



## Agenda

### Day I: 6 February 2020 [Venue: Ball Room]

**08:30 – 10:00            Registration**

**10:00 – 11:00            Inaugural Session**

- Welcome Remarks by Vice-Admiral Pradeep Chauhan, Director General, National Maritime Foundation (NMF), New Delhi, India
- Remarks by Admiral Sunil Lanba, Chairman, National Maritime Foundation (NMF), New Delhi, India
- Remarks by Mr. Will Nankervis, Assistant Secretary, Indo-Pacific Strategy and Regional Maritime Branch, Australian Government
- Remarks by Ambassador Foster Gultom, Head of Delegation, Government of the Republic of Indonesia
- Keynote Address by Mr. Vikram Doraiswami, Additional Secretary, Ministry of External Affairs (MEA), Government of India

**11:00 – 11:30            Group Photograph and Break for Tea/Coffee**

**11:30 – 13:00            Session 1: Holistic Maritime Security**

[This session will examine issues relating to threats, challenges and opportunities relating to the maritime domain, and, collaborative holistic maritime security. On one hand, several countries still lack adequate capacity and capability for maritime policing and law-enforcement, including in terms of assuring coastal and offshore security, and for the attainment and sustenance of a satisfactory level of Maritime Domain Awareness (MDA). On the other hand, there is the continued prevalence of traditional security threats, occasionally leading to a reticence to cooperate to quell common threats posed by malevolent non-State actors, ranging from pirates to traffickers of narcotics, arms and people. Further, these security challenges are becoming more complex with the addition of new threats posed by international terrorism and those relating to the malevolent use of cyber-space, which are already significantly and adversely impacting the maritime realm. This session would address such challenges and formulate collaborative responses, including in terms of cooperation among naval and coast guard forces, along with other law-enforcement maritime agencies, capacity-building and capability-enhancement, and, confidence-building at sea.]

Moderator: Admiral Sunil Lanba, Chairman, National Maritime Foundation (NMF), New Delhi, India (10 Min)

*Panelists* (15 Min each)

- Vice-Admiral Pradeep Chauhan, Director General, National Maritime Foundation (NMF), New Delhi, India
- Dr Jade Lindley, University of Western Australia Law School, Australia
- Dr. To Anh Tuan, Deputy Director-General, East Sea (South China Sea) Institute, Diplomatic Academy of Viet Nam, Ha Noi, Viet Nam
- Mr. Oleg N. Avdeev, Consul General of the Russian Federation to South India

Open Discussion

**13:00 – 14:00 Lunch Hosted by the Ministry of External Affairs, Government of India**

**14:00 – 15:30 Session 2: Maritime Safety**

[This session will discuss issues relating to the safety of human life at sea, both within close-coast littoral stretches as well as in deeper waters of the mid-sea, and will explore viable means of cooperation to enhance maritime safety. It will address safety-at-sea challenges arising from the increasing numbers of inhabitants of the region who are taking to the sea (including the air-space over the sea) either to earn a livelihood, or for transportation or leisure. It will also dwell upon all those living in coastal areas who frequently bear the brunt of nature's fury; and of 'irregular migrants' and 'people of concern' who are forced to undertake perilous journeys across the oceans due to a variety of reasons. Hence, the session aims to span the spectrum involving maritime and aeronautical Search and Rescue (SAR), Humanitarian-Assistance and Disaster-Relief (HADR), and irregular sea-borne migration. It would encompass related aspects such as global and national organisational structures; international and domestic laws; regional cooperation — including for enhanced and shared maritime situational awareness and information-sharing; coordination amongst maritime forces — including for capacity-building and capability enhancement; technology-enabled responses; and the participation of non-government organisations (NGOs) and civil society at large. This session will also present India's handling of Cyclone Fani, Bulbul, Maha, etc. which could offer learnings for partners including among EAS countries.]

