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President of Liberia at RIS

FIDC-RIS organised a special address on 'India-Africa Partnership and Sustainable Development Goals' by H.E. Madam Ellen Johnson Sirleaf, Hon'ble President, Republic of Liberia in New Delhi on 31 October 2015. Prof. Sachin Chaturvedi, Director General, RIS made welcome remarks.

Prof. Sachin Chaturvedi, welcoming the President said that we were immensely glad to have H.E. President Sirleaf who has provided intellectual and policy leadership on issues relating to the MDGs and now the SDGs. He also mentioned that RIS and UN in India have launched a major



H.E. Madam Ellen Johnson Sirleaf, Hon'ble President, Republic of Liberia delivering the special address.

research programme engaging lawmakers, policymakers, academia and the civil society in India on the Sustainable Development

Goals (SDGs) whereby possible implementation strategies are also being explored.

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RIS Launches World Trade and Development Report

With the Tenth WTO Ministerial Conference in Nairobi, the efforts for trade liberalisation and strengthening of multilateral trading arrangement came to a full circle. What started in 1995 with graduation from GATT to WTO had come to a point where several challenges for multilateralism were clearly discernible.

Signing of TPP is an unprecedented development in the annals of the economic history of the world. Along with TPP another three mega regionals, viz. TTIP, RCEP and FTAAP, have made significant headway in their negotiations, and are likely to be formed in the coming years. These four regional groupings are distinct from those of other existing regional



Mrs. Suchitra Durai, High Commissioner of India to the Republic of Kenya releasing the 'RIS World Trade and Development Report: Mega Regionals, WTO and New Issues.' Also seen in picture are (from left to right) Prof. S.K. Mohanty, RIS; Prof. Sachin Chaturvedi, Director General, RIS; and Dr. Carlos Correa, Special Adviser, South Centre, Geneva.

grouping in terms of their content, scope and impact on the global economy. Legitimising behind the border issues (often called new

issues) such as competition policy, labour standards, environmental issues, government procurement,

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South-South Cooperation: Issues and Emerging Challenges

RIS, with the support of Ministry of External Affairs, Government of India, organised the Conference of Southern Providers in New Delhi on 15-16 April 2013. The Conference was seen as a timely and transformational event. As a follow-up of this, conference on South-South Cooperation: Issues and Emerging Challenges (Delhi II) is being organised on 10-11 March 2016 in New Delhi. This conference would discuss modalities for enhancing our collective understanding on the dynamics of SSC. Due to the diversity of SSC approaches, SSC is meant differently in different contexts.

Broadly speaking, South-South trade, investment and development cooperation are all components of SSC which together contribute to a larger development compact. (For further details please contact Prof. Sachin Chaturvedi at dg@ris.org.in)

IBSA: Visiting Fellowships at RIS

In association with the Ministry of External Affairs, Government of India, RIS offers IBSA Visiting Fellowships to two research scholars from each of the two other partners countries of India under the IBSA Dialogue Forum - Brazil and South Africa. The programme focusses on development of an effective multilateral institutional framework to coordinate, support and enable sustainable development in coherent and integral manner. It is opened for Research scholars and academicians from South Africa and Brazil having profound interest in carrying out deeper research towards the realisation of the aims and objectives of the IBSA Dialogue process in the partner countries. (For further details please contact Prof. Sachin Chaturvedi at dg@ris.org.in)

Global Governance of Trade and Investment Issues and G-20

Trade and investment are not an end by themselves but important instruments to achieve developmental objectives such as employment generation, poverty alleviation and so on. Trade and investment flows have assumed much greater importance in the era of globalisation and enhanced mutual interdependence across nations and regions. Given the nature of these flows and the bilateral, regional and multilateral policy regimes and institutions, that govern such flows have only highlighted tremendous governance gap, having important global implications that require high level policy attention. Since trade and investment have significant growth and developmental implications, it is important to ensure high level global attention so that overall global economic performance through national level successful outcomes could be ensured.

For this to happen, research is underway to prepare a blue-print of certain action points that need to be considered by the G-20 leaders. RIS has been actively taking part in the G-20 processes and participated in the G-20 meetings held in Istanbul in February 2015; Antalya in November 2015 and Beijing in December 2015. (For further details please contact Prof. Ram Upendra Das at upendra@ris.org.in)

Joint Feasibility Study on Free Trade Agreement (FTA) between the Eurasian Economic Union (EAEU) and India

Recognising the potential complementarity between India on the one hand and the Economic Union of Armenia, Belarus,

Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan and the Russian Federation (EAEU), on the other, a Joint Study Group (JSG) has been established to recommend the approach and process for economic cooperation engagements of India with this Economic Union. Given India's recent economic dynamism as well as the economic performance of the members of the grouping, it appears imperative to engage with them in a comprehensive way including in trade in goods, trade in services and investment, as well as in other areas of economic cooperation. The need for the study also stems from the fact that this region has had much stronger economic linkages in the past and that can be strengthened due to the imperatives of energy security as well. RIS has been approached by the Ministry of Commerce and Industry, GoI to serve on the JSG and conduct the study. RIS participated in the First Meeting of the Joint Feasibility Study Group (JFSG) held in Moscow in July 2015. (For further details please contact Prof. Ram Upendra Das at upendra@ris.org.in)

Study on Emergence of 'Blue Economy'

The concept of Blue Economy is emerging as a new narrative on productive and sustainable engagement with the vast development opportunities that oceanic resources offer. The important sectors of Blue Economy are fisheries, sea-minerals including oil & gas, ports & shipping, marine tourism, marine biotechnology, deep-sea mining, and transport & logistics. It is believed that by undertaking Blue Economy initiative countries would be able to achieve high economic growth and maintain healthy balance between resource use and its renewability. However, there are few attempts to estimate the gains of Blue Economy.

New Research Studies and Initiatives

This assumes importance in the light of the fact that the world faces the challenge of restoring a healthy balance between the ambition of high economic growth and the goal of environmental sustainability. With the launch of SDGs, concerns are emerging in favour of sustainable use of natural resources especially in the context of growth-centric development models. In fact the oceans and the ocean related activities are viewed as the greatest source of growth in the post-recession period. In view of the importance of the subject for both national and regional development, RIS has launched a comprehensive study on this topic. With support from the Ministry of External Affairs, Government of India, RIS also organised the First IORA Blue Economy Dialogue at Goa, India in collaboration with the Observer Research Foundation (ORF) on 17-18 August 2015. Eminent experts from the Indian Ocean region contributed to the Dialogue on various facets of blue economy and the scope for regional cooperation among the member states of IORA. The rich deliberations took the shape of 'Goa Declaration' which was released at the end of the Dialogue on 18 August 2015. RIS has also brought out the Report on "Prospects of Blue Economy in the Indian Ocean", which has been prepared by the research team led by Prof. S.K. Mohanty, RIS. (For further details please contact Prof. S.K. Mohanty at skmohanty@ris.org.in)

RIS Work Programme on SDGs

RIS, with support from the UN in India, is spearheading a programme of consultations among lawmakers, policymakers, academia, private sector and the civil society in India on the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) to ensure maximum

awareness and participation at an early date towards drawing up a roadmap for the implementation of relevant targets in India as enshrined in this agenda. RIS is also collaborating with key international think tanks and organisations in India on specific issues related to the SDGs to strengthen knowledge partnerships.

Under this work programme, in its first phase, RIS organised a series of Consultations on SDGs in India ahead of the formal adoption of the Post 2015 Development Agenda in September 2015 by the UN General Assembly. Two consultations were organised on financing for development, prior to the UN mandated Third International Conference on Financing for Development (FfD3) at Addis Ababa, Ethiopia that preceded the adoption of the SDGs. The first consultation was organised in New Delhi on 8 July 2015 and another at Addis Ababa on 14 July 2015 as a side event on the sidelines of the FfD3. Following these meetings a media interaction on the outcome and India's position at the FfD3 was organised in New Delhi.

