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National Consultation on India-Africa Partnership

Ahead of the third India-Africa Forum Summit, RIS, in collaboration with the Institute for Defence Studies and Analyses (IDSA), Confederation of Indian Industry (CII) and Brookings India, organised a National Consultation on “India-Africa Partnership: Priorities and Prospects” on 16 September 2015 in New Delhi. Prof. Sachin Chaturvedi, Director General, RIS delivered the Welcome Address, in which he complimented Mr. Navtej Sarna, Secretary (West), Ministry of External Affairs (MEA), Government of India for the excellent logo for the forthcoming India-Africa Forum Summit which represents both “past history and ideas for the future”. Mr. Navtej



Mr. Navtej Sarna, Secretary (West), Ministry of External Affairs, Government of India speaking at the National Consultation on India-Africa Partnership: Priorities and Prospects. Also seen in picture (from left to right) are Prof. Sachin Chaturvedi, Director General, RIS; Amb. Rajiv Bhatia; Ms. Ruchita Beri, IDSA; and Dr. WPS Sidhu, Senior Fellow, Brookings India.

Sarna, Secretary (West), MEA, Government of India delivered the Inaugural Address. Ambassador

Rajiv Bhatia, delivered the Keynote Address. Remarks were also made

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Fourth Roundtable of the ASEAN-India Network of Think Tanks (AINTT)



(From left to right) Prof. Sachin Chaturvedi, Director General, RIS and AIC; Amb. Anil Wadhwa, Secretary (East), Ministry of External Affairs, Government of India; Hon Dato' Seri Reezal Merican Naina Merican, Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs, Malaysia; Tan Sri Rastam Mohd Isa, Chairman and Chief Executive, Institute of Strategic and International Studies Malaysia; General (Retd) Vijay Kumar Singh, Minister of State for External Affairs, Government of India; and Amb. V. S. Seshadri, Vice Chairman, RIS and AIC.

ASEAN-India Centre (AIC) at RIS, jointly with the Ministry of External Affairs, Government of India; the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Malaysia; the ASEAN Secretariat;

and the Institute of Strategic and International Studies (ISIS) Malaysia organised the Fourth Roundtable of the ASEAN-India Network of Think Tanks (AINTT) on the theme

‘ASEAN-India: Strengthening the Ties That Bind’ on 7-8 August 2015 in Kuala Lumpur. Tan Sri Rastam

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IORA Blue Economy Dialogue on Prospects of Blue Economy in the Indian Ocean

RIS, jointly with the Observer Research Foundation (ORF), New Delhi organised an International Conference on the “Prospects of Blue Economy in the Indian Ocean” on 17-18 August 2015 in Goa. The conference began with the Welcome Remarks by Prof. Sachin Chaturvedi, Director General, RIS. Mr. Samir Saran, Vice President, ORF and Mr. Alok Dimri, Director (MER), Ministry of External Affairs, Government of India made Special Remarks. Prof. V. N. Attri, Chair, Indian Ocean Rim Studies, IORA delivered the Keynote Address. Prof. S. K. Mohanty, RIS extended the vote of thanks.

Mr. Alok Dimri, Director (MER), MEA chaired the first session on ‘Developing a Comprehensive Accounting Framework for Blue Economy’. The second session on Fisheries and Aquaculture was chaired by Dr. H. P. Rajan, Deputy Director (Retired), Division for Ocean Affairs and Law of the Sea, UN. The third session chaired by Dr. Vikrom Mathur, Senior Fellow and Head, Climate Initiative, ORF deliberated on ‘Renewable Ocean Energy’. The fourth session on ‘Ports, Shipping, Manufacturing and Other Sectors’ was chaired by Dr. H. Purushottam, Chairman and MD, NRDC. The fifth session was chaired by Mr. Randolph Payet, Secretary General, Indian Ocean Tuna Commission, Seychelles. The session discussed issues related to ‘Sea-bed Exploration and Minerals’.

The concept of blue economy is a relatively new acronym in the development literature. Many ponder over the difference that



Prof. Sachin Chaturvedi, Director General, RIS making Welcome Remarks at the conference. Also seen in picture (from left to right) are Prof. V. N. Attri, Chair, Indian Ocean Rim Studies, IORA; Mr. Alok Dimri, Director (MER), MEA; Mr. Samir Saran, Vice President, ORF; and Prof. S. K. Mohanty, RIS.

it brings to the green economy philosophy which has been an integral part of development strategies in several countries. However, one can still identify the relevance of blue economy from the angle of the weight assigned to blue resources in the development process. Blue resources whose universe is not yet defined properly typically cover oceans, rivers, lakes and other form of water bodies and water-related activities. In precise terms, both freshwater and marine water coverage of a country and the natural resources and activities such as fishing, minerals, aquatic plants, oil, water tourism and leisure, marine biotechnology, deep sea mining of hydrocarbons, thorium, etc., and the related activities on land are parts of blue economy. The protagonists of this approach visualise a great potential for growth and job creation in the blue economy sectors as it blends the two important objectives of sustainable and harmonious use of resources and greater exploitation of resources for faster economic

growth. Island and coastal economies are expected to gain more from the blue economy orientation in their development policies.

Following the blue economy paradigm, the major oceans of the world are likely to attract more investments into aquaculture, seafood processing, marine technology development and research, marine-based services and so on. By that logic, Indian Ocean covering four different sub-regions, e.g. South East Asia, South Asia, Middle East and Africa, is the third largest ocean in the world with enormous potential for harnessing blue economy resources. It carries half of the world’s container ships, one-third of the bulk cargo traffic and over two-thirds of the world’s oil shipments. For the member states of the Indian Ocean Rim Association (IORA) this notion of blue economy offers an opportunity for more efficient and scientific exploitation of blue resources for catalysing growth and employment in the

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Financing for Development and Post 2015 Agenda



Mr. Jayant Sinha, Minister of State for Finance, Government of India delivering keynote address at the seminar. Also seen in picture (from left to right) are Prof. Sachin Chaturvedi, Director General, RIS; Dr. Bhaskar Chatterjee, Director General and CEO, Indian Institute of Corporate Affairs, Ministry of Corporate Affairs, Government of India; Ms. Sujata Mehta, Secretary (M&ER), MEA; Amb. Shyam Saran, Chairman, RIS; Mr. Yuri Afanasiev, UN Resident Coordinator and UNDP Resident Representative in India; Ms. Nisha Agarwal, CEO, Oxfam India; and Mr. Amitabh Behar, Executive Director, National Foundation for India / Wada Na Todo Abhiyan, and Convenor, FIDC Working Group on Emerging Development Agenda.

RIS, in association with the UN in India and the Forum for Indian Development Cooperation (FIDC) convened a seminar on 'Financing for Development and Post 2015

Agenda: Way Forward from Addis' on 2 September 2015 in New Delhi. It formed a part of the RIS work programme on Sustainable Development Goals. Under the same

umbrella, RIS had organised two other consultations on 'Financing for Development' in New Delhi on 8 July 2015 and in Addis Ababa on

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RIS Events on the Side Lines of United Nations General Assembly, New York



(From left to right) Mr. Yuri Afanasiev, UN Resident Coordinator and UNDP Resident Representative in India; Ambassador Macharia Kamau, Permanent Representative of Kenya to the UN; Ms. Helen Clark, Administrator, UNDP; Prof. Arvind Panagariya, Vice-Chairman, NITI Aayog, Government of India; Ambassador Asoke Kumar Mukerji, Permanent Representative of India to the UN; Prof. Sachin Chaturvedi, Director General, RIS; and Dr. Sabyasachi Saha, Assistant Professor, RIS at the 21 September 2015 consultation at the UN Headquarters, New York.

The 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development: Southern Perspectives

RIS organised two side events alongside United Nations General Assembly in New York. The first side event on "The 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development:

Southern Perspectives" was held on 21 September 2015 at the UN Headquarters in partnership with United Nations Foundation and Centre on International Cooperation, New York University. The meeting was convened in collaboration with the Permanent

Mission of India to the United Nations. Welcome Remarks were delivered by Dr. Sabyasachi Saha, Assistant Professor, RIS. Prof. Sachin Chaturvedi, Director General, RIS and Ambassador

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Policy Dialogues

Consultation on Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs)

RIS, in association with the NITI Aayog, Government of India; UN in India; Forum for Indian Development Cooperation (FIDC); and Observer Research Foundation (ORF) held a day long consultation with stakeholders on SDGs in New Delhi on 9 September 2015, ahead of the special session of the UN General Assembly held in New York on 25-27 September 2015.

