

Agenda



Day I: 05 October 2026 (Venue: Ball Room 1)

09:30 – 10:00: Registration

10:00 – 10:40: Inaugural Session

Lighting of Lamp Ceremony

- **Welcome Remarks: Professor Sachin Kumar Sharma**, Director General, RIS, New Delhi, India
- **Remarks: Cmde Manish Sinha**, Senior Fellow and Director (Training and Education), National Maritime Foundation (NMF), New Delhi, India
- **Remarks: Dr Sacha Blumen**, Director, Southeast Asia Strategy and Maritime Security Branch, Office of Southeast Asia, Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade, Australia
- **Remarks: Major General Nestor C. Herico**, PN(M) (Ret), Deputy Director General National Security Council Philippines
- **Keynote Address: Dr. Thelma John David**, Joint Secretary (Indo-Pacific), Ministry of External Affairs (MEA), Government of India

10:40 – 11:00: Group Photo and Tea/Coffee Break

11:00 – 12:15 Session 1: Assessing Regional Blue Economy Models and Ocean Governance Frameworks to Promote the Sustainable Use of Marine Resources for Economic Development

Moderator: Dr Sanjeev Ranjan, *Former Secretary, Ministry of Ports, Shipping and Waterways, Government of India*

Speakers:

- **Dr Grinson George**, *Director, Central Marine Fisheries Research Institute (CMFRI), Kochi, India*
- **Dr R. A. Adriani Kusumawardani**, *Senior Policy Analyst, CMIRD, Indonesia*
- **Cdr (Dr) PK Shrivastava**, *IN (Retd), Scientist G, Ministry of Earth Sciences (MOES), Government of India*

Open Discussion

12:15 – 13:30 Lunch

13:30 – 14:45 Session 2: Enhancing Maritime Security and Safety Cooperation for Advancing Peace, Stability, and Security in the Region

Moderator: Atty. Fretti Ganchoon, *Senior State Counsel, Department of Justice, Philippines*

Speakers:

- **Vice Admiral Allen J. Dalangin**, *PCG Commander, Maritime Security and Law Enforcement Command, Philippines*
- **Vice Admiral M. P. Muralidharan**, *Former Director General of the Indian Coast Guard, India*
- **Ms Yvonne Carroll**, *Director India, North & South Asia Branch, International Policy Division, Australian Department of Defence, Australia*
- **Dr. Sanjay Pulipaka**, *Chairperson, Politeia Research Foundation, India*

Open Discussion

14:45 – 15:15 Tea/Coffee Break

15:15 – 16:30 Session 3: Maritime Domain Awareness (MDA) and Regional Information-sharing

Moderator: Cmde Manish Sinha, *Senior Fellow and Director (Training and Education), National Maritime Foundation, India*

Speakers:

- **Capt Sachin Kumar Singh**, *IN, Director, Information Fusion Centre – Indian Ocean Region (IFC-IOR), India*
- **Dr. Mohammad Zaki Ahmad**, *Associate Professor and Director of the Asian Institute of International Affairs and Diplomacy, UUM, Malaysia*
- **Lt Col Amandeep Singh (Retd)**, *Former Director, Ministry of Defence, Government of India*

Open Discussion

19:00 Dinner

Day II: Tuesday, 06 October 2026

09:30 – 10:45 Session 4: Regional Capacity-building and Capability-enhancement for Addressing Transboundary Challenges

Moderator: Vice Admiral Ashok Kumar (Retd.), *Former National Maritime Security Coordinator, India*

Speakers:

- **Prof. Bradley Jensen Murg**, *Professor and Provost, Paragon International University, and Senior Fellow, Cambodia Institute of Cooperation and Peace (CICP), Phnom Penh, Cambodia*
- **Cmde Sujeet Samaddar**, *Visiting Fellow, RIS, India*
- **Mr. Kyaw Nyunt Lwin**, *Executive Member, Myanmar Institute of Strategic and International Studies, Myanmar*
- **Dr. Tran My Hai Loc**, *Vice Dean, Faculty of International Relations, Ho Chi Minh City University of Economics and Finance, Vietnam*

Open Discussion

10:45 – 11:00 Tea/Coffee Break

11:00 – 12:15 Session 5: Addressing Emerging Maritime Security Challenges

Moderator: Dr Sacha Blumen, *Director, Southeast Asia Strategy and Maritime Security Branch, Office of Southeast Asia, Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade, Australia*

Speakers:

- **Capt Ranendra S Sawan**, *IN, Senior Fellow, National Maritime Foundation (NMF), India*
- **Dr. Sinderpal Singh**, *Senior Fellow, RSIS, Singapore*
- **Dr. Rahul Mishra**, *Associate Professor, Centre for Indo-Pacific Studies, JNU, India*

12:15 – 12:25 Valedictory Session

- **Valedictory Address: Dr. Thelma John David**, *Joint Secretary (Indo-Pacific), Ministry of External Affairs (MEA), Government of India*
- **Vote of Thanks: Dr. Pankaj Vashisht**, *Coordinator ASEAN-India Centre, RIS, India*

12:25 – 13:00 Lunch

End of the Conference

