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19-20 April 2022

India Habitat Centre, Lodhi Road, New Delhi

PROGRAMME

Day 1: 19 April 2022, Tuesday	
17.00-17.45 <i>Venue: Jacaranda</i>	<u>Inaugural Session</u> Welcome Remarks: Professor Sachin Chaturvedi , Director General, RIS Initial Remarks: Ambassador (Dr) Mohan Kumar , Chairman, RIS Presentation of Report of the 12th South Asia Economic Summit by Dr Dushni Weerakoon , Executive Director, Institute of Policy Studies, Sri Lanka Inaugural Address: Smt. Meenakshi Lekhi , Hon'ble Minister of State for External Affairs and Culture, Government of India Vote of Thanks: Dr Sabyasachi Saha , Associate Professor, RIS
17.45-18.00	Tea Break

<p>18.00-19.30 Venue: Jacaranda</p> <p><i>Key Issues</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • G20 Indian Presidency 2023 • Evolving value chains and trade integration for addressing inequalities and employment generation • Enabling economic growth and stable macro-economy • Accelerating SDGs • Financing of development 	<p>Plenary Session 1: Post Pandemic Development Imperatives: Issues for Regional Cooperation</p> <p>Chair: Professor Sachin Chaturvedi, Director General, RIS</p> <p>Co-Chair: Dr Fahmida Khatun, Executive Director, Centre for Policy Dialogue (CPD), Bangladesh</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dr Debapriya Bhattacharyya, Chair, Southern Voice network of think tanks and Distinguished Fellow, Centre for Policy Dialogue (CPD), Dhaka • Dr Dushni Weerakoon, Executive Director, Institute of Policy Studies, Sri Lanka • Dr Abid Suleri, Executive Director, Sustainable Development Policy Institute (SDPI), Pakistan (online) • Dr Posh Raj Pandey, Chairman, South Asia Watch on Trade, Economics and Environment (SAWTEE), Nepal • Mr Ahmed As-ad, Maldives (online) • Mr R V Shahi, Distinguished Fellow, RIS • Dr Lutfi Rahimi, BIRUNI Institute, Afghanistan (online) • Ms Karma Tshering Deki, Monitoring and Evaluation Officer, Tarayana Foundation, Bhutan (online)
<p>19.45 Venue: Margosa Lawn</p>	<p>Cultural Evening and Welcome Dinner</p> <p>Odissi Dance performance by disciples of Ms. Madhavi Mudgal, Gandharva Mahavidyalaya, New Delhi, Padma Shri Awardee</p> <p>Welcome Remarks: Mr Sumit Seth, Joint Secretary (PP&R), Ministry of External Affairs, Government of India</p> <p>Dinner</p>

Day 2: Wednesday, 20 April 2022

<p>09.30-10.45 <i>Venue: Silver Oak</i></p> <p><i>Key Issues</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Potential for regional and resilient value chains • Trade costs and competitiveness with special reference to MSMEs • Multilateral and Regional Contours of Digital Trade • Issues in trade in services 	<p>RIS-UNESCAP Plenary Session: Trade Cooperation and Localising Value Chains</p> <p>Chair: Mr Rajeev Kher, Distinguished Fellow, RIS, New Delhi</p> <p>Co-Chair: Dr Rajan Sudesh Ratna, Deputy Head and Economic Affairs Officer, UN ESCAP-South and South West Asia Office, New Delhi</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Professor Mustafizur Rahman, Distinguished Fellow, Centre for Policy Dialogue, Bangladesh • Professor S K Mohanty, Professor, RIS, New Delhi • Professor Bishwambher Pyakuryal, Chairman, Institute for Strategic and Socio-Economic Research, Nepal • Professor Nisha Taneja, Indian Council for Research on International Economic Relations (ICRIER), New Delhi • Dr Ganesan Wignaraja, Non-Resident Senior Fellow, Institute of South Asia Studies, National University of Singapore (online) • Dr Pritam Banerjee, Logistics Specialist Consultant, ADB, India Office, New Delhi
<p>10.45-11.00</p>	<p>Tea Break</p>
<p>11.00-12.30 <i>Venue: Jacaranda</i></p> <p><i>Key Issues</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Connectivity for Economic Corridors and Employment • Inland-waterways and Port-led development • Digital connectivity infrastructure • Financing Sustainable and Resilient Infrastructure for Connectivity 	<p>Plenary Session III: Future of Regional Connectivity</p> <p>Chair: Dr Posh Raj Pandey, Chairman, SAWTEE, Nepal</p> <p>Co-Chair: Professor Prabir De, Coordinator, ASEAN-India Centre at RIS</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr Manmohan Parkash, Deputy Director General, Asian Development Bank • Professor Saikat Sinha Roy, Jadavpur University, Kolkata • Professor Selim Raihan, University of Dhaka, Bangladesh, • Dr Constantino Xavier, Fellow, Centre for Social and Economic Progress (CSEP), New Delhi • Dr Paras Kharel, Research Director, SAWTEE, Nepal
<p>12.30-14.00 <i>Venue: Silver Oak</i></p>	<p>Special Luncheon Lecture on: Digitalisation and Financial Sector Cooperation in South Asia by Smt. Smita Sharma, Director, International Department, Reserve Bank of India (RBI), Mumbai</p> <p>Chair: Dr Deepak Mishra, Director & Chief Executive, Indian Council for Research on International Economic Relations (ICRIER), New Delhi</p>
<p>14.00-15.00</p>	<p>Parallel Sessions</p>

