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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 – 2.00 pm	Registration and Lunch
2.00 – 2.45 pm	<p>Inaugural Session</p> <p>Welcome Remarks: Prof. Sachin Kumar Sharma, DG, RIS</p> <p>Special Remarks:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • H. E. Amb. Peter Maina Munyiri, High Commissioner of the Republic of Kenya to India (tbc) • H. E. Amb. Haymandoyal Dillum, High Commissioner of the Republic of Mauritius to India (tbc) • H. E. Amb. Ermindo Augusto Ferreira, High Commissioner of the Republic of Mozambique to India (tbc) • H. E. Amb. Lalatiana Accouche, High Commissioner of the Republic of Seychelles to India (tbc) <p>Inaugural Address: Dr. T K Ramachandran, Former Secretary, MoPSW</p> <p>Vote of Thanks: Dr. Rajan Sudesh Ratna, DAKSHIN, RIS</p>
2.45 – 3.45 pm	<p>Session I: Towards India-Africa Comprehensive Maritime Connectivity</p> <p>Chair: Amb. Gurjit Singh, Former Indian Ambassador to Ethiopia and the African Union</p>

	<p>Panellists:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dr. Sanjeev Ranjan, Former Secretary, MoPSW • Cmde. Sujeet Samaddar, Visiting Fellow, RIS • Dr. Uchenna Emenyonu, Founder Director, Centre for Blue Economy Research and Development, Nigeria (tbc) • 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>
3.45 – 4.00 pm	Tea/Coffee Break
4.00 – 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) • Dr. Linda Etta, Senior Blue Economy Adviser, African Union, Addis Ababa (tbc) • 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 – 5.15 pm	<p>Closing Session</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cmde. (Dr.) Shishir Shrotriya, Coordinator, CMEC at RIS • Dr Pankhuri Gaur, Assistant Professor, RIS