These meetings were attended by members of the official Indian delegation including Minister of State for Finance, Mr. Jayant Sinha and senior bureaucrats from the Ministry of External Affairs and the Ministry of Finance. A larger High Level National Conference on the SDGs was organised in partnership with NITI Aayog in September 2015 in New Delhi. Finally, RIS organised high level panel discussions at the UN Headquarters in New York and the New York University in September 2015, alongside the UN General Assembly that formally adopted the SDGs to explore issues around Southern perspectives and the global institutional architecture (on economics, technology and environment).

In 2016, RIS shall intensify the discourse around the social and economic dimensions of the SDGs and shall deepen the engagement on means of implementation of the SDGs covering global, national and sub-national issues. Regional consultations involving the principal actors at the level of the states, including the governments, would be undertaken to ensure ownership of the SDGs in coherence with national and state level welfare programmes and to promote action oriented approach towards developmental targets as enshrined in the SDGs. Special care would be taken to engage with states at both ends of the spectrum and hence strengthen national level policy understanding on cooperative federalism as an instrument to attain the SDGs. Finally, RIS would come up with a substantive publication based on position papers focussed on respective goals under the SDGs and principal cross sectoral issues like finance and technology. (For further details please contact Prof. Sachin Chaturvedi at dg@ris.org.in)

South Asia as an Economic Hub for Integrating East and South-East Asia with the Rest of Asia

South Asia's recent economic dynamism, led by India, including its future prospects as the fastest growing region in 2016 highlighted by various credible projections along with the emphasis of Indian policy making on the 'Make in India' initiative, suggests that South Asia and India can emerge as an economic hub for integrating East Asia, ASEAN on one hand with South Asia, Central Asia, West Asia and even the eastern coast of Africa, on the other. Also due to their geographical location, South Asia and India hypothetically appear

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India-Africa Partnership: Future Directions

In the run up to the third India-Africa Forum Summit from 25-29 October 2015, RIS organised a consultation on the “India-Africa Partnership: Future Directions” in association with the Institute of Defence Studies and Analyses (IDSA), Brookings India and Confederation of Indian Industry (CII) in New Delhi on 20 October 2015. Ms. Sujata Mehta, Secretary (M&ER), Ministry of External Affairs, Government of India made special remarks. H.E. Dr. Genet Zewide, Ambassador of Federal Democratic Republic Ethiopia to India and Dean of African Diplomatic Corps delivered keynote address. Amb. Jayant Prasad, Director General, IDSA chaired the inaugural session. Prof. Sachin Chaturvedi, Director General, RIS delivered welcome address. Remarks were also made by Dr. Subir Gokarn, Senior Fellow and Director Research, Brookings India; Mr. Arun Kumar Sahu, Joint Secretary (DPA-II), MEA; and Mr. Pranav Kumar, Head-International Policy and Trade, CII. Ms. Ruchita Beri, Senior Research Associate and Coordinator Africa, UN, LAC Centre, IDSA extended the vote of thanks.

Ms. Sujata Mehta underlined that India has entered into development cooperation as desired by African partners across continents. The partnership is based on non-interference, respect for sovereignty, equality and spirit of partnership rather than donor recipient relationship. India has provided US\$ 7.5 bn through LoC across 137 projects in 41 countries in Africa.

She also outlined the objectives of India-Africa Forum Summits, which were to develop a new architecture for a structured engagement between India and Africa. They constitute a vital platform to engage with Africa at



H.E. Dr. Genet Zewide, Ambassador of Federal Democratic Republic Ethiopia to India and Dean of African Diplomatic Corps delivering keynote address at the consultation. Also seen in picture are (from left to right) Prof. Sachin Chaturvedi, Dr. Subir Gokarn, Ms. Sujata Mehta and Amb. Jayant Prasad.

regional, sub-regional and bilateral levels. Development cooperation naturally plays an important role in this regard, she added. India’s technical cooperation and capacity-building programmes in Africa were the greatest force multipliers in terms of the strengthening bilateral ties. Around 25,000 scholarships have been provided during the last three years.

H.E. Dr. Genet Zewide said that emergence of Africa as fast-growing region with a GDP growth of 5.5 per cent combined with abundant resources is attracting many players, including India, for economic cooperation. India’s relations with Africa didn’t start in recent past but centuries ago. It was

based on mutual respect and benefit, genuine partnership with a sense of solidarity. “India does not prescribe any medicines for our problems”, she argued, adding that “India has surpassed all other countries with its support in the field of human resource development”.

Ambassador Jayant Prasad argued that the “world has changed, so has India and Africa.” Elaborating, he added, that while the 19th century belonged to Europe, 20th to America, the 21st century belongs to Asia and Africa. On the areas of India’s future partnership with Africa, Amb. Prasad articulated that the first area was food security and agricultural cooperation, followed by bilateral engagement in energy



Ms. Sujata Mehta delivering special remarks at the consultation. Also seen in picture are (from left to right) Prof. Sachin Chaturvedi, Dr. Subir Gokarn, H.E. Dr. Genet Zewide, and Amb. Jayant Prasad.

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AIC at RIS organised the Second Rizal-Nehru Lecture

AIC at RIS organised the 2nd Nehru-Rizal Memorial Lecture at the Jawar Bhawan, MEA, New Delhi on 14 October 2015. Prof. Sachin Chaturvedi, Director General, RIS made the welcome remarks. Ambassador Shyam Saran, Chairman, RIS made the opening remarks. Ms. Monika Mohta, Additional Secretary (South), MEA delivered the special remarks. H.E. Albert F. Del Rosario, Secretary (Minister)

of Foreign Affairs, Republic of the Philippines delivered the lecture on “Challenges and Opportunities: The Way Forward for Philippines-India Relations”. Prof. Prabir De, Coordinator, AIC extended the vote of thanks. The lecture was followed by an interactive session in which representatives from the Philippines, senior bureaucrats, government officials, and academicians participated.



H.E. Mr. Albert F. Del Rosario, Secretary (Minister) of Foreign Affairs, the Philippines delivering the Second Rizal-Nehru Lecture.

Roundtable on ASEAN-India: Integration and Development

AIC at RIS organised the Roundtable on “ASEAN-India: Integration and Development” on 27 October 2015 in New Delhi. The event also marked the release of AIC study entitled “ASEAN-India Development and Cooperation Report 2015”. The event was also a curtain raiser to the 13th ASEAN-India Summit and 10th East Asia Summit, held at Kuala Lumpur on 21-21 November 2015. Prof. Sachin Chaturvedi, Director General, RIS made the welcome remarks. Ambassador Anil Wadhwa, Secretary (East), MEA delivered the keynote address. Ambassador Shyam Saran, Chairman, RIS delivered the special address. Mr. Shreekant Somany, Chairman, CII (NR) and Chairman & Managing Director of Somany Ceramics Ltd. also gave delivered special address. Prof. Prabir De, Coordinator, AIC made a presentation on “ASEAN-India



Amb. Anil Wadhwa releasing the AIC-RIS Report titled, “ASEAN-India Development and Cooperation Report 2015”. Also seen in picture are (from left to right) Prof. Prabir De, Amb. Shyam Saran, Mr. Shreekant Somany, Ms. Pooja Kapur, Joint Secretary (ASEAN-ML), MEA; and Prof. Sachin Chaturvedi.

Development and Cooperation Report 2015”. There were two technical sessions dealing with the key issues and challenges on ASEAN-India strategic partnership

and new architecture of global and regional integration. The concluding session of the Roundtable was addressed by Prof. Prabir De, Coordinator, AIC and he also extended the vote of thanks.

