

**2025 Edition of the Indo-Pacific Regional Dialogue (IPRD-2025)**

**MANEKSHAW CENTRE, NEW DELHI**

**28<sup>th</sup>, 29<sup>th</sup>, and 30<sup>th</sup> October 2025**

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

**PROGRAMME**

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

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

<b>Special Session: CNS Address and “<i>Chaupal ki Charcha</i>”</b>		
1325-1330 (05 min)	Introductory Remarks by the EMCEE	<b>Ms Priyasha Dixit</b> Research Associate, National Maritime Foundation
1330-1345 (15 min)	Address by the CNS	<b>Admiral Dinesh K Tripathi</b> , 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)	<p><b>Host and Moderator:</b> Vice Admiral Pradeep Chauhan, AVSM &amp; Bar, VSM (Retd) Director-General, NMF</p> <p><b>Guests:</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. His Excellency Dr Philipp Ackermann, German Ambassador to India and Bhutan</li> <li>2. His Excellency Mr Indra Mani Pandey, Secretary-General, Bay of Bengal Initiative for Multi-Sectoral Technical and Economic Cooperation (BIMSTEC)</li> <li>3. Vice Admiral (Ms) Anne Cullere, FN (Retd), Sciences Po (Le Havre Campus), Le Havre, France</li> <li>3. Capt Geordie Klein, Netherland's Defence Attaché for India, Bangladesh &amp; Sri Lanka</li> </ol> <p><b>Format:</b> Opening Remarks: (Host + each Guest) (Total 20 min) Moderator's Interaction with each Guest: (Total: 55 min)</p>
1505-1525 (20 min)	Audience Interaction
1525-1530 (05 min)	<p><b>Concluding Remarks</b></p> <p><b>Vice Admiral Pradeep Chauhan</b>, AVSM &amp; Bar, VSM (Retd) Director-General, NMF</p>
1530-1535 (05 min)	<p>(a) Release of "Maritime Perspectives: <i>A Sweep Across the Indo-Pacific</i>"</p> <p>(b) Photo-Op</p>
1535-1605 (30 min)	Tea Break

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

<b>END OF PROCEEDINGS OF DAY ONE</b>
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**DAY TWO (Wednesday, 29 October 2025)**

<b>0830-0900</b>	<b>Tea and Registration</b>	
<b>(30 min)</b>		

<b>0900-0910</b>	Introductory Remarks by the EMCEE (10 min) + Sessional Video	<b>Ms Priyasha Dixit</b> Research Associate, National Maritime Foundation
<b>Special Session</b>		
<b>0910-0925</b> <b>(15 min)</b>	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”	<b>Vice Admiral Pradeep Chauhan</b> , AVSM & Bar, VSM (Retd) Director-General, NMF and (1) <b>Mr Hideshi Tokuchi</b> President, Research Institute for Peace and Security (RIPS) Tokyo, Japan (2) <b>Ambassador (Commodore) Peter Ilau</b> <i>Former Chief of Defence Staff; Former Ambassador of Papua New Guinea to Indonesia.</i> Director, Pacific RBS, Papua New Guinea
<b>0925-0945</b> <b>(20 min)</b>	Special Address	
<b>0945-1005</b> <b>(20 min)</b>	Audience Interaction	<b>Vice Admiral G Ashok Kumar</b> , PVSM, AVSM, VSM, IN (Retd)
<b>1005-1010</b> <b>(05 min)</b>	(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	<i>Former National Maritime Security Coordinator (NMSC), National Security Council Secretariat (NSCS), New Delhi</i>

