

## Introduction

RIS has been conducting a Programme on **International Economic Issues and Development Policy (IEIDP)** for participants from developing countries with a view to inculcate an enhanced understanding on challenges and opportunities associated with the processes of globalization and development. The Programme is designed to expose the participants to the growing complexities of global economic issues and negotiations and build their analytical skills on them. This is a part of the overall capacity-building exercise of RIS activities.

In the light of the feedback received and its growing popularity, the Programme is now offered since 2006 in a new compact format lasting over four weeks designed to accommodate a greater number of participants. The IEIDP Programme is offered by RIS in conjunction with the Indian Technical and Economic Cooperation (ITEC)/SCAAP Programme of the Ministry of External Affairs, Government of India.

## Programme Objectives

The processes of global integration represent both challenge as well as opportunity for developing countries, in so far as a nation's growth prospects depend increasingly on external economic environment. In particular, policies of multilateral organizations such as WTO, the World Bank and IMF, other UN bodies, regional development banks and regional associations/blocs have an important bearing on the process of development. The developing countries in general lack capabilities to analyze the implications of emerging global trends for their economic growth prospects. This adversely affects their ability to influence the outcomes of the international negotiations for protecting their interests and adopting policies to maximize advantages and minimize adjustment costs.

## Some Past Participants



N. Makhonov,  
Kazakhstan



Thatsaphone  
Noraseng,  
Lao PDR



Gyana Raja  
Shrestha,  
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Okhunov A.  
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Abdel hamid Saba  
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Mr. Le Chi Hieu,  
Vietnam



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Barbosa Cardenas  
Venezuela

## Participants from the 2005-2006 batch



From Left to Right: M. V. Razafindrakoto (Madagascar), I.D. Antonius (Suriname), O. Makhmudov (Uzbekistan), I. Arkadyeva (Russia), Y. G. Sardiñas (Cuba) and J. M. O. Ahanda (Cameroon).

The objective of IEIDP Programme is to contribute to building of indigenous analytical capacity in developing countries in the realm of international development policy research. The Programme includes capacity building in areas such as global trading system and WTO, international monetary and financial systems, South-South cooperation, regional economic cooperation, foreign direct investments and multinational enterprises, technology transfers and new technology in development, development policy reforms, among others. The Programme is expected to equip the participants with a capability to understand and systematically analyze the implications of different global economic trends for their home countries and to work out suitable policy options and responses.

## Programme Details

Programme covers modules of intensive instructions on global economic issues and negotiations of contemporary relevance, interspersed with study trips and workshops. Participants would also be expected to prepare and make presentations on select issues in consultation with the Programme Faculty.

## Faculty

The Programme draws upon the in-house research team of RIS as well as noted experts on specific topics from other organizations to provide to the participants a comprehensive treatment and perspective on the subject. RIS faculty comprises internationally renowned scholars on international economic issues and policy research.

## Duration

The Programme will begin on 16 February 2009 and will last for four weeks. Participants are expected to arrive in New Delhi by 15 February 2009.

## Eligibility

The Programme is open to government officials, diplomats, academicians and journalists from developing and transition economies dealing with international economic and developmental policy issues.

## Fellowship Allowances

The Programme covers return travel of the participants between his/her home country and India, living and subsistence allowance, tuition fees, and coverage of medical expenses for the duration of the Programme in New Delhi, as per the rules governing ITEC Programme of the Ministry of External Affairs, Government of India.

## Application

The interested applicants should apply on a prescribed form available with the Indian Missions in their home countries attaching a detailed curriculum vitae and a brief proposal on how the programme could be useful for their work, latest by 31 October 2008 through Indian Missions. An advance copy of the completed application may be sent directly to the Director-General, RIS.

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RIS is an autonomous policy think-tank devoted to trade and development issues. Its work programme focuses on multilateral trade negotiations, regional economic integration in Asia, South-South Cooperation and new technologies and development, among other issues.

The work of RIS is published in the form of research Reports, books, discussion papers and journals. For more information about RIS and its work programme, please visit its website: [www.ris.org.in](http://www.ris.org.in).



IEIDP Participants 2007 with RIS Faculty.

## BROAD THEMES OF RIS RESEARCH PROGRAMME

- ❖ **World Trading and Financial System and Development**
- ❖ **Regional Economic Integration in Asia**
- ❖ **South-South Cooperation, New Technologies and Development**
- ❖ **Strategic Responses to Globalization**

## LATEST PUBLICATIONS

### Reports and Books

- ❖ *South Asia and Development Cooperation Report 2008*  
RIS with Oxford University Press, New Delhi, 2008.
- ❖ *Trinity of the South: Potential of India-Brazil-South Africa (IBSA) Partnership*
- ❖ *World Trade and Development Report 2007: Building a Development-Friendly Trading System*  
RIS with Oxford University Press, New Delhi, 2007.
- ❖ *International Competitiveness & Knowledge-based Industries in India*  
by Nagesh Kumar and K. J. Joseph (eds.). RIS with Oxford University Press, New Delhi, 2007.
- ❖ *Towards an Employment-Oriented Export Strategy: Some Explorations*  
by RIS Research Team, 2006.

### Policy Briefs

- #36 **Back to the Drawing Board: No Basis for Concluding the Doha Round of Negotiations**
- #35 **Building a Development-Friendly World Trading System**
- #34 **Towards a Global Compact for Managing Climate Change**
- #33 **Broader Regional Economic Integration in Asia: An Agenda for the East Asia Summit**



Participants of RIS Capacity Building Programmes 2007/08

## Recent Discussion Papers

- #140 *Emerging Dynamics of Development Cooperation and Economic Partnership: Challenges and Policy Inferences for India* by Sachin Chaturvedi
- #139 *Internationalization of Indian Enterprises: Patterns, Strategies, Ownership Advantages and Implications* by Nagesh Kumar
- #138 *Rise of BICS and the World Economy: Implications of India's Recent Expansion on Developing Countries* by S.K. Mohanty
- #137 *BICS as Sources of Investment and Appropriate Technology: Case Study of India* by Sachin Chaturvedi

## RIS Periodicals

- ❖ **Asian Biotechnology and Development Review**
- ❖ **South Asia Economic Journal**
- ❖ **New Asia Monitor**
- ❖ **Mekong-Ganga Policy Brief**
- ❖ **RIS Diary (Newsletter)**

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