India-Africa Collaboration in Agriculture

RIS organised a major international conference on 'India-Africa Collaboration in Agriculture: Opportunities and Challenges' on 6 October 2015 in Hyderabad. The conference aimed to disseminate the findings of the research study on the challenges and opportunities in the India-Africa seed sector, undertaken by RIS in collaboration with IDS (Sussex, UK), EIAR (Addis Ababa, Ethiopia) and CABE (Nairobi, Kenya).

Dr. R. R. Hanchinal, Chairman, PPV&FR Authority of India chaired the inaugural session. Prof. Sachin Chaturvedi, Director General, RIS delivered the welcome address. Mr. M. Prabhakar Rao, President, National Seed Association of India (NSAI) and CMD, Nuziveedu Seeds delivered the keynote address. Dr. Dominic Glover, Research Fellow, IDS, Sussex, UK made remarks. Dr. Diran Makinde, Director, ABNE, NEPAD, Burkina Faso made special remarks. Dr. Pakki Reddy, ED, Agri Biotech Foundation, Hyderabad extended the vote of thanks.

The first session on 'India-Africa Cooperation in Agriculture' was chaired by Dr. Diran Makinde, Director, ABNE, NEPAD, Burkina Faso. Dr. Pakki Reddy, ED, Agri Biotech Foundation, Hyderabad; Mr. S. Makhija, Strategic Advisor, Jain Irrigation Systems Ltd, New Delhi; Dr. V. N. Kulkarni, Vice-President (R&D), JK Agri-Genetics Ltd, Hyderabad; Dr. Elangovan M, Research Lead, Advanta; and Dr. K. Ravi Srinivas, Consultant, RIS were the panellists.

The second session on RIS/CABE/EIAR/IDS Study on India-Africa Seed Sector Collaboration was chaired by Prof. Karim Maredia, Professor, Michigan



Dr. R. R. Hanchinal speaking at the conference. Also seen in picture are (from left to right) Dr. Pakki Reddy, Prof. Sachin Chaturvedi, Mr. M. Prabhakar Rao, Dr. Diran Makinde and Dr. Dominic Glover.

State University, USA. Mr. M. Prabhakar Rao, President, National Seed Association of India (NSAI) and CMD, Nuziveedu Seeds was the co-chair for the session. Prof. Sachin Chaturvedi; Dr. Hannington Odame, ED, CABE, Nairobi, Kenya; and Dr. Dominic Glover, Research Fellow, IDS, Sussex, UK were the panellists. The discussants for the session included: Dr. Simon Maina, Head (Seed Certification), KEPHIS, Nairobi, Kenya; Dr. Daniel Bradley, DFID India; Dr. Kalyan Goswami, ED, National Seed Association of India, Delhi; and Dr. S. U. Baig, Director, Nath Seeds, Aurangabad.

The third session on 'Seed Trade between India and Africa: Opportunities and Challenges' by Dr. T. P. Rajendran, Visiting Fellow, RIS. Dr. Arvind Kapur, Director, Rasi Seeds, Gurgaon; Mr. Manish Tyagi, Business Manager (Seeds), Elgon Kenya Ltd., Nairobi; Mr. Kaustubh Joshi, Marketing Manager (Africa), Advanta Seeds; Dr. Jai Singh, MD & CEO, Sakata Seed India; and Mr. Senthil Kumaran, Area Manager (Africa), Asthor Agricola, Ethiopia were the panellists.

The fourth session on 'Dynamics of International Regulations in Seed Sector Collaboration between India and Africa' was chaired by Dr. K. Raja Reddy, Director of Research, Acharya NG Ranga Agricultural University, Hyderabad. Dr. Simon Maina, Head (Seed Certification), KEPHIS, Nairobi, Kenya; Dr. P. O. Ojo, DG, Nigeria Seed Council, Abuja, Nigeria; Dr. Keshavulu, Professor, Acharya N. G. Ranga Agri. University, Hyderabad; Dr. Ruth Mbabazi, Director, National Council of S&T, Kampala, Uganda; Prof. Karim Maredia, Professor, Michigan State University, USA; and Prof. T. C. James, Visiting Fellow, RIS.

The closing session was chaired by Dr. T.P. Rajendran, Dr. Hannington Odame, ED, CABE, Nairobi, Kenya; Dr. Daniel Bradley, DFID India; and Dr. Kalyan Goswami, ED, National Seed Association of India, Delhi presented the way forward. Dr. D. Rama Rao, Director, NAARM, Hyderabad made valedictory address. Dr. Amit Kumar, Research Associate, RIS extended the vote of thanks.

Conference on WTO and SDGs: Issues before the Nairobi Ministerial

The Tenth WTO Ministerial Conference (MC10) at Nairobi, Kenya in December 2015 had an important bearing on the fate of the only true multilateral trade institution in the world, the WTO. The Doha Development Round needs to be completed at the earliest to ensure support for a rule-based multilateral trading order. The challenges to this regime are rapidly emerging in the form of mega FTAs like TPP.

Keeping this in view, RIS in partnership with Centre for WTO Studies (IIFT), German Development Institute, Federation of Indian Chamber of Commerce and Industry (FICCI) and Confederation of Indian Industry (CII) organised a two-day conference to discuss the important issues before the Nairobi ministerial. The conference was held in New Delhi on 23-24 November 2015. Mr. Sudhanshu Pandey, Joint Secretary, Department of Commerce, Ministry of Commerce and Industry delivered the inaugural address. Prof. Sachin Chaturvedi, Director General, RIS; Prof. Abhijit Das, Head, Centre for WTO Studies, New Delhi made welcome remarks. Mr. Manab Majumdar, Asst. Secretary General (WTO), FICCI; and Mr. Pranav Kumar, Head, International Trade Policy Division, CII made remarks. Prof. Thomas Fues, Head, Training, The German Development Institute, Bonn extended the vote of thanks.

In his address, Mr. Sudhanshu Pandey said that “times are challenging”. Without offering any prescription for MC10, he added that this would be largely a negotiating ministerial. Mr. Pandey urged the two-day conference to deliberate on the outcome of the Doha Development Round since its core issues, principles and purpose have not significantly changed. He advocated the need for re-dedicating efforts to finding



Mr. Sudhanshu Pandey delivering the inaugural address at the conference. Also seen in picture are (from left to right) Mr. Manab Majumdar, Prof Sachin Chaturvedi, Prof. Abhijit Das, Mr. Pranav Kumar, and Mr. Johannes Blankenbach, Researcher, German Development Institute.

a solution with a collective, mature and responsible appreciation of each others’ views to achieve a consensus on contentious issues. He added that the world is increasingly globalised as technology is fast dissolving boundaries of the centres of production and consumption. If inequalities are getting sharpened, they are not going to assure us a good tomorrow. The responsibility is collective as developed, developing and least development countries had to be taken on board towards achieving a basic minimum agreement at MC10 for a win-win situation. He emphasised that agriculture is the core issue in the Doha Development Round as more than 65 per cent of the population in the developing countries live off the land. In addition, the focus must also be on public healthcare requirements of both developing and developed countries for affordable generic drugs.

Prof. Sachin Chaturvedi in his opening remarks felt that there were two sharply contrasting views in the run up to MC10. One, strongly supported by the developing world, was to continue with the Doha Round and the other, espoused by a few developed countries, was to bury it and make a new beginning. Referring to the statement made

by the Prime Minister Modi at the recent India-Africa Forum Summit, he underlined the need for fulfilment of the commitments made by the developed world for the Doha Round. He wondered about the G-20’s commitment for a “successful” Nairobi ministerial and the on-going talk about post-Nairobi trade issues. Prof. Abhijit Das and Mr. Manab Mazumdar of FICCI and Mr. Pranav Kumar of CII also shared the same sentiments in their presentations.

