

Exploring the Western Indo-Pacific:

Prospects and Challenges of Engagement with the Western Indo-Pacific Nations

2nd Sept, 2019

Agenda*

1400 – 1430 hours

Inaugural session

- Opening speech by Mr. Shobhit Mathur, Executive Director, Vision India Foundation, New Delhi
- Keynote speaker, India and the Indo-Pacific, by Mr. Vikram Doraiswami, JS, Indo-Pacific Division, Ministry of External Affairs.

1430 – 1600 hours

Extending Free and Open Indo-Pacific (FOIP) to the Western Indo-Pacific

Chair: Amb. Asoke Mukherjee

Speakers:

- Security of ISLs and SLOCs in the Western Indo-Pacific – Mr. Amit Singh, University of Delhi
- Assessing the Impact of US-Iran Standoff on the Concept of FOIP – Prof. Harsh Pant, Director, Studies and Head of the Strategic Studies Programme, Observer Research Foundation
- Elaborating on the Importance of West Asia and East Africa in FOIP – Lt Gen (Retd.) Ata Hasnain, PVSM, UYSM, AVSM, SM, VSM
- Russia's Interests in the Indo-Pacific and its Position on the FOIP – H.E. Mr Nikolay Rishatovich KUDASHEV, Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the Russian Federation to the Republic of India

1600 – 1615 hours: Tea Break

1615 – 1745 hours

Prospects for Collaborative Growth and Development in the Western Indo-Pacific

Chair: Amb. Anil Trigunayat

Speakers:

- Broad overview of India's economic and infrastructural projects – Prof. Sreeram Chaulia, Professor and Dean, Jindal School of International Affairs (JSIA)
- Emerging Powers in Africa and How India can Tap into their Growth – Ms. Ruchita Beri, Senior Research Associate and Coordinator, Africa, Latin America, Caribbean and United Nations Centre, IDSA
- Indian Diaspora in the Region and its Instrumentality in Enhancing Cooperation – Mr. Ajay Dubey, Chairperson, Centre for African Studies, School of International Studies, JNU
- The Role of Asia-Africa Growth Corridor in Fostering Development – Ms. Sushmita Rajwar, University of Delhi