Prof. Sachin Chaturvedi, Director General, RIS delivered the Welcome Address. The UN Resident Coordinator and UNDP Resident Representative in India, Mr. Yuri Afanasiev welcomed the guests. Ms. Sindhushree Khullar, Chief Executive Officer, NITI Aayog delivered the Inaugural Address. Amb. Shyam Saran, Chairman, RIS, made the Chairperson's remarks. Mr. Puneet Aggarwal, Joint Secretary (UNES), MEA made Special Remarks. The concluding



Ms. Sindhushree Khullar, Chief Executive Officer, NITI Aayog, Government of India delivering Welcome Address at the consultation. Also seen in picture (from right to left) are Prof. Anuradha Chenoy, Chairman, FIDC and Dean School of International Studies, JNU; Mr. Puneet Aggarwal, Joint Secretary (UNES), Ministry of External Affairs, Government of India; Ambassador Shyam Saran, Chairman, RIS; Mr. Yuri Afanasiev, UN Resident Coordinator and UNDP Resident Representative in India; and Prof. Sachin Chaturvedi, Director General, RIS.

remarks in the inaugural session were delivered by Prof. Anuradha Chenoy, Chairman of FIDC and Dean, School of International Studies at Jawaharlal Nehru University. The panellists noted that SDGs were

complex and raised the question of how to nationalise these goals. The panellists also gave a perspective on how MDGs and SDGs are integral to India's development

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Consultations on Financing for Development

Ahead of the Third International Conference on Financing for Development (FfD 3) in the Ethiopian capital Addis Ababa, RIS in association with the UN in India and the Forum for Indian Development Cooperation (FIDC), organised consultations on Financing for Development to discuss the core issues of the FfD 3.

The first consultation was organised in New Delhi on 8 July 2015 in which Prof. Sachin Chaturvedi, Director-General, RIS made Welcome Remarks. Ambassador Shyam Saran, Chairman, RIS made Chairman's Remarks. Dr. Adarsh Swaika, Director, UN Economic and Social Division, Ministry of External Affairs, Government of India; Prof. Deepak Nayyar, Professor Emeritus of Economics, Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi; and Dr. Akmal Hussain, Distinguished



Prof. Deepak Nayyar, Professor Emeritus of Economics, JNU speaking at the consultation. Also seen in picture (from left to right) are Prof. Sachin Chaturvedi, Director General, RIS; Amb. Shyam Saran, Chairman, RIS; Dr. Adarsh Swaika, Director, UN Economic and Social Division, Ministry of External Affairs, Government of India; Dr. Akmal Hussain, Distinguished Professor of Economics, Forman Christian College, Lahore; and Mr. Amitabh Behar, Board Member, FIDC and Executive Director, National Foundation for India (NFI).

Professor of Economics, Forman Christian College, Lahore were the key panellists.

The panellists flagged India's position in the run up to the FfD3. The FfD3 was taking place in a

context that would decide the global development architecture for the next 15 years. It also builds on the 2002 Monterrey Consensus and the 2008 Doha Declaration that

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International Conference on ASEAN-India Cultural Links

ASEAN-India Centre (AIC) at RIS, in collaboration with the Ministry of External Affairs, Government of India and Indian Council of Cultural Affairs (ICCR), organised the International Conference on “ASEAN-India Cultural Links: Historical and Contemporary Dimensions” in New Delhi on 23-24 July 2015. Amb. Anil Wadhwa, Secretary (East), MEA, GoI delivered the Keynote Address. Prof. Sachin Chaturvedi, Director General, RIS and AIC delivered the Welcome Address. Amb. Shyam Saran, Chairman, RIS and AIC delivered the Opening Address. Prof. Lokesh Chandra, President, Indian Council for Cultural Relations (ICCR), New Delhi made Inaugural Address. The conference touched a number of issues related to ancient cultural ties between India and ASEAN and their significance in the present world. The conference also aimed to look how cultural links can help to strengthen



Amb. Anil Wadhwa, Secretary (East), MEA, GoI delivering the Keynote Address at the conference. Also seen in picture (from left to right) are Prof. Prabir De, Coordinator, AIC; Amb. Shyam Saran, Chairman, RIS and AIC; Prof. Lokesh Chandra, President, Indian Council for Cultural Relations (ICCR); and Prof. Sachin Chaturvedi, Director General, RIS and AIC.

the trade links between India and ASEAN.

The various session of the conference deliberated on: (i) Trade and maritime links between South and Southeast Asia; (ii) Continuities and change; (iii) Representations of religions and rituals; (iv) Textual traditions and transmissions; (v) Sacred geographies and localisations

of beliefs; (vi) Evolving artistic expressions: from tradition to modernity; and (vii) Writing our own histories: changing methodologies. Eminent scholars from several parts of the world participated in the Conference. Prof. Prabir De, Coordinator, AIC gave the vote of thanks. The detailed agenda is available on the RIS website.

India-Korea CEPA: An Appraisal of Progress

Amb. Anil Wadhwa, Secretary (East), MEA, GoI released the AIC-RIS report entitled ‘India-Korea CEPA: An Appraisal of Progress’ in New Delhi on 8 September 2015. Amb. Wadhwa in his Special Address applauded AIC and RIS for bringing out a very timely and useful report as five years after the implementation of India-South Korea Comprehensive Economic Partnership Agreement (CEPA), the two sides have begun talks to expand the agreement and cover more manufacturing sectors. The Government is keen to look out and benefit from all the opportunities with Korea.

Prof. Sachin Chaturvedi, Director General, RIS made Welcome Remarks. Amb. Shyam



Amb. Anil Wadhwa, Secretary (East), Ministry of External Affairs (MEA), Government of India releasing the report. Also seen in picture (from left to right) are Prof. Sachin Chaturvedi, Director General, RIS and AIC; Amb. V S Seshadri, Vice-Chairman, RIS & AIC; Shri Sanjay Chadha, Joint Secretary, Department of Commerce, Government of India.

Saran Chairman, RIS and AIC made the Opening Remarks. Mr. Amitabh Kant, Secretary, Department of Industrial Policy and Promotion

(DIPP), Ministry of Commerce and Industry made Special Remarks and highlighted that this Report would

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ASEAN-India Eminent Person Lecture

As part of ASEAN-India Eminent Persons' Lecture Series, ASEAN-India Centre (AIC) at RIS, jointly with the Ministry of External Affairs, Government of India and the ASEAN Secretariat, organised a lecture by H.E. Mr. Evan Garcia, Foreign Affairs Under Secretary, the Philippines in New Delhi on 17 July 2015. Amb. Anil Wadhwa, Secretary (East), MEA, GoI delivered the Special Address. Prof. Sachin Chaturvedi, Director General, RIS and AIC made Welcome Remarks. Amb. Shyam Saran, Chairman, RIS delivered the Opening Address.

Amb. Garcia's lecture examined the current horizon of cooperation and interaction between India and the Philippines and suggested concrete steps to ensure that the level



Amb. Shyam Saran, Chairman, RIS and AIC delivering the Opening Address. Also seen in picture (from left to right) are Prof. Prabir De, Coordinator, ASEAN-India Centre (AIC) at RIS; Amb. Anil Wadhwa, Secretary (East), Ministry of External Affairs, Government of India; H.E. Mr. Evan Garcia, Foreign Affairs Under Secretary of Philippines and Prof. Sachin Chaturvedi, Director General, RIS and AIC.

of engagement - bilateral, regional as well as international - continues to deepen and broaden in the years to come.

The event came to an end with closing remarks by Amb. Shyam Saran and vote of thanks by Prof. Prabir De, Coordinator, ASEAN-India Centre (AIC).

One Belt, One Road

The Institute of World Economics and Politics (IWEP), Chinese Academy of Social Sciences (CASS) organised the "One Belt, One Road" and BCIMS Regional Interconnection Conference in Beijing, China on 25-26 August 2015. RIS was co-organiser of this Interconnection Conference. The programme began with the opening and welcoming remarks by ZHANG Yuyan, Director, IWEP, CASS.