Key issues raised in the conference included: Agriculture and Fisheries Subsidies; TRIPS, Trade and Access to Technology; WTO and Likely New Issues, WTO, Mega-regionals and the Future of the Doha Round; International trade and SDG12: How can voluntary standards contribute to implementation of the 2030 Agenda?; Engagement of the private sector for sustainable development: How can corporations use voluntary standards to redesign their global value chains?; and the relevance of standards for the Nairobi ministerial: How can WTO promote sustainable consumption and production? Eminent speakers from industry, academia and media took part in the conference.

Panel Discussion on Trans-Pacific Partnership (TPP)

The Trans-Pacific Partnership (TPP) has been signed. There are varying perspectives on its fall-outs for non-members and particularly for India. In order to discuss wider implications of the TPP, RIS organised a Panel Discussion in New Delhi on 16 October 2015. Mr. Rajeev Kher, former Commerce Secretary, Government of India initiated the discussion. Prof. Sachin Chaturvedi, Director General, RIS made welcome remarks. The distinguished panellists included: Prof. S.K. Mohanty, RIS; Mr. Bipul Chatterjee, Deputy Executive Director, CUTS International; and Prof. T. C. James, Visiting Fellow, RIS.

Mr. Kher argued that the challenge is not whether or not to join TPP “but to look inwards”. TPP is not a standalone entity but is happening in a wider global architecture. Unless domestic issues are tackled – production and services – we will not be able to address the challenge of TPP, he added.

Prof. Sachin Chaturvedi emphasised that in the light of the recent developments, it would be in India’s broader economic and commercial interest that it helps speeding up of RCEP. Rather than having fear psychosis towards TPP, India must focus on domestic economic reforms.



Prof. T.C. James, RIS speaking at the seminar. Also seen in picture are (from left to right) Mr. Bipul Chatterjee, Prof. S.K. Mohanty, Mr. Rajeev Kher and Prof. Sachin Chaturvedi.

According to Prof. S.K. Mohanty, India joining the TPP is indeed a critical question. The proposed standards at TPP are a matter of concern in areas like, labour standard, environment, government procurement, IPR, etc. India should give due credence to the RCEP and various other bilateral trade negotiations. India must have a nuanced understanding of plurilateral versus multilateral versus bilateral deals.

There are provisions which adversely affect the availability of medicines at affordable rates to patients in developing countries like India, argued Prof. T.C. James. The provision to grant patents to “new uses of a known product” is fraught with grave implications as it may lead to ever-greening. Similarly, the special treatment extended to

pharma patents, placing them in a preferred category compared to other technologies, by patent term adjustment for regulatory delays, also will lead to a longer term for patents. The treaty brings in new handicaps for India’s pharma industry which is mostly generics from getting marketing approvals.

Mr. Bipul Chatterjee of CUTS International said: “TPP per se will not have much impact on the country.” The tariff impact is also minimal. But domestic issues need to be looked at like e-commerce and the digital economy. There is a need to address the agrarian crisis and reform the input markets like land, labour and logistics. Will TPP be ratified in its present form? He was of the opinion that it would happen in a more diluted form, so there is no need to be worried about TPP in India.

The IBSA Trust Fund as a Tool of South-South Cooperation

RIS organised a seminar on ‘The IBSA Trust Fund as a Tool of South-South Cooperation: Perspective of Emerging Countries’ by Ms. Laura Karina Gutiérrez Matamoros, Research Scholar, International Development Cooperation, Dr. José María Luis Mora Research Institute, Mexico (and Internship Scholar, RIS) in New Delhi on 21 December 2015. Prof. Sachin Chaturvedi, Director General, RIS made the opening remarks. Ambassador Rajiv



Ms. Laura Karina Gutiérrez Matamoros speaking at the seminar. Also seen in picture are (from left to right) Ambassador Rajiv Kumar Bhatia; and Prof. Sachin Chaturvedi.

Kumar Bhatia, former Director General, Indian Council of World

Affairs (ICWA) chaired the seminar.

ASEAN-India Eminent Person Lecture

As part of ASEAN-India Eminent Persons' Lecture Series, AIC at RIS organised the ASEAN-India Eminent Person Lecture on "ASEAN-India: Partnership for Peace and Prosperity" by H.E. Mr. Le Luong Minh, Secretary General, ASEAN on 10 December 2015 in New Delhi. Prof. Sachin Chaturvedi, Director General, RIS made the welcome remarks. Ambassador V. S. Sheshadri, Vice-Chairman, RIS made the opening remarks. Ambassador Anil Wadhwa, Secretary (East), Ministry of External Affairs, Government of India delivered the special address. Prof. Prabir De, Coordinator, AIC concluded the session and extended the Vote of Thanks.



H.E. Mr. Le Luong Minh, Secretary General, ASEAN delivering the lecture. Also seen in picture are (from left to right) Prof. Prabir De, Amb. V S Sheshadri, Amb. Anil Wadhwa, Ms. Pooja Kapur, Joint Secretary (ASEAN-ML), MEA; and Prof. Sachin Chaturvedi.

Workshop on Clinical Trial Regulations in India

RIS organised a workshop on 'Clinical Trial Regulations in India' in New Delhi on 2 December 2015 to discuss the issues and to share the tentative results of a survey that was conducted by the research team as part of study on the Recent Changes in Clinical Trial Regulations in India introduced consequent to the decision of the Supreme Court in Swasthya Abhiyan Manch Vs UoI, and their Impact. The workshop was inaugurated by Prof. S. K. Brahmachari, former Secretary, Department of Scientific and Industrial Research and Director General, Council of Scientific and Industrial Research (CSIR). It was attended, among others, by Dr. Nandini K. Kumar, former DDG (SG), Indian Council of Medical Research (ICMR); Dr. K. Satyanarayana, former DDG, ICMR; Dr. Manisha Shridhar, Regional Adviser, South-East Asia Regional Office, WHO; Dr. Suneela Garg, Director Professor, Department of Community Medicine, Maulana Azad Medical College; Dr. Sarala



Prof. S.K. Brahmachari delivering inaugural address at the workshop. Also seen in picture are (from left to right) Dr. Nandini K. Kumar, Dr. Manisha Shridhar, Prof. Sachin Chaturvedi, and Prof. T. C. James.

Balachandran, Chief Scientist, CSIR and Project Director, Open Source Drug Discovery (OSDD); Dr. Anant Bhan Researcher, Global Action for Health; Dr. Swati Subhodh, Member, Ethics Committee, National Institute of Tuberculosis and Respiratory Diseases (NITRD); Dr. Mira Shiva, former Chairperson, Health Action International Asia Pacific (HAI-AP); Dr. Sanjeev Sharma, Head, Clinical Trial Department, Apollo Hospitals; Dr. S. Visalakshi, Sr. Research Consultant, Consortium for Trade and Development (CENTAD);

Ms. Leena Meghaney, Regional Head – South Asia, MSF-Access Campaign; Dr. Y. Madhavi, Sr. Principal Scientist, National Institute of Science, Technology and Development Studies (NISTADS); Dr. Roli Mathur, ICMR, besides Prof. Sachin Chaturvedi, Director General, RIS; and Mr. Zakir Thomas, former Project Director, OSDD. The technical sessions of the workshop focussed on Regulatory Approval Process, Working of Ethics Committee, Prior Informed Consent and Compensation Guidelines.

