

Agenda

09.30 – 10.00 **Registration**

10.00 – 10.45 Inaugural Session

- Welcome by Prof. Sachin Chaturvedi, Director General, RIS
- Remarks by Prof. Hidetoshi Nishimura, President, ERIA
- Remarks by H.E. Mr. Ton Sinh Thanh, Ambassador of Vietnam to India
- Keynote Address by **Amb. Preeti Saran**, Secretary (East), Ministry of External Affairs (MEA), India

AV Presentation on ASEAN-India Maritime Cooperation

10.45 – 11.00 Group Photo, Tea and Coffee

11.00 – 12.30 Session I: Blue Economy and Maritime Connectivity

[This session would highlight issues of maritime connectivity and would provide a framework for strengthening maritime connectivity in the context of Blue Economy. The availability of regular, efficient and affordable shipping is of critical importance for deepening regional and global trade in the context of Blue Economy. Maritime connectivity is a multifaceted task that requires implementation of strong policy initiatives. Development of connectivity would open significant opportunities for industrial development and would also unlock trade potential. This session will be pinpointing specific activities that can be undertaken jointly by ASEAN and India to enhance maritime connectivity such as development of ports, building connectivity between islands, facilitating maritime logistics, etc.]

Chair: **Dr. Fauziah Zen**, Senior Economist, Economic Research Institute for ASEAN and East Asia (ERIA), Jakarta

Speakers

• Mr. Nur Azman Abdul Rahim, Dy. Director General, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Malaysia

- Amb. Yogendra Kumar, Former Indian Ambassador to the Philippines
- **Dr. Nguyen Chu Hoi,** Associate Professor, VNU University of Science, Vietnam National University (VNU), Hanoi
- **Dr. Prabir De,** Professor, RIS & Coordinator, ASEAN-India Centre (AIC) at RIS, New Delhi

Open Discussion

12.30 – 13.30 Session II: Technology in Aid of Blue Economy

[This session would chalk out insights into the manner in which technology can be harnessed in aid of Blue Economy. The focus of the session will be on the use of space- based technologies to facilitate safe use of oceans by the provision of oceanography services and use of space to aid resource mapping of oceans. The session will have pointers indicating that the technology, which can be utilised for the sustainable use of marine resources and can lead to economic and social development through efficient use of oceanic resources. The session will identify specific activities that can be undertaken under this field jointly by ASEAN and India.]

Chair: **Dr. Adina Binti Kamarudin**, Deputy Director General, Maritime Affairs Department, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Malaysia

Speakers

- **Dr. Prakash Chauhan,** Director, Indian Institute of Remote Sensing (IIRS), ISRO, Department of Space, Government of India, Dehradun
- **Dr. M.A. Atmanand**, Director, National Institute of Ocean Technology (NIOT), Chennai

Open Discussion

13.30 – 14.30 Lunch Break

14.30 – 16.00 Session III: Development of Blue Economy

[This session would provide an overview of the subject of Blue Economy in the context of ASEAN-India Cooperation. The session will bring out the meaning, scope and the importance of Blue Economy, and will include an overview of different sectors of Blue Economy. The session will also highlight on the activities undertaken by ASEAN countries and India and best practices thereof with the aim of identifying specific activities / areas where ASEAN and India can cooperate and work together.]

Chair: **Amb. Yogendra Kumar**, Former Indian Ambassador to the Philippines

Special Address: Mr Sanjay Panda, Joint Sectary (IOR), Ministry of External Affairs (MEA), India

Speakers

- **Dr. S. K. Mohanty**, Professor, Research and Information System for Developing Countries (RIS), New Delhi
- **Dr. Syarif Syahrial,** Director, Directorate of Venture Capital Management, Ministry of Marine Affairs and Fisheries, Jakarta

- **Dr. Piti Srisangnam**, Assistant Professor, Chulalongkorn University, Bangkok
- Mr. Rajeev Ranjan Chaturvedy, Visiting Fellow, Office of Executive Deputy Chairman, S. Rajaratnam School of International Studies (RSIS), Nanyang Technological University, Singapore
- **Dr. Vu Thanh Ca**, Associate Professor, Ha Noi University of Environment and Natural Resources, Ha Noi

Open Discussion

16.00 – 16.15 Tea/Coffee Break

16.15 – 17.45 Session IV: Maritime Safety and Diplomacy, and Blue Economy

[This session would focus on threats and challenges to safe use of oceans and seas to proceed on the agenda of Blue Economy. The threats include both man-made and natural ones as well as the combination of both. Piracy, seaborne terror, transnational crime, drug trafficking, tsunamis, cyclones, etc. are important threats affecting ASEAN countries and India, and they have the potential to disrupt adversely trade and economic activities. Given the importance of ensuring safe use of seas, this session will discuss way outs through which the maritime forces of ASEAN and India can work together towards enhancing maritime safety and in achieving so would also progress in maritime diplomacy.]

Chair: **Amb. S.T. Devare**, Chairman, Research Advisory Council, RIS

Speakers

- **Mr Jonathan Tow**, Director-General (South Asia & Sub-Saharan Africa), Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Singapore
- **Dr. Malini V. Shankar**, DG Shipping, Government of India, Mumbai
- Commodore Nishant Kumar, Director, D&ISA Division, Ministry of External Affairs (MEA), India
- Mr. Basilio Araujo Dias, Assistant Coordinating Deputy for Maritime Security and Sovereignty, Coordinating Minister for Maritime Affairs, Indonesia
- Captain (IN) Sarabjeet S Parmar, Senior Fellow, National Maritime Foundation (NMF), India
- Mr. Sai Myo Tint, Director, Department of Marine Administration, Ministry of Transportation and Communications, Myanmar

Open Discussion

17.45 – 18.00 Valedictory Session

Closing Remarks by **H.E. Mr. Ton Sinh Thanh**, Ambassador of Vietnam to India

Valedictory Address by **Mr. Anurag Bhushan**, Joint Secretary (ASEAN ML), MEA

Vote of Thanks by Dr. Prabir De, Professor, RIS & Coordinator, AIC