

Roundtable Discussion

Hybrid

Prospects for Maritime Connectivity and Blue Economy in the Indian Ocean: Towards Strengthening India-Africa Relations

1:00 PM - 5:30 PM | 15 May 2026

Tamarind Hall, India Habitat Centre, New Delhi

Agenda

1:00 PM – 2:00 PM	Registration and Lunch
2:00 PM – 2:45 PM	Inaugural Session Welcome Remarks: Prof. Sachin Kumar Sharma, DG, RIS Special Remarks: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• H. E. Amb. Anisa K. Mbega, High Commissioner of the United Republic of Tanzania to India• Prof. J. M. Moosa, Chairperson, Centre for African Studies, School of International Studies, JNU Inaugural Address: Dr. T K Ramachandran , Former Secretary, MoPSW Vote of Thanks: Dr. Rajan Sudesh Ratna, DAKSHIN, RIS
2:45 PM – 3:45 PM	Session I: Towards India-Africa Comprehensive Maritime Connectivity Chair: Amb. Gurjit Singh , Former Indian Ambassador to Ethiopia and the African Union Panellists: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Dr. Sanjeev Ranjan, Former Secretary, MoPSW• Cmde. Sujeet Samaddar, Visiting Fellow, RIS

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dr. Linda Etta, Senior Blue Economy Adviser, African Union, Addis Ababa (Online) • Dr. Shrabana Barua, Associate Professor and Director, Nehginpao Kipgen Centre for Southeast Asian Studies, OP Jindal Global University <p>Moderator: Cmde. (Dr.) Shishir Shrotriya, Coordinator, CMEC at RIS</p>
3:45PM –4:00 PM	Tea/Coffee Break
4:00 PM – 5:00 PM	<p>Session II: Fostering Regional Blue Economy Cooperation in India and Africa</p> <p>Chair: Amb. S. T. Devare, RAC Member, RIS</p> <p>Panellists:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Prof. V. N. Attri, Director, International Centre for Indo-Pacific Studies, Kurukshetra University and Former Chair, Indian Ocean Studies, University of Mauritius, Mauritius • Prof. Micheni J. Ntiba, University of Nairobi, Kenya (Online) • Prof. Ruchita Beri, Senior Fellow, VIF • Dr. (Cdr.) P. K. Srivastava, Scientist G, MoES <p>Moderator: Dr. Pankhuri Gaur, Assistant Professor, RIS</p>
5:00 PM – 5:15PM	<p>Closing Session</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cmde. (Dr.) Shishir Shrotriya, Coordinator, CMEC at RIS • Dr. Pankhuri Gaur, Assistant Professor, RIS