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India and Emerging Economic Order Forum (IEOF)
Inaugural Dialogue
Navigating Uncertainty:
The Global South and the Emerging New Economic Order

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(Concept Note)

Background

The global economy is entering a period in which old assumptions are being tested and new economic relationships are taking shape. Trade and investment patterns are being recalibrated, technology is altering the way economies produce and compete, and questions of energy, finance, supply chains and economic security are becoming increasingly central to development choices. At the same time, the Global South is no longer simply responding to these shifts; markets and partnerships are playing an increasingly important role in shaping the emerging global economic landscape.

Against this backdrop, the Research and Information System for Developing Countries (RIS) and Delhi School of Economics (DSE), University of Delhi are launching the ‘**India and Emerging Economic Order Forum**’ (IEOF) as a platform for sustained intellectual and policy engagement on the transformations underway in the global economy. The Forum will bring together economists, policymakers, diplomats, business leaders, researchers and practitioners to examine emerging economic developments, assess their implications for India and the Global South, and translate research and experience into ideas of wider policy relevance. Its agenda will encompass trade and investment, technology and artificial intelligence, sustainable growth, development cooperation, finance, economic resilience, supply chains and Global South partnerships.

The inaugural dialogue under the Forum, “**Navigating Uncertainty: The Global South and the Emerging New Economic Order**,” will examine the changing global economic landscape from a wider Global South perspective. Rather than viewing uncertainty only as a source of disruption, the dialogue will explore how ongoing transformations are reshaping economic cooperation and development choices, and what opportunities they may create for building a more balanced, inclusive and responsive global economic order.

Purpose and Expected Outcomes

- Initiate a sustained dialogue on the forces reshaping the global economy and their implications for India, the Global South and the future of international economic cooperation.
- Bring together diverse perspectives from academia, policymaking, diplomacy, business and research in order to connect analytical insights with emerging policy challenges.
- Identify emerging areas for cooperation and research, including issues that merit deeper examination through subsequent dialogues, research initiatives and policy engagement under the IEOF.



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- Develop the IEOF as a continuing RIS-DSE platform for informed discussion and policy-relevant research on the evolving global economic order.

The inaugural event will therefore serve not only as a forum for a timely conversation, but also as the starting point for a longer-term intellectual and policy engagement jointly led by RIS and DSE. Subsequent editions of the IEOF will take up specific dimensions of the emerging economic order, enabling the Forum to develop a sustained body of dialogue, research and policy ideas around the changing global economy