EAS Conference on Maritime Security and Cooperation

The Ministry of External Affairs (MEA), in partnership with AIC at RIS and the National Maritime Foundation (NMF) organised an International Conference on "Maritime Security and Cooperation" for the East Asia Summit (EAS) participating countries on 9-10 November 2015 in New Delhi. All the EAS countries nominated their officials to the Conference, and overall 100 participants including senior officials attended this two-day event. Ambassador Anil Wadhwa, Secretary (East), MEA delivered the keynote address. Prof. Sachin Chaturvedi, Director General, RIS made the welcome remarks. Ambassador V. S. Sheshadri, Vice Chairman, RIS, made the opening remarks. Dr. Vijay Sakhuja, Director, National Maritime Foundation gave special address. Mr. Deepak Shetty, Director General of Shipping made the special remarks. Prof. Prabir De, Coordinator, AIC extended vote of thanks.



Ambassador Anil Wadhwa delivering keynote address at the conference. Also seen in picture are (from left to right) Prof. Prabir De, Dr. Vijay Sakhuja, Ambassador V. S. Sheshadri, Mr. Deepak Shetty, and Prof. Sachin Chaturvedi.

The Conference was divided into six sessions aimed at facilitating an in depth debate on Maritime Security and Cooperation and Maritime Connectivity. They were: (1) EAS Perspectives on the Maritime Domain, (2) Emerging Security Architecture in the Asia-Pacific Region, (3) Maritime Connectivity: Building for Trade, (4) Blue Economy and Maritime Conservation, (5) Cooperative

Delivery of 'Common Public Good and (6) the Way Forward. The Conference discussed, analysed and had put together the various components that would help strengthen cooperation among EAS participating countries in the maritime domain. Prof. Prabir De, Coordinator, AIC summarised the event in its concluding session and extended vote of thanks.

Discussion Meeting on Building a Clean Power Platform through Innovative Finance Policy

RIS organised a Discussion Meeting on Building a Clean Power Platform through Innovative Finance Policy in New Delhi on 18 December 2015. Prof. Ram Upendra Das, RIS made introductory remarks. Mr. Jeffrey Schub, Executive Director of the Coalition for Green Capital was the lead speaker. Dr. Nitya Nanda, Fellow, The Energy and Resources Institute (TERI) and Dr. Sabyasachi Saha, RIS were the discussants.



Mr. Jeffrey Schub speaking at the meeting. Also seen in the picture are (from left to right) Dr. Nitya Nanda, Prof. Ram Upendra Das, and Dr. Sabyasachi Saha.

The speaker deliberated on innovative financial tools and methods used by governments around the world to "crowd-in" private investment. They emphasised that investment of ample and affordable capital is an essential element to wide-scale deployment of clean energy technologies. The greatest deterrent

to the adoption of distributed generation and energy efficiency is the upfront cost of the technology. This barrier can be overcome with third-party financing. Governments around the world are using new public-private partnership structures that aim to draw in private capital, which is currently hesitant to invest in clean energy.

These public clean energy financing authorities, or "green banks," have been launched in all parts of the world, and are leveraging up to US\$ 10 of private investment per US\$ 1 of public investment. These financing structures can bring clean energy markets to scale, harnessing market forces to expand adoption of cost effective clean energy.

FIDC Regional Consultation at Jaipur

FIDC-RIS organised the third regional consultation in Jaipur on 22-23 December 2015. Professor Sachin Chaturvedi, Director General, RIS delivered the welcome address, in the inaugural session. Mr. A.K. Sahu, Joint Secretary (DPA-II), MEA delivered the inaugural address. Professor V.S. Vyas, Professor Emeritus, Institute of Development Studies (IDS), Jaipur delivered the keynote address. Dr. Kaustuv Bandyopadhyay, Director, PRIA and convener of the FIDC working group on CSOs delivered the vote of thanks.

In his inaugural address, Mr. Sahu pointed out how since independence India realising the need for capacity building for developing nations launched several fellowship programmes in the early 1950s. In 1964, these scholarships were formalised to be a part of Indian Technical and Economic Cooperation (ITEC). Apart from capacity building, India's development cooperation is manifested through the modalities of lines of credit, grants and disaster relief. The importance of Civil Society Organisations (CSOs) in development sector within India and in other developing countries was also discussed. Mr. Sahu also said that since the historical promise of development aid in tune of 0.7 per cent of GNI has not been fulfilled by the DAC members, SSC has emerged as a complementary to NSC with India as one of its major proponents. However, he warned that India has its own development narrative and must not be seen as a donor under the Western definition.

Professor Vyas in his keynote address focussed on 'Agriculture



Prof. V.S. Vyas speaking at the Consultation. Also seen in picture are (from left to right) Prof. Sachin Chaturvedi, Mr. A.K. Sahu, and Dr. Kaustuv Bandyopadhyay.

and South-South Cooperation'. He expressed satisfaction over India's rate of growth in agriculture and over agriculture and rural development being the focus areas of the Indian government. He said that SSC played a critical role in the genetic research in wheat and rice that made Green Revolution possible. However, there is still scope of international cooperation in a number of areas like post-harvest technology; organic farming; integrated pest control; energy management; water harvesting technology; frontier technologies like tissue culture; application of IT in farming and institutional innovation in credit and marketing. It was highlighted that in the field of agriculture, a mere transfer of technology will not go a long way in solving the issues, but institutional support is also required and India can contribute significantly in that area.

The technical sessions of the consultation deliberated on issues like India's development cooperation: perspective and

practice; development cooperation and civil society organisation; development cooperation and natural resource management; CSO intervention: education, health and rural development; and evaluation of development cooperation: emerging challenges.

The consultation also had three parallel sessions focusing on sectoral evaluation concerns. The first session was on 'Natural Resource Management'. The second one was on 'Rural Development' and the third parallel session was on 'Health and Education'.

The role of CSOs with proven abilities in the development projects was also discussed in the consultation. It was also mentioned that there must be clarity on the way forward particularly for identifying instruments for facilitating academia in CSO linkages.

The key issues that emerged during the two-day consultation were extremely important for developing an Indian narrative on South-South cooperation.

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In her special address President Sirleaf said that 'Rising Africa' is characterised by economic growth, improving social indicators, aspiring young population ready to compete, and the stage is all set for its development partnership with India. We must give this partnership more attention, she emphasised. In this regard, she appreciated Prime Minister Modi's concrete commitments towards Africa for scaling up trade, investment, capacity development, among other areas. She particularly emphasised on the India-Africa partnership in education and agriculture revolution. As one of the three Co-chairs at the UN on SDGs, she expressed satisfaction over the adoption of the SDGs. But implementation of SDGs is a much greater task especially in terms of mobilisation of human and financial resources, she underlined. The



Mr. Dinesh Bhatia addressing the gathering. Also seen in picture are (from left to right) Mr. Yuri Afanasiev, Prof. Sachin Chaturvedi, H.E. Madam Ellen Johnson Sirleaf, and Prof. Ram Upendra Das.

SDGs are a set of 17 Goals and 169 targets covering social, economic and environmental dimensions of development across the globe. SDGs are slated to focus on global systemic reforms to remove main impediments to development and secure an accommodating international environment for sustainable development.

Mr. Yuri Afanasiev, UN Resident Coordinator and UNDP Resident Representative in India

made special remarks. He remarked that there is sufficient scope of cooperation between India and Africa especially through the UN at large and the SDGs in particular. Mr. Dinesh Bhatia, Ambassador of India to the Republic of Cote d'Ivoire, and concurrently accredited to the Republic of Liberia and the Republic of Guinea also addressed the gathering. Prof. Ram Upendra Das, RIS extended the vote of thanks.

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and ICT. In addition, he said that institutional building, human resource development, training of trainers and similar types of schemes for capacity-building would be the next areas of cooperation.