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

**Professional Session 3: Strengthening Maritime Resilience**

1400-1410 (10 min)	Introductory Remarks by the EMCEE + Sessional Video	<b>Ms Priyasha Dixit</b> Research Associate, National Maritime Foundation
1410-1420 (10 min)	Moderator's Introductory Remarks	<b>Dr David Brewster</b> 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>	<b>Mr Akhil Nair</b> 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>	<b>Mr Deryk Baladjay</b> 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>	<b>Admiral Jayantha Perera</b> , (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>	<b>Dr Wongi Choe</b> Professor and Head, Centre for ASEAN-India Studies, Korea National Diplomatic Academy, Republic of Korea
1540-1600 (20 min)	Audience Interaction	<b>Dr David Brewster</b>
1600-1610 (10 min)	Moderator's Summation	Senior Research Fellow, ANU National Security College, Australian National University, Canberra, Australia
1610-1615 (05 min)	Photo-Op	<b>Ms Priyasha Dixit</b> Research Associate, National Maritime Foundation
1615-1645 (30 min)	End-of-Day Tea	

**END OF PROCEEDINGS OF DAY TWO**

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

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

**Special Session**

1125-1130 (05 mins)	Introductory Remarks by the EMCEE	<b>Ms Priyasha Dixit</b> Research Associate, National Maritime Foundation
1130-1150 (20 min)	Special Address	<b>Mr Sanjeev Sanyal</b> 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: "Operationalising Project MAUSAM" authored by Mr Suraj Palavals, Research Associate, NMF (b) Photo-Op	

1215-1315 (60 min)	<b>LUNCH</b>
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**Professional Session 5: Why the Pacific Islands Matter**

1315-1325 (10 min)	Introductory Remarks by the EMCEE + Sessional Video	<b>Ms Priyasha Dixit</b> Research Associate, National Maritime Foundation
1325-1335 (10 min)	Moderator's Introductory Remarks	<b>Vice Admiral (Ms) Anne Cullere</b> , 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>	<b>Dr (Ms) Gudrun Wacker</b> SWP, Berlin, Germany
1355-1415 (20 min)	<i>Papua New Guinea: Driving Capacity and Capability amongst Pacific Island States</i>	<b>Ambassador (Commodore) Peter Illau</b> Former Chief of Defence Staff, Former Ambassador of Papua New Guinea to Indonesia 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>	<b>Cdr (Retd) (Ms) Marianne Peron-Doise</b> 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>	<b>Vice Admiral Pradeep Chauhan</b> , AVSM & Bar, VSM (Retd) Director-General, NMF
1455-1515 (20 min)	Audience Interaction	<b>Vice Admiral (Ms) Anne Cullere</b> , 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: Hard Security Issues" (b) Photo-Op	
1535-1605 (30 min)	<b>Tea Break</b>	

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

1605-1610 (05 min)	Introductory Remarks by the EMCEE	<b>Ms Priyasha Dixit</b> Research Associate, National Maritime Foundation
1610-1620 (10 min)	Moderator's Remarks	<b>H.E. Mr Sanjiv Ranjan</b> Secretary General, Indian Ocean Rim Association (IORA) Secretariat, Ebéne, Mauritius
1620-1640 (20 min)	<i>Way-Ahead to Synergise the IOC, IORA, and IONS: An IOC Perspective</i>	<b>Mr Raj Mohabeer</b> Officer in Charge, General Secretariat, Indian Ocean Commission (IOC), Ebéne, Mauritius
1640-1700 (20 min)	<i>Way-Ahead to Synergise the IORA, IONS, and the AOIP: An Indonesian Perspective</i>	<b>Mr Ristian Atriandi Supriyanto</b> 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>	<b>Ms Sylvia Malinbaum</b> 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>	<b>Ms Grace Fuller</b> First Secretary, Australian High Commission, New Delhi
1740-1800 (20 min)	Audience Interaction	<b>H.E. Mr Sanjiv Ranjan</b> Secretary General, Indian Ocean Rim Association (IORA) Secretariat, Ebéne, 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	<b>Commodore Jai Bedi</b> Executive Director, National Maritime Foundation

<b>END OF PROCEEDINGS OF IPRD-2025</b>
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