The Bangladesh-China-India-Myanmar Economic Corridor (BCIM-EC) is complementary to achieving the vision of 'One Belt, One Road'. The BCIM countries fall under the ancient South-western Silk Road connecting Southern part of China, Myanmar, Bangladesh, and India including the northeastern states. After decades of deliberation and discussion as a Track II think tank level initiative, BCIM-EC eventually got official recognition as a Track I inter-governmental initiative in 2013. Considering the immense potential and opportunities for cooperation, this conference



Participants of the One Belt, One Road and BCIMS Regional Interconnection conference.

was organised to discuss about the opportunities, identify major challenges and collectively agree on recommendations to expedite the process of BCIM Cooperation. Participants from institutions/think tanks like the Institute of World Economics and Politics (IWEP), China; the Institute for Policy, Advocacy, and Governance (IPAG), Bangladesh; Observer Research Foundation (ORF), Mumbai; and Institute of Policy Studies (IPS), Sri

Lanka, discussed about a wide range of economic, social, and security issues related to 'OBOR and BCIM cooperation' and mutual benefit of BCIM, as well as measures to promote regional interconnection. From RIS, Prof. S.K. Mohanty participated in the Conference and made a presentation on "Emergence of A Regional Growth Epicentre in Asia Potential of BCIM with the Policy of 'One Belt One Road'".

Roundtable on ASEAN India Air Connectivity

ASEAN-India Centre (AIC) at RIS organised a Roundtable on “ASEAN-India Air Connectivity” on 28 September 2015 in New Delhi. Prof. Prabir De, Coordinator, AIC made the Welcome Remarks. Ambassador Anil Wadhwa, Secretary (East), MEA, GoI delivered the Keynote Address. Ambassador Shyam Saran, Chairman, RIS delivered the Opening Address. Mr. Anil Srivastava, Joint Secretary (AS), Ministry of Civil Aviation (MoCA) gave Special Address. The first session of the Roundtable on ‘Air Transportation between India and Southeast and East Asia’ was chaired by Dr. Sanat Kaul, Chairman, International Foundation for Aviation, Aerospace and Development (IFFAAD), New Delhi. Ms. Pooja Kapur, Joint Secretary (AML), MEA delivered the Special Address. Prof. Prabir De, RIS and Coordinator AIC made a presentation



Amb. Shyam Saran, Chairman, RIS and AIC, delivering the opening address at the Roundtable. Also seen in picture (from left to right) are Prof. Prabir De, Coordinator, ASEAN-India Centre (AIC); Mr. Anil Srivastava, Jt. Secretary (AS), Ministry of Civil Aviation (MOCA); Amb. Anil Wadhwa, Secretary (East), MEA, GoI; Ms. Pooja Kapur, Joint Secretary (AML), Ministry of External Affairs, Government of India.

on ‘ASEAN – India Air Connectivity’ study. Dr. Shefali Juneja, Director, Ministry of Civil Aviation (MoCA) made Special Remarks. The second session on ‘ASEAN-India Open Sky: Opportunities and Challenges’

was chaired by Mr. Satendra Singh, Former Director-General, Directorate General of Civil Aviation (DGCA), New Delhi. The conference ended with the vote of thanks by Dr. Durairaj Kumarasamy, Consultant, AIC.

NeST Meeting @ UNDP, New York

RIS organised a consultation in collaboration with UNDP’s Bureau for Policy and Programme Support on South-South and Triangular Cooperation at UNDP Office in New York on 22 September 2015 in which the future work programme of Network of Southern Think-Tanks (NeST) was discussed in detail. Dr. Xiaojun Grace Wang, Lead Advisor, UNDP made the opening remarks. Prof. Sachin Chaturvedi, DG, RIS made special remarks. Other panellists included Dr. Wang Yihuan, Director, Research Center for International Development (RCID), China Agricultural University (CAU); Mr. Jesus Velazquez Castillo, Delegate of Permanent Mission of Mexico to the United Nations; Ms. Angela Trenton-Mbonde, Senior Advisor, UNAIDS; Dr. Thomas Fues, German Development Institute; and Prof. Manuel Montes, The South Center.



(From left to right) Mr. Donington Soro, Policy Analyst, South-South and Triangular Cooperation, UNDP; Dr. Thomas Fues, German Development Institute; Prof. Sachin Chaturvedi, Director General, RIS; Dr. Wang Yihuan, Director, Research Center for International Development (RCID), China Agricultural University (CAU); Dr. Xiaojun Grace Wang, Lead Advisor, South-South and Triangular Cooperation, UNDP; Dr. Sabyasachi Saha, Assistant Professor, RIS.; Mr. Pratyush, Research Assistant, RIS; and Ms. Shams Banihani, Policy Analyst, South-South and Triangular Cooperation, UNDP at the meeting.

The panel discussed the need of collaboration between North-South partnership and South-South Cooperation. In this regard, the

emergence of collaborative efforts undertaken by the Southern think-tanks was also discussed.

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by Dr. WPS Sidhu, Senior Fellow, Brookings India, New Delhi and Mr. Pranav Kumar, Head - International Policy & Trade, CII. Dr. Ruchita Beri, Senior Research Associate and Coordinator, Africa, LAC and UN Centre, IDSA extended the vote of thanks.

The various sessions of the consultation deliberated on (i) India-Africa Partnership and Global Context; (ii) Trade, Investment and Development Issues; (iii) Energy, Climate Change and Maritime Security; and (iv) People-to-People: Education, Civil Society and Social Sector.

The India-Africa Forum Summit is a mechanism devised to strengthen the ancient ties between India and Africa. India and Africa share a long history of friendship and cooperation in development. Our relations quintessentially define the modern concept of development compact that is based on shared responsibility and helping one another meet their developmental goals.

RIS has been actively facilitating discussions on various aspects of the India-Africa Cooperation through lectures, discussion meetings and publications. In early 2015, RIS organised a conference on India-Africa Partnership in New Technologies in Agriculture in New Delhi. This consultation was a step in this direction.

Mr. Navtej Sarna, Secretary (West), MEA, GoI in his Inaugural Address remarked that this consultation was the opening event of the India-Africa Forum Summit that was five weeks away



Mr. B. S. Bhalla, Joint Secretary (FTAfrica), Ministry of Commerce and Industry, Government of India delivering Special Address at the consultation. Also seen in picture (from left to right) are Amb. Virendra Gupta, former Ambassador of India to South Africa; Mr. Pranav Kumar, Head - International Policy & Trade, CII; and Prof. S.K. Mohanty, RIS.

and hoped that this consultation would provide some key research inputs - on trade, investment and development; energy, climate change and maritime security; and people-to-people endeavours in the domain of education, civil society and social sector - for the Forum Summit. In the present global context, it is very important that India-Africa partnership strengthens further. Given the wide range of complementarities between the regions, there is an ample scope to enhance the India-Africa partnership in areas like agriculture, food security, climate change, energy security and so on in a concerted manner.

The consultation ended with closing session chaired by Mr. Tanmaya Lal, Joint Secretary (E&SA), MEA, GoI. Dr. Ruchita Beri presented the conference report. It also had remarks by H.E. Amb. Dr. Hassan E. El Talib, Non-Resident Ambassador to Sri Lanka, Nepal, Bangladesh and Maldives, Embassy of the Republic of Sudan, New Delhi; Prof. Sachin Chaturvedi, Director General, RIS and Mr. Pranav Kumar,

Head - International Policy & Trade, CII. Dr. WPS Sidhu, Senior Fellow, Brookings India extended the vote of thanks.

New Frontiers of RIS Research

RIS has launched a new seminar series for senior researchers called Frontier Research Seminar Series at which discussion on the evolving research programme of the institute would be taken up.

- The first seminar in the series on 'Eurasian FTA and India' by Prof. Ram Upendra Das was held on 28 August 2015.
- In the second seminar on 28 September 2015 Prof. S.K. Mohanty presented an outline for the forthcoming RIS World Trade and Development Report (WTDR).