Moderator: Commodore Sheshadri Vasani (Retd.), Director, Chennai Centre for Chinese Studies, Chennai, India (10 Min)

*Panelists* (12 Min Each)

- Rear Admiral Dalbir S Gujral, Assistant Chief of Naval Staff (CSNCO), India
- Mr. Masaru Harada, Director, Regional Cooperation Division, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Japan
- Mr. Tim Sheppard, Counsellor, Australian Border Force

- Captain (N) Arif Badrudin, Vice Head of IMIC & Senior Staff Officer for Operation Strategic, Indonesian Navy

Open Discussion

**15:30 – 16:00 Break for Tea/Coffee**

**16:00 – 17:30 Session 3: Transition to a Regional Blue Economy**

[This Session will delve into the multifarious activities and structures pertinent to the regional endeavour to shift to a ‘Blue Economy’ from the existing ‘Brown’ one. It will deliberate upon the various national-perspectives on sustainable development in respect of all facets of an economy that is centred upon the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, which recognises the need to conserve and sustainably use the oceans, seas and marine resources for sustainable development. It will also examine national approaches to the responsible-development of marine resources — including the utilisation of marine-based renewable energy and the long-term conservation and management of fish stocks. It will address measures to curb harmful activities such as land-based and sea-based marine pollution; Illegal, Unreported and Unregulated (IUU) fishing including other destructive methods of fishing and trawling; and the destruction of marine and coral-habitats and associated underwater life, with the aim of preserving the marine and coastal environment and associated eco-systems. The session would also explore avenues of inter-State cooperation in these areas.]

Moderator: Ambassador Foster Gultom, Head of Delegation, Government of the Republic of Indonesia (10 Min)

*Panelists* (15 Min Each)

- Captain Sarabjeet S Parmar, Executive Director, National Maritime Foundation, New Delhi, India
- Mr. John Southwell, Counsellor (Agriculture), Australian High Commission in New Delhi
- Mr. Noy Choumneah, Director of APT and EAS Department of the General Department of ASEAN, Cambodia
- Mr. Kajita Takuma, Counsellor, Embassy of Japan in New Delhi

Open Discussion

**19:30 – 21:30 Dinner Hosted by Mr. Vikram Doraiswami, Additional Secretary, Ministry of External Affairs, Government of India (By invitation) [Venue: Ball Room]**

**Day II: 7 February 2020 [Venue: Binny Room]**

**09.30 – 11.00 Session 4: Indo-Pacific Oceans Initiative (IPOI)**

[This session will discuss the broad tenets of the proposal made by India at the 14<sup>th</sup> EAS for an IPOI and also focus specifically on maritime security aspects of jointly addressing various non-traditional challenges and transnational crimes. These include existing challenges like piracy, drugs and arms smuggling, human trafficking; and new emerging challenges like lack of potable water, loss of habitat due to natural disasters, intrusion of saline water into hinterland and water

sources therein. The session would also examine remedial solutions to combat these challenges, especially maritime crime, by examining a joint approach for enhancing Maritime Domain Awareness (MDA).]

Moderator: Vice-Admiral Pradeep Chauhan, Director General, National Maritime Foundation (NMF), New Delhi, India (10 Min)

*Panelists (15 Min Each)*

- Mr. Vikram Doraiswami, Additional Secretary, Ministry of External Affairs (MEA), Government of India
- Ms. Megan Jones, Deputy Head of Mission, Australian Mission to ASEAN
- Mr. Kajita Takuma, Counsellor, Embassy of Japan in New Delhi

Open Discussion

**11:00 – 11:30 Break for Tea/Coffee**

**11.30 – 12:30 Session 5: Way Forward**

[This session will review the reports of previous EAS Conferences on Maritime Security Cooperation, summarise the discussions of the current Conference and prepare a roadmap for enhancing maritime safety, security and good order in the region through proactive cooperation among the EAS participating countries.]

*Discussions open by:*

- Co-chair: Mr. Vikram Doraiswami, Additional Secretary, Ministry of External Affairs (MEA), Government of India
- Co-Chair: Mr. Will Nankervis, Assistant Secretary, Indo-Pacific Strategy and Regional Maritime Branch, Australian Government
- Co-chair: Ambassador Foster Gultom, Head of Delegation, Government of the Republic of Indonesia

**12:30 – 13:00 Valedictory Session**

- Valedictory Address by Ambassador (Dr.) Mohan Kumar, Chairman, Research and Information System for Developing Countries (RIS), New Delhi
- Vote of Thanks by Dr. Prabir De, Coordinator, ASEAN-India Centre (AIC), RIS, New Delhi

**13.00 - 14.00 Lunch and End of the Conference**

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