, Philippines
1020-1040 (20 mins)	Audience Interaction	Dr (Ms) In-Joo Yoon Research Fellow, Global Strategy Research Department and Director, Ocean Security and Strategy Research Division Korea Maritime Institute (KMI), Busan, Republic of Korea
1040-1050 (10 mins)	Moderator's Summation	
1050-1055 (05 min)	(a) Release of "Maritime Perspectives: The Blue Economy and Resilience" (b) Photo-Op	
1055-1125 (30 min)	Tea Break	

Special Session

1125-1130 (05 mins)	Introductory Remarks by the EMCEE	Ms Priyasha Dixit Research Associate, National Maritime Foundation
1130-1150 (20 min)	Special Address	Mr Sanjeev Sanyal Secretary to the Government of India and Member of the Economic Advisory Council to the Prime Minister of India
1150-1210 (20 min)	Audience Interaction	
1210-1215 (05 min)	(a) Release of Book: “ <i>Operationalising Project MAUSAM</i> ” authored by Mr Suraj Palavalsa, Research Associate, NMF (b) Photo-Op	

1215-1315 (60 min)	LUNCH
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Professional Session 5: Why the Pacific Islands Matter

1315-1325 (10 min)	Introductory Remarks by the EMCEE + Sessional Video	Ms Priyasha Dixit Research Associate, National Maritime Foundation
1325-1335 (10 min)	Moderator’s Introductory Remarks	Vice Admiral (Ms) Anne Cullere, FN (Retd) Sciences Po (Le Havre Campus), Le Havre, France
1335-1355 (20 min)	<i>Options for Cooperative Counterbalancing of China in the South Pacific</i>	Dr (Ms) Gudrun Wacker SWP, Berlin, Germany
1355-1415 (20 min)	<i>Papua New Guinea: Driving Capacity and Capability amongst Pacific Island States</i>	Ambassador (Commodore) Peter Illau <i>Former Chief of Defence Staff, Former Ambassador of Papua New Guinea to Indonesia</i> Director, Pacific RBS Ltd, Port Moresby, Papua New Guinea
1415-1435 (20 min)	<i>France and the Pacific Islands: Integration into the Indo-Pacific Mainstream</i>	Cdr (Retd) (Ms) Marianne Peron-Doise Associate Research Fellow, The French Institute for International and Strategic Affairs (IRIS), Paris, France
1435-1455 (20 min)	<i>India and the Pacific Islands: Leveraging the Forum for India-Pacific Islands Cooperation (FIPIC)</i>	Vice Admiral Pradeep Chauhan, AVSM & Bar, VSM (Retd) Director-General, NMF
1455-1515 (20 min)	Audience Interaction	Vice Admiral (Ms) Anne Cullere, FN (Retd) Sciences Po (Le Havre Campus), Le Havre, France
1515-1525 (10 min)	Moderator’s Summation	
1525-1535 (05 min)	(a) Release of “Maritime Perspectives: <i>Hard Security Issues</i> ” (b) Photo-Op	
1535-1605 (30 min)	Tea Break	

Professional Session 6: The IONS-IORA-IOC-AOIP Interface

1605-1610 (05 min)	Introductory Remarks by the EMCEE	Ms Priyasha Dixit Research Associate, National Maritime Foundation
1610-1620 (10 min)	Moderator’s Remarks	H.E. Mr Sanjiv Ranjan Secretary General, Indian Ocean Rim Association (IORA) Secretariat, Ebène, Mauritius
1620-1640 (20 min)	<i>Way-Ahead to Synergise the IOC, IORA, and IONS: An IOC Perspective</i>	Mr Raj Mohabeer Officer in Charge, General Secretariat, Indian Ocean Commission (IOC), Ebène, Mauritius
1640-1700 (20 min)	<i>Way-Ahead to Synergise the IORA, IONS, and the AOIP: An Indonesian Perspective</i>	Mr Ristian Atriandi Supriyanto University of Indonesia (<i>Universitas Indonesia</i>)
1700-1720 (20 min)	<i>Way-Ahead to Synergise the IOC, IORA, and IONS: A French Perspective</i>	Ms Sylvia Malinbaum Head of India and South Asia Research, Centre for Asian Studies French Institute for International Relations (IFRI), Paris, France
1720-1740 (20 min)	<i>Way-Ahead to Synergise the IORA, IONS, and the AOIP: An Australian Perspective</i>	Ms Grace Fuller First Secretary, Australian High Commission, New Delhi
1740-1800 (20 min)	Audience Interaction	H.E. Mr Sanjiv Ranjan Secretary General, Indian Ocean Rim Association (IORA) Secretariat, Ebène, Mauritius
1800-1810 (10 min)	Moderator’s Summation	

1810-1815 (05 min)	(a) Release of Maritime Perspectives: <i>"Maritime Security and Multilateral Constructs"</i> (b) Photo-Op	
1815-1825 (10 min)	Vote of Thanks and Conference Closure	Commodore Jai Bedi Executive Director, National Maritime Foundation

END OF PROCEEDINGS OF IPRD-2025