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Asoke Kumar Mukerji, Permanent Representative of India to the United Nations made Opening Remarks. Prof. Arvind Panagariya, Vice-Chairman, NITI Aayog delivered the Keynote Address. Ms. Helen Clark, Administrator, UNDP delivered the Special Address. The event was graced by Ambassador Macharia Kamau, Permanent Representative of Kenya to the UN; Ambassador David Donoghue, Permanent Representative of Ireland to the UN and the co-facilitators of the Open Working Group on SDGs. Senior diplomats and policymakers, members of the permanent delegations to the UN, UN officials, prominent academics, members of the civil society and the media, from Southern countries participated.

The first panel discussion was on 2030 Agenda: What it means for developing countries? The panellists included Prof. Carlos Correa, The South Centre, Geneva; Ms. Sarah F. Cliffe, Director, Centre on International Cooperation, New York University; Mr. Yuri Afanasiev, UN Resident Coordinator and UNDP Resident Representative in India and Ms. Minh-Thu Pham, Senior Policy Director, UN Foundation. The 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development with 17 Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) and 169 targets framed by the UN promises to connect five Ps – People, Planet, Prosperity, Peace and Partnership. The SDGs are universal, integrated and interlinked, and pledge to leave no one behind. While implementation of the SDGs rests with individual countries, the developing world must have access to adequate resources. In this light, the first panel explored why fulfilment of objectives under this agenda

Economic growth, jobs, infrastructure and industrialisation will be the engines for attaining SDGs: Prof. Arvind Panagariya



Prof. Arvind Panagariya in his Keynote Address at the RIS event on 21 September 2015, said: “At the outset, let me congratulate and commend RIS, India and the other co-organisers for organising this important and timely event. It is heartening to see a star cast of speakers come together to expound and possibly even extoll the Indian perspective on this fresh global initiative that proposes to make abject poverty history in fifteen years’ time. I also wish to take this opportunity to thank my good friend Ambassador Asoke Mukerji for the important role he and his Mission have played in nudging the SDG agenda toward the priorities set by Prime Minister Narendra Modi.”

On the issues of global partnerships and multilateralism, he commented: “The question of “how” within the targets, I am referring to Goals 8 and 9, which address such important instruments of poverty alleviation as economic growth, jobs, infrastructure and industrialisation. The fact that these instruments have been explicitly recognised as policy objectives in their own right, perhaps for the first time in the history of multilateral development negotiation, is of great significance for developing countries.”

On the topic of balance between development and redistribution, Prof. Panagariya exclaimed: “But today, we live in a highly globalised and democratic world and the sequence of growth first and redistribution later is not a choice. Rising prosperity must be shared with minimal lag while also ensuring environmental sustainability. As the world’s largest democracy, India has recognised this fact and its successive governments have ensured that rising incomes are accompanied by rising social expenditures with sufficient attention paid to the protection of the environment. It is, therefore, no surprise that the first two task forces that the Prime Minister appointed under the auspices of the Niti Aayog were on Poverty Elimination and Agricultural Development. It is for the same reason that he has set the target of 175 GW of installed capacity in renewable energy by 31 March 2022 and launched the India-wide campaign for a ‘clean India’ by the 150th birth anniversary of Mahatma Gandhi on 2 October 2019.”

would be critically hinged on the successful North-South Partnership and South-South Cooperation.

The second panel discussion was on: 2030 Agenda: Challenges and Opportunities for a Rising South. It was moderated by Mr. Amitabh Behar, Executive Director,

National Foundation for India. The panellists for this session included Prof. Sanjay Reddy, The New School for Social Research, New York; Ambassador Carlos Sergio Sobral Duarte, Deputy Permanent Representative of Brazil to the UN; Dr. Samir Saran, Vice-President,

Observer Research Foundation, New Delhi; and Dr. WPS Sidhu, Senior Fellow, Brookings India, New Delhi.

The main challenges for the South over the next 15 years are: resource, capacity and technology. Global governance architecture on economy, technology, and environment, therefore, will have to comprehensively facilitate and support implementation of the agenda across countries. Means of Implementation (MOI), an integral part of the agenda, addresses issues of finance, technology, capacity building, trade and systemic issues internationally. The second panel discussed why the multilateral institutions would have to accommodate the rise of emerging powers and aspirations of the developing world to make the delivery of this agenda effective on all the counts.

Consultation on Institutional Architecture and Development and Access to Technology

The second side event organised by RIS in collaboration with the Centre on International Cooperation, New York University was on 'Consultation on Institutional Architecture and Development and Access to Technology' at the New York University Midtown Center on 22 September 2015. The first session was on Institutional Architecture and Development. It was moderated by Dr. WPS Sidhu, Senior Fellow, Brookings India. The speakers included Dr. Thomas Fues, German Development Institute; Dr. Sarah Hearn, Centre on International Cooperation, New York University; Dr. Reneta Giannini, Senior Researcher, Instituto Igarape; and Prof. Sachin Chaturvedi, DG, RIS. As Goal 16 under the SDGs focuses on peace and justice and Goal 17 calls for revitalising global partnership for development. These

Without India, the sustainable development goals cannot be achieved: Ms. Helen Clark

Ms. Helen Clark in her special address at the RIS event on 21 September 2015 on the sideline of UNGA said that "member States have agreed the new Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) will apply to all countries regardless of their level of development. To ensure that prosperity is shared and the planet's natural limits are respected, transformational change is needed in countries at all income levels."

On global partnerships, she added: "Rejuvenated global partnerships, underpinned by shared goals and mutual accountability, are needed. These must reflect the changing geopolitical landscape and the full diversity of financial flows and development actors – including within the Global South. This is about more than financing. It is also about reforming global institutions." Articulating the balance between national and international commitments she said: "While each country has primary responsibility for its own economic and social development, the Addis Ababa Action Agenda recognises that national efforts must be complemented by enabling an international economic environment".

On the issue of technology facilitation mechanism, she emphasised that "the creation, development and diffusion of new technologies are vitally important for sustainable development. Member States in Addis agreed, calling specifically for the transfer of environmentally sound technologies to developing countries on favourable terms."

On the global taxation issue, she exclaimed that "UNDP has also teamed up with the OECD to provide "Tax Inspectors Without Borders". Under this initiative, international tax audit experts from the Global South and North, work alongside national tax authorities, helping to build their capacity to assess and collect the taxes owed by international companies."

goals offer Southern players a chance to clarify their roles and ambitions in the global system. The panel deliberated on the legitimacy of wider global participation in multilateral institutions and necessity of enhanced provision of global public goods to fulfil the SDGs. It also focussed on how Southern institutions can support the resource needs of the developing world and shape the outcome of the Post 2015 agenda.

The second session was on Institutionalising TFM: IP and Access to Technology. The panellists for this session were Mr. Amit Narang, Counsellor, Permanent Mission of India to the UN; Dr. Davis O'Connor, UN-DESA; and Prof. Carlos Correa, The South Centre, Mr Samir Saran, Vice-President, Observer Research

Foundation, New Delhi. Current institutional arrangements are insufficient to deliver immediate and urgent technology development, deployment, dissemination, and transfer to developing countries. There are barriers like IP rights and lack of capacity to absorb technology. The Addis Ababa Action Agenda documents the final decision on part of world leaders to establish a technology facilitation mechanism (TFM) under the Post 2015 Development Agenda. UN system is now working on giving life to this proposal. Thus, the second panel explored the possible framework under TFM to institutionalise commitments by countries on access to technology and technology transfer, capacity building and financing of innovation at the global level.

RIS Breakfast Seminar Series

RIS Breakfast Seminar Series is meant to provide a platform to younger faculty members and early-career researchers to disseminate their research findings, discuss ongoing work and receive comments/feedback from experts and their peers. Eminent scholars are also invited to speak on subjects of academic and policy relevance. At the same time, distinguished experts are invited

to chair these sessions to benefit from their experience and wisdom. To make these sessions interactive occasionally senior researchers and policymakers are invited as discussants. As part of this series RIS organised the following seminars:

- ‘Vietnam-China Greater Mekong Sub-regional Framework of Cooperation (GMS)’ by Ms. Rashmi Singh, Consultant, RIS on 11 August 2015. Amb. Jayant Prasad, Visiting Fellow, RIS chaired the Seminar.
- ‘Trade Policy Liberalisation and its Linkage with Trade in India’ by Ms. Aastha Gupta, Research Assistant, RIS on 11 September 2015. Dr. Shahid Ahmed, Head, Department of Economics, Jamia Millia Islamia University, chaired the Seminar.