Prof. Sachin Chaturvedi in his welcome address noted that this consultation would address the broad areas of engagement that the India-Africa Forum Summit might want to focus on. As there are broad areas of interest between India and Africa, this Summit would lead to a consolidation of India's development agenda.

On this occasion, Ms. Sujata Mehta also launched three special publications: "India-Africa Partnership Towards Sustainable Development" by RIS; "India-Africa: Common Security Challenges for



Shri Navtej Singh Sarna addressing the consultation. Also seen in picture are (from left to right) Dr. Subir Gokarn, Amb. Jayant Prasad, Prof. Sachin Chaturvedi, and Mr. Pranav Kumar.

the Next Decade" by IDSA and "India Africa: Forging a Strategic Partnership" by Brookings.

The consultation had three sessions, viz. 'Geo-Strategic Linkages and India-Africa Partnership', 'Trade and Investment' and 'Sectoral Perspective'.

Shri Navtej Singh Sarna, Secretary (West), MEA delivered the valedictory address. In the concluding session remarks were also made by Amb. Jayant Prasad; Prof. Sachin Chaturvedi; and Dr. Subir Gokarn. Mr. Pranav Kumar extended the vote of thanks.

ITEC/SCAAP Capacity Building Programme on South-South Cooperation

RIS under the Indian Technical and Economic Cooperation Programme (ITEC)/Special Commonwealth Assistance for Africa Programme (SCAAP) of the MEA organised a two-week Capacity Building Programme on South-South Cooperation in New Delhi during 16-27 November 2015.

The programme intended to familiarise the participants with a broader concept of South-South Cooperation (SSC), particularly on Development Cooperation in the context of ongoing resurgence of the economies of the South in the wake of major changes being witnessed in the global aid architecture. The programme, among other things, focused on the rationale, concepts and contours

of SSC by building on individual accomplishments of the respective countries, thus explaining the benefits from and barriers to their collective engagements. It also covered the key principles, policies, modalities (that include national sovereignty, national ownership, independence, equality, non-conditionality, non-interference and mutual benefit) and practices that were evident across SSC and looked at how the policy orientations or the strengths of SSC could be practically applied.

The programme also discussed how SSC was a different paradigm from the North-South Cooperation (NSC) and how SSC should be

viewed as a voluntary partnership which had now developed into a more matured platform transcending the initial foundations of political solidarity and not as a replacement for the NSC in any significant measure.

Participants included officials from the Ministry of Foreign Affairs/Finance/Commerce or other Ministries dealing with SSC/NSC and civil society representatives engaged in related issues. Apart from intellectual sessions, a study tour was also organised. The participants were also encouraged to share their learning outcomes through group discussions and presentations.



Participants of the RIS-ITEC Capacity Building Programme on South-South Cooperation with RIS Faculty.

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to be well suited for becoming an economic hub for different parts of Asia. However, this is a subject matter which has not been analysed in its entirety. Nor has this subject been explored in terms of identifying the exact sectors and dimensions for this purpose and thus far these have not received adequate policy attention. In this backdrop, the proposed study has the basic objectives: (i) To provide analytical and empirical basis for making India as an economic hub for integrating different parts of Asia; (ii) To identify dimensions and sectors across sub-regions where India can play such a role; and (iii) To suggest policy measures and modalities for creating enabling conditions for the above. The study is being conducted for the ERIA, Jakarta. (For further details please contact Prof. Ram Upendra Das at upendra@ris.org.in)

India-Myanmar Border Trade

India has recently launched a strategy for economic integration with the Cambodia, Laos, Myanmar and Vietnam (CLMV) region. This focuses on building supply chains through India's trade and investment cooperation in areas that are attuned to the economic priorities of the CLMV. More specifically, through Myanmar, regional cooperation focusing India's North-Eastern Region can be extended to the Mekong region, comprising Cambodia, Lao PDR, Thailand, and Vietnam. In this regard, a study has been launched to enhance India-Myanmar Border Trade covering areas of trade in goods, trade in services, investment, banking & finance and connectivity. The study is being conducted for the Ministry of Commerce and Industry, GoI. (For further details please contact Prof. Ram Upendra Das at upendra@ris.org.in)

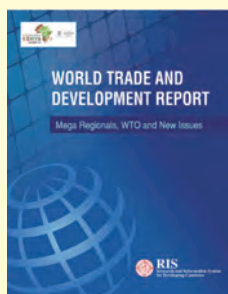
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etc., in the regional arrangements may likely be raised in the multilateral forums as well.

To deliberate on these issues, RIS organised a panel discussion on 'Trade, Development, WTO and Mega FTAs' in Nairobi on 17 December 2015, on the sidelines of the WTO Ministerial Conference, in partnership with the South Centre, Geneva and Commonwealth Secretariat at the KICC, Nairobi. On this occasion, RIS flagship publication the World Trade and Development Report (WTDR) on

the theme "Mega Regionals, WTO and New Issues" was also released and discussed. Mrs. Suchitra Durai, High Commissioner of India to the Republic of Kenya presided over the panel discussion. The distinguished speakers included, Prof. Sachin Chaturvedi, Director General, RIS; Prof. S.K. Mohanty, RIS; Dr. Carlos Correa, Special Advisor, South Centre, Geneva; Dr. Mohammad Razzaque, Director, Trade Division, Commonwealth Secretariat, London; Ms. Sanya Reid Smith, Third World Network, Geneva, among others.

World Trade and Development Report



RIS has been on the forefront for conducting studies on international trade related issues from the perspective of the developing countries. RIS has been bringing out its flagship publication the World Trade and Development Report (WTDR), an invaluable policy research resource for policymakers, development economists, civil society organisations and those concerned about development and policy space for the South. The present WTDR was brought out on the occasion of the Nairobi Ministerial and in the

background of mega regionals like TPP, TTIP and others. The Doha Development Round needs to be completed to ensure support for a rule-based multilateral trading order, which is most welfare enhancing for developing countries. Therefore, the vast majority of developing countries have underlined the need for fulfilment of the commitments made by the developed world for the Doha Round. The WTDR also argues that multilateralism is under serious challenge from the new approach of some of the countries towards norm setting outside the multilateral fora. These new agreements exclude a lot of countries from norm-setting. Thus, there is an urgent need for inclusive arrangement in global economic governance that allows participation of all countries in the global trade. Increased physical costs of participating in trade invoked by high technical standards, procedural requirements and Non-Tariff Measures would not help the developing countries.

The Report emphasises that in case the Doha Round is abandoned, the biggest losers will be the developing countries. The Report also underlines that while flexibility is required, remaining firm on core issues like food security concerns and a special safeguard mechanism in agriculture is needed to help developing countries to cope with surges in imports and a crash in prices. It should also be underlined that TPP's standards are a matter of concern in areas like labour, environment, government procurement and intellectual property rights that imperil public health objectives of the developing countries. The WTDR also makes a number of suggestions and relevant policy recommendations for consideration by those who are interested in issues related to global trade and economic development.

