

EAS Conference on Maritime Security and Cooperation

9-10 November 2015

Tamarind Hall, India Habitat Centre, Lodhi Road, New Delhi

PROGRAMME

Day I: 9 November 2015

09.00 – 09.30 Registration and Tea / Coffee

09.30 – 10.30 Inaugural Session

- Welcome Remarks by **Prof. Sachin Chaturvedi**, Director General, RIS
- Opening Remarks by **Ambassador V S Seshadri**, Vice Chairman, RIS
- Special Remarks by **Dr. Vijay Sakhuja**, Director, NMF
- Special Remarks by **Mr. Deepak Shetty**, Director General, DG Shipping
- Keynote Address by **Ambassador Anil Wadhwa**, Secretary (East), MEA
- Vote of Thanks by **Dr. Prabir De**, Coordinator, AIC

10.30 – 10.45 Group Photo

10.45 – 12.30 Session I: EAS Perspectives on the Maritime Domain

In Chair: Vice Admiral Premvir Das, Former Commander-in-Chief, Eastern Naval Command, Indian Navy

Speakers

- **Commodore Uday Bhaskar**, Director, Society for Policy Studies, New Delhi
- **Mr. Yoshihiro Katayama**, Director, Maritime Security Policy Division, Ministry of Foreign Affairs (MOFA), Japan
- **Commander Benjamin Cote**, Department of State, Bureau of East Asian and Pacific Affairs, United States of America
- **Ms. Nguyen Thi Lan Anh**, First Secretary (Political), Diplomatic Academy of Vietnam, Ministry of Foreign Affairs (MOFA), Vietnam

Open Floor Discussion

12.30 – 13.30 Lunch Break

13.30 – 15.15 Session II: Emerging Security Architecture in the Asia-Pacific Region

In Chair: Admiral Suresh Mehta, Former Chief of Naval Staff, Indian Navy

Speakers

- **Dr C Raja Mohan**, Head, Strategic Studies and Distinguished Fellow, Observer Research Foundation (ORF), New Delhi
- **Mr. Jonathan Kenna**, Assistant Secretary, Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade, Australia and **Captain Sheldon Williams**, Defence Adviser, High Commission of Australia in India
- **Amb. Benito B. Valeriano**, Assistant Secretary, Maritime and Ocean Affairs Office, The Philippines
- **Ms. Phasporn Sangasubana**, Dy. Director General, Department of ASEAN Affairs, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Thailand
- **Mr. Mathew A. Palmer**, Department of State, United States of America (USA)

Open Floor Discussion

15.15 – 15.45 Tea / Coffee Break

15.45 – 17.00 Session III: Maritime Connectivity: Building for Trade

In Chair: Dr. Chirs Chung, Director, Strategic and Defence Policy Section, Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade (DFAT), Government of Australia

Speakers

- **Mr. Deepak Shetty**, Director-General, DG Shipping, Government of India
- **Dr. Prabir De**, ASEAN-India Centre (AIC), Research and Information System for Developing Countries (RIS), New Delhi
- **Mr. Ahmad bin Abdul Zalil**, Director, Maritime Affairs Department, Ministry of Foreign Affairs (MoFA), Malaysia

Open Floor Discussion

19.30 Dinner [Hosted by Amb. V S Seshadri, Vice-Chairman, RIS] – By invitation

Day II: 10 November 2015

09.00 – 10.15 Session IV: Blue Economy and Maritime Conservation

In Chair: Mr. Kwa Chong Guan, Senior Fellow, S. Rajaratnam School of International Studies (RSIS), Nanyang Technological University (NTU), Singapore

Speakers

- **Prof. S K Mohanty**, Research and Information System for Developing Countries (RIS), New Delhi
- **Dr. Kishore Kumar**, Centre for Ocean & Environmental Studies (COES), New Delhi

Open Floor Discussion

10.15 – 10.30 Tea / Coffee Break

10.30 – 12.00 Session V: Cooperative Delivery of ‘Common Public Good’ at Sea

In Chair: Dr. Vijay Sakhuja, Director, National Maritime Foundation (NMF), New Delhi

Speakers

- **Vice Admiral Shekhar Sinha**, Former Flag Officer Commanding-in-Chief, Western Naval Command, Indian Navy
- **Commander Christopher Wall**, Australia Border Force and Captain Sheldon Williams, Defence Adviser, Australian High Commission in India
- **Commander Abhijit Singh**, Fellow, Institute of Defence Studies and Analyses (IDSA), New Delhi
- **Prof Shankari Sundraman**, Jawaharlal Nehru University (JNU), New Delhi
- **Mr. Liu Jinsong**, Minister and DCM, Embassy of China in India, New Delhi

Open Floor Discussion

12.00 – 13.15 Session VI: Panel Discussion: Way Forward

In Chair: Amb. V S Seshadri, Vice Chairman, RIS

- **Mr. Jonathan Kenna**, Assistant Secretary, Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade, Australia
- **Mr. M. I. Derry Aman**, Director for Dialogue and Partners and Inter-Regional Affairs, Ministry of Foreign Affairs (MoFA), Indonesia
- **Mr. Ahmad bin Abdul Zalil**, Director, Maritime Affairs Department, Ministry of Foreign Affairs (MoFA), Malaysia

[Discussion among Participants]

13.15 – 13.30 Concluding Remarks and Vote of Thanks

- **Dr. Prabir De**, ASEAN-India Centre (AIC)

13.30: Lunch