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region. Mauritius and Seychelles, the two small island developing countries, have already embarked upon a holistic marine policy strategy for implementing blue economy principles in their respective economies. Other countries in IORA are considering of embracing this development paradigm in full spirit so as to seize the opportunities emerging from blue economy sectors for higher growth, social welfare and ecological balance.

In view of the importance of the subject, RIS took initiative to organise this important conference. Academicians, policymakers, diplomats and informed intelligentsia



Participants of the IORA Blue Economy Dialogue on Prospects of Blue Economy in the Indian Ocean.

representing the Indian Ocean Rim countries and from other parts of the world participated in the Conference. The conference ended with concluding session that was chaired by Prof. V. N. Attri, Chair, Indian Ocean Rim Studies, IORA. It

also had presentation of Conference Summary by Prof. S. K. Mohanty, RIS and vote of thanks by Dr. Vikrom Mathur, Senior Fellow and Head, Climate Initiative, ORF.

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help the Government when the two sides sit for further negotiations to upgrade the agreement. Amb. V S Seshadri, Vice-Chairman, RIS & AIC, who is the principal investigator of the study, made a presentation on the study. Mr. S. R. Tayal, Former Ambassador of India to Republic of Korea also presented

important insights into the India-Korea CEPA.

The Report is first of its kind that intends to critically evaluate how the FTAs that have come into force and in which India is a partner are being implemented and whether there are ways by which we can ensure better returns. It looks at

the implementation of this CEPA in the last five years since it came into effect. It has sought to examine if there is scope for improvement in its implementation and makes specific recommendations. It has also considered whether there is a case for moving towards an upgrade of CEPA at this stage.

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Mr. Jayant Sinha, Hon'ble Minister of State for Finance, Government of India speaking at the consultation. Also seen in picture (from left to right) are Dr. Sabyasachi Saha, Assistant Professor, RIS; Mr. Danny Sriskandarajah, Secretary General, Civicus; Ambassador Sanjay Verma, Ambassador of India to Ethiopia and Djibouti; Dr. Manuel Montes, Senior Advisor, Finance and Development, The South Centre, Geneva; Mr. Amitabh Behar, Executive Director, National Foundation of India; and Professor Milindo Chakrabarti, Visiting Fellow, RIS at the consultation held on 14 July 2015 in Addis Ababa.

sought to mobilise resources for development and for the effective use of all these resources in the global partnership for sustainable development – the three dimensions of which are: the promotion of inclusive growth, protecting environment and promotion of peaceful and inclusive societies.

Presentation on the Draft Outcome Document of the Third International Conference on Financing for Development were made by Dr. Priyadarshi Dash, Research Associate, RIS; Mr. N. Paul Divakar, General Secretary, Dalit Arthik Adhikar Andolan; Mr. Subrat Das, Executive Director, Centre for Budget and Governance Accountability, New Delhi; Mr. Amitabh Behar, Convenor, Wada Na Todo Abhiyan; and Mr. Harsh Jaitli, Voluntary Action Network India (VANI). This session was chaired by Ms. Rebecca Reichmann

Tavares, Representative, UN Women Office for India.

The panellists were of the opinion that India's position should be that the Financing for Development process should feed into the wider canvas, which includes post-2015 development agenda, climate change, and development cooperation. The issues on Financing for Development cover aid, international financial architecture, domestic resource mobilisation and global tax issues.

The second consultation was organised in Addis Ababa on 14 July 2015 on the sidelines of FfD 3. Mr. Jayant Sinha, Hon'ble Minister of State for Finance, Government of India made Chairperson's remarks. Ambassador Sanjay Verma, Ambassador of India to Ethiopia and Djibouti made Welcome Remarks. Prof. Milindo Chakrabarti, Visiting Fellow, RIS;

Dr. Manuel Montes, Senior Advisor, Finance and Development, The South Centre, Geneva; Mr. Amitabh Behar, Executive Director, National Foundation of India; and Mr. Danny Sriskandarajah, Secretary General, Civicus presented views from academia and civil society. Dr. Sabyasachi Saha, Assistant Professor, RIS extended the vote of thanks.

The outcomes of these consultations in the form of a policy communiqué were presented to the Minister of State for Finance, Mr. Jayant Sinha, who led the Indian delegation to Addis Ababa, and were later fed into the inter-governmental process on the post-2015 development agenda underway at the General Assembly in New York in September. RIS has collaborated with the UN and was the key partner from academia/research for the first consultation on SDGs in India.

Delegation of National Academy of Politics of the Socialist Republic of Vietnam at RIS

A seven-member delegation, led by Assistant Prof. Dr. Trinh Duc Thao, Director of Institute of State and Law, Ho Chi Minh National Academy of Politics (HNAP), visited RIS for an interactive session on 15 September 2015. The members of

the delegation included: Dr. Nguyen Thi Tuyet Mai, Senior Lecturer, Institute of Leadership and Public Policy, HNAP; Dr. Nguyen Thi Phuong Lan, Lecturer of Institute of Economy, HNAP; Mr. Nguyen Van Duong, MA, PS to Vice President of

HNAP in charge of International Cooperation; Mr. Do Khuong Manh Linh, MA, Expert of Centre for Indian Studies, HNAP; and Ms. Vu Van Anh, Expert of International Cooperation, HNAP.

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Mohd Isa, Chairman and Chief Executive, Institute of Strategic and International Studies (ISIS) Malaysia made Welcome Remarks. Hon Dato' Seri Reezal Merican Naina Merican, Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs, Malaysia delivered the Keynote Address. General (Retd) Vijay Kumar Singh, Minister of State for External Affairs, Government of India delivered the Inaugural Address. Amb. Anil Wadhwa, Secretary (East), MEA, GoI and Amb. V. S. Seshadri, Vice Chairman, RIS and AIC made Special Remarks. Prof. Sachin Chaturvedi, Director General, RIS and AIC made concluding remarks.

At the Roundtable 'ASEAN-India Economic Relations: Opportunities and Challenges', AIC/RIS Proceedings of the 3rd AINTT Roundtable and 'ASEAN-India: Shaping the Post-2015 Agenda', IDSA Proceedings of the 7th Delhi Dialogue were also released. The first session of the Roundtable deliberated on issues relating to non-traditional security threats such as maritime security, cyber security and transnational crime including international terrorism. Amb. V. S. Seshadri, chaired this session.

The second session dealt with existing and emerging regional



General (Retd) Vijay Kumar Singh, Minister of State for External Affairs, Government of India releasing the 'ASEAN-India Economic Relations: Opportunities and Challenges', AIC/RIS Proceedings of the 3rd AINTT Roundtable. Also seen in picture (from left to right) are Amb. V. S. Seshadri, Vice-Chairman, RIS and AIC; Amb. Anil Wadhwa, Secretary (East), Ministry of External Affairs, Government of India; Tan Sri Rastam Mohd Isa, Chairman and Chief Executive, Institute of Strategic and International Studies (ISIS) Malaysia; Hon Dato' Seri Reezal Merican Naina Merican, Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs, Malaysia; Prof. Sachin Chaturvedi, Director General, RIS and AIC; Prof. Prabir De, Coordinator, AIC.

security architectures and discussed the challenges that the countries have been facing in the region. Ms. Elina Noor chaired this session. The third session discussed issues relating to regional economic architecture such as ASEAN Economic Community (AEC), Regional Comprehensive Economic Partnership (RCEP), and the way forward. It was chaired by Dr. Rajiv Kumar, Chancellor, Gokhale Institute of Economics and Politics, Pune and Senior Fellow, Centre for Policy Research (CPR).

The fourth session chaired by Prof. Prabir De, RIS and Coordinator, AIC discussed past and present cultural links between ASEAN and India and suggested a way forward to strengthen the links.

Tan Sri Dato Ajit Singh, Advisor (India Business), IJM Corporation Berhad and Former Secretary-General, ASEAN Secretariat chaired fifth the session on 'Post-2015 Agenda of ASEAN and the Way Forward.'