<p>Parallel Session I: Institutional Ecosystem for Food Systems and Value Realisation <i>Venue: Silver Oak</i></p> <p><i>Key Issues</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Access to nutritious food; and nutrition related interventions • Empowering communities, SHGs for local value realization • Sustainable practices and role of digital technologies (drones, AI, blockchain) • Low cost sustainable technologies and farm mechanisation <p>Chair: Mr Vijay Sardana, Advocate, Arbitrator and Techno-Legal Expert for Food, Consumer Products, Agrochemicals</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ms Sabnam Shivakoti, Joint Secretary, Ministry of Agriculture and Livestock, Government of Nepal • Mr Aleen Mukherjee, Chief Operating Officer, NCDEX, Institute of Commodity Markets and Research (NICR), New Delhi • Dr Khondaker Golam Moazzem, Research Director, CPD, Bangladesh (online) • Dr Manoj Thibbotuwawa, Research Fellow/Head (Agricultural Economics Policy), Institute of Policy Studies (IPS), Sri Lanka (online) 	<p>Parallel Session II: Health for all and Digital Health Initiatives <i>Venue: Jacaranda</i></p> <p><i>Key Issues</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Supporting digital public goods in health • Universal health coverage and prevention • Ethics in public health • Traditional Medicine Systems <p>Chair: Dr K Srinath Reddy, President, Public Health Foundation of India (PHFI) (online)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dr Nisha Arunatilake, Director of Research, Institute of Policy Studies (IPS), Sri Lanka (online) • Professor T C James, Visiting Fellow, RIS, New Delhi • Dr Yusuf Sadat, Research Fellow, Centre for Policy Dialogue (CPD), Bangladesh 	<p>Parallel Session III: Leveraging Energy Connectivity for Sustainable Transitions <i>Venue: Jacaranda</i></p> <p><i>Key Issues</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Power transmission connectivity • Energy trade and regulations • Leveraging technologies in the energy sector in generation and transmission • Financing new initiatives <p>Chair: Mr Syed Munir Khasru, Chairman, The Institute for Policy, Advocacy, and Governance, Bangladesh</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr Md. Abul Kalam Azad, Special Envoy of Climate Vulnerable Forum (CVF), Presidency of Bangladesh, Ex-Principal Secretary and Principal SDG Coordinator, Prime Minister's office, Government of Bangladesh (online) • Mr Gyanendra Lal Pradhan, Chairman, Energy Development Council, Confederation of Nepalese Industry (CNI), Nepal
<p>15.00-15.15</p>	<p>Break</p>	
<p>15.15-16.30</p>	<p>Closing Plenary: Climate Resilience and Sustainable Lifestyle</p>	

<p>Venue: Silver Oak</p> <p><i>Key Issues</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Climate vulnerabilities and preparedness • Regional Public Goods, Financing and Technology • Enabling sustainable transition through sustainable lifestyle: Opportunities and Challenges • Innovations for sustainable consumption and production • Idea of LiFE 	<p>Chair: Dr Seshadri Chari, Chairman, China Study Centre and Member, Planning and Monitoring Board, Manipal Academy of Higher Education (MAHE) and Member, Governing Council and General Body, RIS</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Professor Thakur S Powdyel, Former Minister of Education, Royal Government of Bhutan • Dr Puspa Sharma, Former Executive Director, SAWTEE, Nepal • Mr Ahmed As-ad, Maldives (online) • Professor K. J. Joseph, Director, Gulati Institute of Finance and Taxation (GIFT), Kerala
<p>16.30-17.30 Venue: Silver Oak</p>	<p><u>Valedictory Session</u></p> <p>Chair: Professor Deepak Nayyar, Co-Chair, South Asia Centre for Policy Studies (SACEPS)</p> <p>Remarks: Professor S K Mohanty, RIS, New Delhi</p> <p>Special Remarks: Dr Debapriya Bhattacharyya, Chair, Southern Voice network of think tanks and Distinguished Fellow, Centre for Policy Dialogue (CPD), Bangladesh</p> <p>Way Forward: Dr Posh Raj Pandey, Chairman, SAWTEE, Nepal</p> <p>Valedictory Address: Dr Nagesh Kumar, Director, Institute for Studies in Industrial Development, New Delhi</p> <p>Vote of Thanks: Dr Sabyasachi Saha, Associate Professor, RIS</p>