Contributions to Outside Policy Dialogues

Prof. Sachin Chaturvedi

Director General

- Participated in the inaugural session of the roundtable on “An Assessment of India-Africa Strategic Relations” organised by Brookings India in New Delhi on 13 October 2015.
- Participated in the Sub-Committee Meeting of the Third National Report on the Implementation of the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety organised by the Ministry of Environment and Forest (MoEF) in New Delhi on 14 October 2015.
- Made a presentation on ‘Belt Road Initiative (BRI) and Development Approaches and Growth Aspirations’ at the Dialogue with China Finance 40 Forum (CF40) on “China and India: Pathways to A Common Asian Future” organised by NCAER in New Delhi on 19 October 2015.
- Made a presentation on ‘India’s Development Cooperation with Africa: Experiences and Expectations’ at the Pre-India Africa Forum Summit-III Academic Conference on “India-Africa in the 21st Century: Scale and Scope of Comprehensive Partnership” organised by the Indian Council of World Affairs (ICWA) in New Delhi on 16 October 2015.
- Lead speaker at the Session on ‘Development Partnership with Africa - Trade, Investment, ITEC, Agriculture, etc.,’ at the India-Africa Editors’ Forum organised by the XP Division of the Ministry of External Affairs in New Delhi on 25 October 2015.
- Made a presentation on ‘Making South-South Paradigm accountable and Transparent: Roadblocks and Recommendations at the Roundtable on African Voices -People’s Perspectives in India’s Pitch for a Stronger South’ organised by ASSOCHAM in New Delhi on 26 October 2015.
- Made a presentation on ‘China’s One Belt Road, Indian Initiatives and the Idea of Asian Century: Scope for Conflicts, competition and Cooperation’ at the Silk Road Forum 2015 organised by the Development Research Council (DRC) of the State Council of the People’s Republic of China and the Center for International Relations and Sustainable Development (CIRSD) in Madrid, Spain on 29 October 2015.
- Made a presentation on ‘BRICS/IBSA/G77’ at the National Consultation on “SDGs and International Processes” organised by Wada Na Todo Abhiyan in New Delhi on 5 November 2015.
- Moderated and anchored a panel discussion on ‘Shifts in International Cooperation - India and Germany’ at the CICM ALEP Cycle 3, Module 1: Expert resource for session on “Introduction to International Development Cooperation” organised by GIZ in New Delhi, on 6 November 2015.
- Made a presentation on ‘An Overview of India’s Development Cooperation’ at the Workshop on “Policy Implications of Indian Civil Society Participation in India’s Development Cooperation” organised by PRIA in New Delhi on 20 November 2015.
- Participated in the WTO Discussion Meeting on the “Global Summits: Where are We Going”, organised by New Laundry in New Delhi on 23 November 2015.
- Made a presentation on ‘A Decade of East Asia Summit and Economic Regionalism’ at the Asia-Pacific Forum 2015, “ASEAN Community Building and Regional Economic Integration in East Asia: Looking Beyond 2015” organised jointly by Japan Economic Foundation, Economic Research Institute for ASEAN and East Asia and Center for Strategic and International Studies in Jakarta on 26 November 2015.
- Moderator at the session on ‘Perspective of IPR Policies in light of International Developments in the field of IPR’ at the 2nd International Conference on “IP Laws and Enforcement of IPR - Protect and Commercialise IP in India: Make in India” organised by CII in New Delhi on 1 December 2015.
- Made a presentation on ‘Emerging Partnership in BBIN: Institutional Architecture and Possibilities of Cooperation’ at the conference on “Advancing the BBIN Agenda: Exploring possibilities in Trade, Transit, Energy and Water Cooperation” organised jointly by the Asia Foundation and Observer Research Foundation (ORF) in Kolkata on 3 December 2015.
- Made a presentation on ‘Means of Implementation (MoI): An Indian Perspective’ at the Eighth South Asia Economic Summit: Regional Cooperation for Sustainable Development in South Asia organised by Sustainable Development Policy Institute (SDPI) in Islamabad on 8 December 2015.
- Made a presentation on ‘SDGs and STI Imperatives-Technology Facilitation Mechanism’ at the Third Meeting of the Scientific Advisory Committee organised by the International Centre for Biotechnology, University

Contributions to Outside Policy Dialogues

of Nigeria in Nsukka on 14 December 2015. (In absentia)

- Chaired the UNDP sponsored Panel Discussion on “Post 2015 Development Agenda – From MDGs to SDGs” at the 98th Annual Conference of the Indian Economic Association held at Hyderabad on 28 December 2015.
- Made a presentation on ‘Biotechnology as a tool for Sustainable Development’ at the Regional Dialogue on “Science and Technology in the context of Biotechnology towards Sustainable Development” organised by the Regional Centre for Biotechnology at RCB NCR Biotech Science Cluster Campus, Faridabad on 30 December 2015.

Prof. S.K. Mohanty

- Participated as India’s representative in the Indian Ocean Rim Academic Group Meeting (IORAG) under Indian Ocean Rim Association (IORA) Council of Ministers (COM) Meeting at Padang, Indonesia, during 18-24 October 2015.
- Made presentations on ‘Salient Features of RIS Blue Economy Report’ and ‘Economic Dimensions of Fisheries in IORA’ in the Indian Ocean Rim Academic Group Meeting (IORAG) under Indian Ocean Rim Association (IORA) Council of Ministers (COM) Meeting at Padang, Indonesia on 20 October 2015.

Prof. Ram Upendra Das

- Participated in the International Congress on ‘The Prospects of Development of Central Asian Countries in 21st Century’, organised by the International Ataturk Alatoo University,

Kyrgyzstan on 8-10 October 2015.

- Participated in the meeting on ‘India-Eurasia’ organised by the Ministry of Commerce and Industry in New Delhi on 29 October 2015.
- Delivered a lecture on ‘Trade and Sustainable Development: South-South and Regional Cooperation’ organised by The Energy and Resources Institute (TERI) in Haryana on 10 November 2015.
- Participated in the ‘Think 20 Summit/Global Policy Dialogue Platform’ conference on ‘Sustainable Development’, organised by the Economic Policy Research Foundation of

Turkey (TEPAV) in Turkey on 12-16 November 2015.

- Participated in the Workshop on ‘Management and Preservation of Indigenous Knowledge: A North-East Perspective’ organised by TERI in New Delhi on 19 November 2015.
- Participated in the workshop on ‘EU FLEGT and Timber Trade in South Asia’ organised by European Forest Institute in New Delhi on 30 November 2015.
- Participated in the ‘T20 Kickoff Meeting’ organised by the three Chinese think-tanks, viz., Institute of World Economics and Politics at Chinese Academy of Social Sciences (IWEP, CASS), Shanghai Institute for



Col. Rajyavardhan Rathore, Minister of State for Information and Broadcasting, Government of India felicitated Prof. Ram Upendra Das, RIS at a function organised by the New Delhi Institute of Management (NDIM) on 16 October 2015.



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Prof. Ram Upendra Das, RIS at the T20 Kick-off Meeting organised by Institute of World Economics and Politics at Chinese Academy of Social Sciences (IWEPE, CASS), Shanghai Institute for International Studies (SIIS) and Chongyang Institute for Financial Studies at Renmin University of China (RDCY), Beijing on 14-15 November 2015.

International Studies (SIIS) and Chongyang Institute for Financial Studies at Renmin University of China (RDCY) in China on 14-15 November 2015.

- Participated in a meeting on 'Joint Feasibility Study Group (JFSG) Report for entering into a Free Trade Agreement (FTA) between the Eurasian Economic Union (EaEU) organised by Ministry of Commerce, New Delhi on 7 December 2015.
- Panelist in a high level panel at the conference on 'Trade and Employment Challenges in Asia: Insights for South Asia' organised by International Labour Organisation (ILO) and Institute for Human Development, New Delhi on 17 December 2015.
- Participated in a meeting on 'India Myanmar Border Trade Study' organised by the Ministry of Commerce and Industry, New Delhi on 18 December 2015.
- Panelist in a dialogue on 'The Asia Pacific Century' India and Big Power Engagement' organised by *Deccan Herald* in New Delhi on 19 December 2015.