The Roundtable concluded with the vote of thanks by Prof. Prabir De and Tan Sri Rastam Mohd Isa. Senior officials from India and ASEAN member countries participated in the Roundtable. The outcomes of the Roundtable would be used in the preparation of the 13th ASEAN-India Summit to be held at Kuala Lumpur later this year. The detailed programme of the Roundtable is available on the RIS website.

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14 July 2015 as a side event to the Third International Conference on Financing for Development, Addis Ababa, Ethiopia.

Mr. Jayant Sinha, Hon'ble Minister of State for Finance, Government of India delivered the Keynote Address. Welcome remarks were delivered by Prof. Sachin Chaturvedi, Director General, RIS. Ambassador Shyam Saran, Chairman RIS gave the Chairman's Remarks and Ms. Sujata Mehta, Secretary (M&ER), MEA delivered the special remarks. Ms. Nisha Agarwal, Oxfam India and Dr. Bhaskar Chatterjee, Director General & CEO, Indian Institute of Corporate Affairs, Ministry of Corporate Affairs were the other panellists. Mr. Amitabh Behar, Executive Director, National Foundation for India/Wada Na

Capital flows from Developing World impairing Development: Mr. Jayant Sinha

Linking global capital flows to the UN's proposed Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), Minister of State for Finance, Mr. Jayant Sinha said India has pitched for a global tax regime to be built into the UN process. He was speaking at the RIS seminar on Financing for Development and Post 2015 Agenda held on 2 September 2015.

"India stands at a profound moment tectonic change in the world where, while Official Development Assistance (ODA) globally is in the range of about \$150 billion, capital flows leaving the developing world to richer parts through capital gains structures or illicit financial flows are estimated at between \$400 billion to \$600 billion," he said. He added that these capital flows are impeding the development process in these countries.

The Minister said if one moves to a UN process on this with intergovernmental consultations there would be a more equitable and responsive tax policy for the developing world.

Todo Abhiyan, and Convenor, FIDC Working Group on Emerging Development Agenda extended the vote of thanks.

Roundtable on Medical Devices Policy

RIS organised a Roundtable to invite comments/suggestions on the Draft National Medical Devices Policy, 2015 on 10 August 2015. The purpose of the Roundtable was to facilitate coordinated response to the Draft Policy. Prof. Sachin Chaturvedi, Director General made Welcome Remarks. Mr. T.C. James, Consultant, RIS presented the Draft Policy. Mr. K. M. Gopa Kumar, Third World Network; Dr. Reji K. Joseph, ISID; Dr. Amit Sengupta, International People's Health University; Dr. Jitendar Kumar Sharma, National Health Systems Resource Centre, Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, Mr. Zakir Thomas, former Director, OSDD; Dr. Sarojini N B; Dr. Debapriya Dutta, Director, Indo-French Centre for the Promotion of Advanced Research, and Dr. Sabyasachi Saha, Assistant Professor participated in the Roundtable.

Revitalising SAARC

The National Defence College, New Delhi, organised the Seminar on "Revitalising SAARC on 9 September 2015. Prof. Ram Upendra Das chaired the session on Promoting SAARC Economic integration at the Seminar.



Prof. Ram Upendra Das, RIS at the Seminar on 'Revitalising SAARC' organised by the National Defence College.

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process enshrined in five-year plans. The work programme of RIS also discussed them and it was emphasised that development and South-South cooperation is at the top of its agenda and this focus entails innovative ways of working with traditional donors and new partners. The challenges in fulfilling the SDGs were also discussed. It was mentioned that in the 12th Five-Year Plan, there were only 25 indicators, many of which could not be assessed due to data problems and SDGs are even more ambitious with 169 targets.

At this consultation, RIS also released a special issue of its journal *Asian Biotechnology and Development Review (ABDR)* on SDGs. The institute also unveiled a new web page dedicated to SDGs.



Ms. Sindhushree Khullar, Chief Executive Officer, NITI Aayog, Government of India releasing the special issue of the ABDR on Sustainable Development Goals. Also seen in picture (from left to right) are Prof. Sachin Chaturvedi, Director General, RIS; Mr. Yuri Afanasiev, UN Resident Coordinator and UNDP Resident Representative in India; Ambassador Shyam Saran, Chairman, RIS; Dr. K. Ravi Srinivas, Consultant, RIS; Dr. Balakrishna Pisupati, Advisor SDGs, UNEP-DELG and Senior Adjunct Fellow, RIS; Mr. Puneet Aggarwal, Joint Secretary (UNES), Ministry of External Affairs, Government of India; and Prof. Anuradha Chenoy, Chairman, FIDC and Dean School of International Studies, JNU.

The technical sessions of the consultation deliberated on (i) SDGs on Health, Agriculture and Nutritional Security and Human Development; (ii) Science, Innovation and Access to Technology; (iii) SDGs:

Inclusive Growth, Gender and Sustainability; (iv) SDGs: Energy and Environment; (iv) SDGs: Role of Industry, Civil Society and Media; and (v) SDGs: Implementation Issues, Monitoring, Role of States and Global Commitments.

Contributions to Outside Policy Dialogues

Prof. Sachin Chaturvedi Director General

- Made a presentation on 'Development Cooperation vs. Foreign Aid: Global Impact' at the 55th course for the select senior defence and civil service officers, organised by the National Defence College in New Delhi on 21 July 2015.
- Made a presentation on 'Post 2015 Development Agenda' at Speaker's Research Initiative (SRI), held at Parliament House in New Delhi on 23 July 2015.
- Participated in the First Research Institute Network Meeting (RINM) of the Economic Research Institute for ASEAN and East Asia (ERIA), organised by the Bangkok Research Centre and JETRO in Bangkok on 25 July 2015.
- Made a presentation on 'Linking Trade, Investment and STI for

- Sustainable Development' at the Regional Workshop on Harnessing Science, Technology and Innovation for Sustainable Development, organised by UN ESCAP in Bangkok on 6 August 2015.
- Made a presentation on 'Structural Reform and Challenges of Implementation' at the China-Australia Global Issues Dialogue, organised by the Shanghai Institute for International Studies (SIIS) and East Asia Bureau of Economic Research (EABER), ANU in Shanghai on 14 August 2015.
- Made a presentation in the session on 'Asian Panel Roundtable' at the Symposium on Sustainable Development Goals and Asian Perspective organised jointly by the Korea Association of International Development and Cooperation (KAIDEC) and

- Korea Foundation (KF) in Seoul on 20 August 2015.
- Lead Discussant in the session on 'Building a South-South Support Structure' at the High-level Multi-stakeholders Strategy Forum on Scaling-up Global Support for South-South and Triangular Cooperation in the Context of the Post-2015 Development Agenda, organised by the Committee on South-South Cooperation and the United Nations Office for South-South Cooperation (UNOSSC) and its Global South-South Development Expo Secretariat (GSSD Expo) in Macao on 25 August 2015.
- Made a presentation on 'Sharing Experience of FIDC Work' at the Seminar on India's Development Cooperation with Africa: What Role for the Private Sector, organised by CII in New Delhi on 2 September 2015.

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- Made a presentation on 'India's Development Cooperation' at the Training Programme on International Economics and Business Management for the Officer Trainees of the Indian Foreign Service, organised by the IIFT in New Delhi on 3 September 2015.
- Delivered the Inaugural Address and chaired the Inaugural Session at the Consultation to Propose Indicators for Climate Change-related Sustainable Development Goals and UNFCCC Bonn Debrief, organised jointly by the Alternative Futures and CANSA in New Delhi on 10 September 2015.
- Made a presentation on 'Macro Perspective: Setting the tone with India's aspirations on Post-2015 development agenda with a specific focus to Goal 16' at the Roundtable Consultation on Goal 6 of the Sustainable Development Goals, organised jointly by the WaterAid India and Wada Na Todo Abhiyan in New Delhi on 14 September 2015.
- Panellist in the session on 'Fair and Equitable Sourcing in Reputation Economy' at the 10th Sustainability Summit, organised by the CII in New Delhi on 15 September 2015.
- Panellist at the Regional Seminar on 'Unlocking The Potential of Regional Economic Integration in South Asia: Priorities for the Islamabad Summit of SAARC', organised by UNESCAP, FICCI and SAARC Chamber of Commerce and Industry in New Delhi on 16 September 2015.
- Made a presentation on 'Natural Resource Trade: A Perspective from the South' at the Conference on Accessing Resources from Global Market: Geo-political Challenges and Strategies,

organised by TERI and Konrad Adenauer Stiftung in New Delhi on 17 September 2015.

- Chaired a session on 'Financing Smart City for India at the National Conference on Smart Cities and India's New Urban Imperatives', organised jointly by the Centre for Public Affairs, IIC, National Foundation for India and ICSSR in New Delhi on 29 September 2015.

Prof. S.K. Mohanty

- Delivered a lecture at the International Summer School (ISS) on 'India and China in the World Economy: Emerging Trends in Trade and Investment', organised by the Jamia Millia Islamia Central University in New Delhi on 16 July 2015.
- Participated in the Meeting on 'Blue Economy and Reviewing the Mining Sector in Indian Context' held at the Ministry of Mines in New Delhi on 27 July 2015.
- Participated in the Meeting on Blue Economy held at the National Statistical Commission, Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation in New Delhi on 29 July 2015.
- Made a presentation on 'Towards a Comprehensive Framework for the Blue Economy in IORA' at the Ministry of External Affairs, Government of India in New Delhi on 2 August 2015.
- Participated in the Meeting on Prospects of Blue Economy in the Indian Ocean Rim at the National Shipping Board in New Delhi on 4 August 2015.
- Participated in the Meeting on Towards a Comprehensive Framework for the Blue Economy in IORA, held at the Central Statistical Office (CSO), Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation,

Government of India in New Delhi on 6 August 2015.

- Made a presentation on 'Blue Economy as a Driver of Economic Growth' at the Indian Ocean Dialogue 2015 organised by the Department of Foreign Trade, Australian Government; IORA; ORF and Future Directions International, Australia in Perth, Australia on 5-7 September 2015.
- Participated in the Meeting upcoming IORA Council of Ministers Meeting (CoMM), held in the Ministry of External Affairs, Government of India, New Delhi on 30 September 2015.

Prof. Ram Upendra Das

- Participated in the first meeting of the Joint Feasibility Study Group (JFSG) for entering into a Free Trade Agreement (FTA) between the Eurasian Economic Union (EAEU) and its Members States and the Republic of India in Moscow on 31 July 2015.
- Delivered a Special Lecture on 'New Perspectives on FTAs' at the Department of Economics, Jamia Millia Islamia University in New Delhi on 5 August 2015.
- Participated in the First Meeting of the Committee on 'International Trade Policy and Exports', organised by CII in New Delhi on 6 August 2015.
- Participated in the Second Meeting of the Advisory Council on 'Make in India: The Next Leap', organised by ASSOCHAM in New Delhi on 20 August 2015.
- Participated in a meeting on 'Regional Economic Cooperation', organised by the Embassy of the United State of America in New Delhi on 21 August 2015.
- Participated in the Roundtable on 'Economic Cooperation

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between India-New Zealand', organised by the Embassy of the New Zealand in New Delhi on 22 August 2015.

- Chaired the Session on 'Promoting SAARC Economic Integration' at the Seminar on 'Revitalising SAARC', organised by the National Defence College in New Delhi on 9 September 2015.
- Speaker at the Regional Workshop on 'WTO and Regional Trade Agreements in South Asia: Negotiation and Implementation Challenges', organised by the United Nations ESCAP-SSWA in New Delhi on 16 September 2015.
- Participated in the Expert Group Meeting on 'Regional Cooperation for Inclusive and Sustainable Development: South and South-West Asia Development Report', organised by ESCAP-SSWA in New Delhi on 17 September 2015.
- Participated in the Meeting of Joint Feasibility Study Group (JFSG) on Report for entering into a Free Trade Agreement (FTA) between the Eurasian Economic Commission (EaEC) and its Member States and the Republic of India, organised by the Ministry of Commerce and Industry, Government of India in New Delhi on 22 September 2015.
- Participated in the Conference on 'One Belt One Road', organised by the China-India Association for Promotion and Trade (CAPET) in Kuala Lumpur on 22-25 September 2015.

Mr. T.C. James Consultant

- Participated in the Meeting on DNA Bill in Parliament with Professor Thomas Pogge from Yale University, former and present officers of Director

General of Health Services and other academics on 21 August, 2015. The meeting examined the various provisions of the Bill.

- Participated in the meeting on Health Impact Fund Proposal on 21 August 2015.
- Participated in the First Meeting of the CII Africa Committee (2015-16) on 17 August 2015.
- Made a presentation on 'Access and Benefit Sharing under the Convention on Biological Diversity in the Nagoya Protocol: Implications and Scope for Regional cooperation giving the Indian Perspective' at the regional meeting on 'Conservation, Use and Exchange of Crop Genetic Resources: Promoting Regional Cooperation for Food Secure, Climate Resistant South Asia', organised by the South Asia Watch on Trade, Economics and Environment (SAWTEE) in Kathmandu, Nepal on 26-27 August 2015.

Dr. K. Ravi Srinivas Consultant

- Participated in Open Plant SynBio Meeting and IP Working Group Workshop held in the Cambridge University on 28-30 July 2015.
- Speaker in Session 'Enhancing Infrastructure for Research and Innovation for Health - Technology Hubs, Science Parks, And More' in Global Forum for Research and Innovation for Health 2015, organised by the Council on Health Research for Development (COHRED), in partnership with the Philippine Department of Health and Philippine Department of Science and Technology, in Manila on 26 August 2015.
- Made a presentation at the Workshop on the 'Governance

of human genetic information and precision medicine' in Beijing on 28-29 August 2015.

Dr. Sabyasachi Saha Assistant Professor

- Delegate at the Meeting of the Network of Southern Think-Tanks (NeST), UNDP held in New York on 22 September 2015.
- Participated as expert in the Meeting with Parliamentarians on SDGs, organised by the National Foundation for India in New Delhi on 16 September 2015.
- Participated as expert in the Meeting on Proposing Indicators on Four Climate-related Post-2015 Sustainable Development Goals, organised by the Alternative Futures and Action 2015 in New Delhi on 10 September 2015.
- Participated as expert in Consultation Workshop on Goal 16 of the Proposed Sustainable Development Goals, organised by Wada Na Todo Abhiyan in New Delhi on 30 July 2015.

Dr. Durairaj Kumarasamy Consultant, RIS

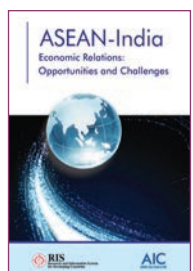
- Participated in a five-day Workshop on Empirical Methods in Trade: Analyzing Trade Costs and Trade Facilitation organised by WTO/ESCAP 10th ARTNeT Capacity Building Workshop for Trade Research held in Bangkok, Thailand on 15-19 June 2015.
- Made a presentation on Trade and Investment Relations between India and China: Scope and Potentials at the monthly seminar on India's Connectivity with Neighbours and its Implications for Sino-India Relations, held at the Hainan Institute for World Watch, Haikou, China on 25-28 August 2015.

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The Logic of Sharing: Indian Approach to South-South Cooperation



India's development cooperation programmes reflect the broad principles that inform Indian foreign policy in general. In essence they reflect sovereign equality and belief in friendly relations with all countries, particularly India's neighbours coupled with opposition to colonialism and a continued commitment to the amplification of human freedom and

the creation of equitable conditions for the peaceful and harmonious development of nations. Indian nationalist leader Mahatma Gandhi underlined that while juxtaposition of peace and prosperity is not contrivance for establishing moral prospects, the two conditions are indissolubly linked. Such pragmatism is evident in the genesis and evolution of India's development cooperation policy.

Independent India has a history of successful cooperation with other developing countries. The extension of Indian resources and expertise to the global South, which dates back to the early 1950s, became institutionalised under the Indian Technical and Economic Cooperation Programme (ITEC) established in 1964. Although the scale of India's development cooperation has been modest, it has expanded along with the country's emergence as a rapidly growing economy, at a time when development assistance available from other major emerging economies has also been growing significantly.