Prof. T.C. James **Visiting Fellow**

- Delivered talks on 'IP and Access to Knowledge' and on 'TRIPS and Sustainable Development Goals' at the International Conference on "Evolving Regime in Intellectual Property Protection" organised by Health Economics Association of India in Jawaharlal Nehru University on 2-4 November 2015.
- Made a presentation on 'How to Strengthen Global Health Policy Think Tanks in relation to the Challenge to Implement the SDGs with a view to improve health', besides actively participating in all sessions, in the meeting of Global Health Policy Think Tanks and Academic Institutions organised by the Graduate Institute in Geneva on 12-13 November 2015.
- Delivered talks on the 'Legal Concepts regarding IPR Jurisprudence - Scope and Relevance in present day Adjudication, Origin and Development of the IPR Legal Regime, Constitutional Imperatives and Legislative

and Judicial responses' at the Orientation Programme for on Intellectual Property Rights and Enforcement for the Judicial Officers of the Delhi Judicial Academy (JDA) at the JDA on 4 and 5 December 2015.

- Made presentations in all the sessions of the orientation programme on the 'Role of the Magistracy in Balancing the Rights of the Society and the Rights of the IPR holder in the enforcement of the IPR Regime keeping in view the Social Context' for the Judicial Officers of the Delhi Higher Judicial Services (DHJS) at the DJA on 18 and 19 December 2015.
- Delivered lectures on 'Trade Mark Law of India' at the Indian Academy of International Law, New Delhi.
- Delivered talks on 'Intellectual Property Rights' in the Training Programme on Research Orientation for the Candidates of Integrated M.Tech - Ph.D in Engineering at the CSIR Human Resource Development Centre, Ghaziabad on 27 December 2015.
- Participated in the meetings of the Speaker's Research Initiative.

Contributions to Outside Policy Dialogues

Dr. Sabyasachi Saha Assistant Professor

- Participated as an expert at the Organisational Practices for Innovation in Indian Industries: A firm level case study on Human Resources and Work Culture Project Advisory Committee Meeting at the Department of Science and Technology, Government of India in New Delhi on 7 October 2015.

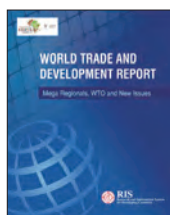
- Made a presentation of Research Project titled “Patents Obtained by Foreign Entities in India: An Analysis” at the Department of Science and Technology, Government of India in New Delhi on 8 October 2015.
- Panellist at the International Meeting on ‘Civil Society Response to India-Africa Summit’ organised by the Voice

of the Voluntary Sector (VANI) and Heinrich Böll Stiftung-India in New Delhi on 7-8 December 2015.

- Participated as an expert at the dinner meeting organised in Honour of Mr. Ric Wells, Deputy Secretary, Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade, Government of Australia by Australian High Commission in New Delhi on 17 December 2015.

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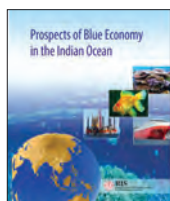
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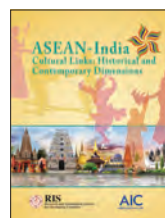
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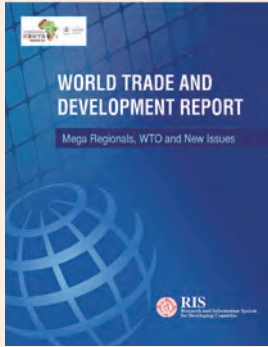
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RIS Breakfast Seminar Series

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 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 share their experiences and wisdom. To make these sessions interactive occasionally senior researchers and policymakers are invited as discussants. As part of this series, the following seminars were held:

- Growth of the Indian Pharmaceutical Industry Pre- and Post-TRIPS Regime by Ms. Payel Chatterjee, Research Assistant, RIS on 3 November 2015.
- Debate on Global Development through the lens of the World System Theory by Mr. Pratyush, Research Assistant, RIS on 2 December 2015. Prof. Ash Narain Roy, Director, Institute of Social Sciences, New Delhi chaired.

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विकासशील देशों की अनुसंधान एवं सूचना प्रणाली (आरआईएस), नई दिल्ली स्थित एक स्वायत्तशासी नीतिगत अनुसंधान संस्थान हमेशा से विकासशील देशों के नजरिए से अंतरराष्ट्रीय व्यापार से संबंधित मुद्दों पर अध्ययन करने के लिए अग्रणी रहा है। आरआईएस अपने प्रमुख प्रकाशन विश्व व्यापार और विकास रिपोर्ट (डब्ल्यूटीडीआर) को प्रकाशित करता आ रहा है जो कि नीति निर्माताओं, विकास अर्थशास्त्रियों, नागरिक समाज संगठनों, एवं अन्य सभी जो दक्षिण के लिए विकास और नीति के मुद्दों पर कार्य कर रहे हैं उनके लिए एक अमूल्य नीति अनुसंधान साधन है।

नैरोबी में आयोजित डब्ल्यूटीओ की मंत्रिस्तरीय बैठक के अवसर पर आरआईएस ने इस रिपोर्ट का लोकार्पण किया। टीपीपी, टीटीआईपी एवं अन्य बहुक्षेत्रीय व्यापार समझौतों के परिप्रेक्ष्य में विश्व व्यापार और विकास रिपोर्ट को प्रकाशित किया गया है। रिपोर्ट में इस पर विशेष बल दिया गया है की नियम आधारित बहुपक्षीय व्यापार व्यवस्था के लिए समर्थन सुनिश्चित करने के लिए दोहा विकास दौर की वार्ता को अंजाम तक पहुँचाने की जरूरत है। बहुपक्षीय व्यापार व्यवस्था विकासशील देशों के विकास के लिए जरूरी है।

आरआईएस की डब्ल्यूटीडीआर यह तर्क प्रस्तुत करती है कि बहुपक्षवाद कुछ देशों द्वारा बहुपक्षीय मंचों के बाहर आदर्श स्थापित करने की दिशा में उठाए जा रहे कदमों के कारण गंभीर चुनौती का सामना कर रहा है। इन नए समझौतों के कारण बहुत से देश आदर्श की स्थापना की प्रक्रिया से बाहर कर दिए जाते हैं। इसलिए वैश्विक आर्थिक प्रशासन में एक समावेशी व्यवस्था कि तत्काल आवश्यकता है जिससे वैश्विक व्यापार में सभी देशों की भागीदारी को सुनिश्चित किया जा सके। उच्च तकनीकी मानकों, प्रक्रियात्मक आवश्यकताओं और गैर-शुल्क उपायों के कारण व्यापार में भाग लेने की भौतिक लागत में वृद्धि से विकासशील देशों को लाभ नहीं होगा।

रिपोर्ट इस बात पर जोर देती है कि अगर दोहा दौर की वार्ता को पुनः छोड़ दिया जाता है तो इसका सबसे बड़ा नुकसान विकासशील देशों को होगा। रिपोर्ट में इस बात पर भी जोर दिया गया है कि जहाँ लचीलेपन की आवश्यकता है वही खाद्य सुरक्षा जैसे मूलभूत मुद्दों पर दृढ़ बने रहने तथा कृषि के क्षेत्र में एक विशेष सुरक्षा तंत्र की भी जरूरत है ताकि विकासशील देशों को बढ़ते हुए आयात और कीमतों में आई गिरावट का सामना करने में मदद मिल सके।

इस रिपोर्ट में यह विशेष रूप से रेखांकित किया गया है कि टीपीपी के श्रम, पर्यावरण, सरकारी खरीद और बौद्धिक संपदा अधिकार जैसे क्षेत्रों के मानक जो विकासशील देशों की जनता के स्वास्थ्य के उद्देश्यों को संकट में डालते हैं चिंताजनक विषय है। प्रस्तुत डब्ल्यूटीडीआर वैश्विक व्यापार और आर्थिक विकास से संबंधित मुद्दों में दिलचस्पी रखने वालों के लिए अनेक सुझाव और नीति सम्बन्धित विचार भी प्रस्तुत करती है।



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