Latest Publications

Commerce Secretary Ms. Rita Teatota launches Report on India's Strategy for Economic Integration with CLMV

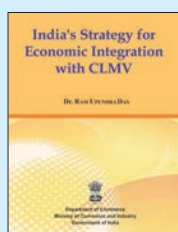
Ms. Rita Teatota, Commerce Secretary, Government of India launched the Report on *India's Strategy for Economic Integration with CLMV* on 14 August 2015 in New Delhi. The Report is brought out by the Ministry of Commerce and Industry, Government of India. Ambassador Shyam Saran, Chairman, RIS, New Delhi made Chairperson's Remarks. Shri Ravi Capoor, Joint Secretary, Ministry of Commerce and Industry, Government of India presented the Rationale and Genesis of the Report. H.E. Mr. Ton Sinh Thanh, Ambassador of Vietnam to India made Special Remarks. Prof. Ram Upendra Das, RIS, who authored



Ms. Rita Teatota, Commerce Secretary, Government of India launching the Report. Also seen in picture (from left to right) are Prof. Ram Upendra Das, RIS; Ambassador Shyam Saran, Chairman, RIS; Ms. Rita Teatota, Commerce Secretary, Government of India; Shri Ravi Capoor, Joint Secretary, Ministry of Commerce and Industry, Government of India; and H.E. Mr. Ton Sinh Thanh, Ambassador of Vietnam to India.

the Report, presented broad contours of the Report. The launch event ended with vote of thanks by Prof. Ram Upendra Das.

About the Report on India's Strategy for Economic Integration with CLMV



The Report provides a rationale for establishing commercial and economic linkages between India and the Cambodia, Laos, Myanmar and Vietnam (CLMV) region. The current level of economic linkages between India and CLMV, both in trade and FDI, are weak. Some major challenges confronting India-CLMV economic relations include information gap, communication gap, skill unavailability, banking constraints and integrating SMEs in RVCs. However, the Report highlights that the underdevelopment of CLMV is a development opportunity for India and thus, the various identified potential sectors for stronger economic linkages between India and the CLMV region need to be tapped.

There are several sectors in CLMV that the Report has identified as focus sectors from the view-point of taking advantages of synergies across, manufacturing, trade and investment. These include agro-processing, oil and gas, pharmaceuticals, wood and timber, light engineering, garments, automobiles, education, IT, SMEs, tourism and skill development.

The Report finds that one of the important ways of utilising the CLMV's economic space is by setting up manufacturing units in the region. This will help in accessing the Chinese markets through exports originating from CLMV under the China-AEAN FTA. Additional export expansion to the tune of US\$ 100 billion is feasible, which in turn can address the trade deficit of India with China, as estimated in the Report.

One of the major thrusts in the Report includes creating an India-CLMV convergence in the regional trade negotiations and alignment of India's commercial interests with CLMV's policy focus. The Report observes that one of the most important ingredients of setting up business is skill availability and there exists considerable skill complementarities between India and CLMV in terms of skill availability in India matched with unavailability in CLMV. It is also desirable to integrate the employment intensive SMEs with regional value chains through India-CLMV integration and to facilitate this process there is a need to increase the presence of Indian banks there. The Report has been prepared by Prof. Ram Upendra Das of RIS for the Ministry of Commerce and Industry, Government of India.

सतत विकास के लिए संयुक्त राष्ट्र का २०३० एजेंडा

संयुक्त राष्ट्र महासभा ने सितंबर 2015 में सतत विकास के लिए 2030 एजेंडा (एसडीजी) अपनाया। सतत विकास के सामाजिक, आर्थिक और पर्यावरणीय आयामों को शामिल करते हुए 17 लक्ष्यों और 169 सूचक को उजागर किया गया है। वैचारिक और परिचालन स्तर पर एसडीजी आठ एमडीजी (मिलेनियम डेवलपमेंट लक्ष्यों) का एक विस्तार मात्र नहीं है, बल्कि वैश्विक प्रणालीगत विकास में आने वाली बाधाओं को दूर करने और सतत विकास के लिए एक अनुकूल अंतरराष्ट्रीय वातावरण को सुरक्षित करने के लिए सुधारों पर ध्यान केंद्रित करने का अभूतपूर्व प्रयास है।

भारत में संयुक्त राष्ट्र के साथ विकासशील देशों की सूचना एवं अनुसंधान प्रणाली (आरआईएस) द्वारा सतत विकास लक्ष्यों को कार्यान्वित करने की दिशा में अधिकतम जागरूकता और भागीदारी सुनिश्चित करने के लिए सांसदों, नीति निर्माताओं, शिक्षाविदों, निजी क्षेत्र और नागरिक समाज के बीच विचार-विमर्श के लिए एक विशेष कार्यक्रम की मुहिम चलाई जा रही है।

इस कार्यक्रम को आरआईएस के भारतीय विकास सहयोग मंच (एफआईडीसी) के द्वारा आयोजित किया जा रहा है। यह प्रक्रिया अर्थव्यवस्था, प्रौद्योगिकी और पर्यावरण पर वैश्विक शासन को प्रभावित करने में भारत की भूमिका और वस्तु स्थिति का पता लगाने के लिए भी है। कार्यक्रम के अंतर्गत जुलाई 2015 में विकास के लिए वित्त पोषण पर तीसरे अंतरराष्ट्रीय सम्मेलन के मौके पर अदीस अबाबा, इथियोपिया में 14 जुलाई 2015 को व सितंबर 2015 में संयुक्त राष्ट्र साधारण सभा के मौके पर न्यूयॉर्क में 21-22 सितंबर 2015 को दक्षिणी देशों के सहयोगियों के साथ व्यापक विचार-विमर्श भी शामिल थे। इस कार्यक्रम के तहत आरआईएस भारत के संदर्भ में विशेष अनुसंधान पर दस्तावेज भी तैयार करेगा।

न्यूयार्क में भारतीय स्थायी मिशन के माध्यम से आरआईएस ने बहुत सक्रिय रूप से सतत विकास लक्ष्यों पर वार्ता में भाग लिया और एक आम सहमति तैयार करने में महत्वपूर्ण भूमिका निभाई। इस प्रक्रिया में वित्त और कराधान पर बेहतर अंतरराष्ट्रीय शासन के साथ तकनीकी सहयोग और विकासशील देशों को हस्तांतरण के माध्यम से वैश्विक विकास के वित्त पोषण के महत्व पर प्रकाश डाला।

आरआईएस द्वारा 21 सितंबर को न्यूयार्क में आयोजित परामर्श सम्मेलन को संबोधित करते हुए नीति आयोग के उपाध्यक्ष प्रोफेसर अरविंद पनगरिया ने विकास लक्ष्यों को पूरा करने के लिए आर्थिक विकास, रोजगार, बुनियादी ढांचे और औद्योगीकरण जैसे मुद्दों पर बल दिया और साथ ही स्थिरता की दिशा में भारत की संवेदनशीलता को रेखांकित किया। भारत में सतत विकास लक्ष्यों को पूरा करने में मुख्य चुनौतियाँ जो सामने आएंगी वे हैं – केंद्र और राज्य सरकारों के बीच सहयोग व निजी क्षेत्र सहित अन्य समाजसेवी संस्थाओं के साथ साझेदारी और सांख्यिकी की स्थिति। सितंबर 2015 में अन्य विश्व नेताओं के साथ-साथ प्रधानमंत्री मोदी ने सतत विकास लक्ष्यों पर भारत की प्रतिबद्धता का वादा किया है। भारत हमेशा विकास और स्थिरता के लिए चुनौतियों के प्रति जागरूक रहा है और उन लक्ष्यों को पूरा करने के लिए उचित नीतियाँ बनाता रहा है। वास्तव में भारत द्वारा निर्धारित कुछ लक्ष्य सतत विकास लक्ष्यों से भी अधिक महत्वाकांक्षी हैं। सतत विकास लक्ष्यों पर वैश्विक ढांचे के साथ इन उद्देश्यों को संगठित करना एक वैश्विक दृष्टिकोण देगा और साथ ही इनकी कार्यान्वयनिता, निगरानी और साझेदारी में सुधार होगा।



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