

## Training and Capacity Building Programme on Global and Regional Economic Issues for the BIMSTEC Countries

13-14 January 2026  
RIS, New Delhi

### AGENDA

#### 13 January 2026 (Tuesday)

**09.00-09.30 hrs      Registration [G. Parthasarathi Conference Hall, RIS]**

**09.30-10.30 hrs      Inaugural Session**

- *Welcome Remarks by Professor Prabir De*, Professor, RIS
- *Opening Remarks by Professor Sachin Kumar Sharma*, Director General, RIS
- *Special Remarks by Dr. Edgard Rodriguez*, International Development Research Centre (IDRC), New Delhi
- *Special Remarks by Mr. Md. Robiul Islam*, Director, BIMSTEC Secretariat (Online)
- *Vote of Thanks by Dr. Priyadarshi Dash*, Associate Professor, RIS

**10.30-11.00 hrs      Group Photo & Tea/Coffee**

**11.00–11.15 hrs      Introduction of the Training and Capacity Building Programme by Professor Prabir De, Professor, RIS**

**11.15-12.30 hrs      Session I: BIMSTEC: Progress and Challenges**

- **Amb. Sumith Nakandala**, Former Secretary General, BIMSTEC, Colombo
- **Dr. Mahfuz Kabir**, Research Director, Bangladesh Institute of International and Strategic Studies (BIISS), Dhaka

**12.30-13.30 hrs      Lunch**

<b>13.30-14.45 hrs</b>	<b>Session II: Global Uncertainties, Multilateral and Regional Integration</b>
	<b>Mr. Abhijit Das</b> , International Trade Expert, New Delhi
<b>14.45-16.00 hrs</b>	<b>Session III: Agriculture and Food Security</b>
	<b>Professor Sachin Kumar Sharma</b> , Director General, RIS
<b>16.00-16.15 hrs</b>	<b>Tea/Coffee</b>
<b>16.15-17.30 hrs</b>	<b>Session IV: Digital and Financial Cooperation</b>
	<b>Dr. Priyadarshi Dash</b> , Associate Professor, RIS

### **14 January 2026 (Wednesday)**

<b>9.45-11.00 hrs</b>	<b>Session V: Trade and Technology</b>
	<b>Dr. Pankaj Vashisht</b> , Associate Professor, RIS
<b>11.00-11.30 hrs</b>	<b>Tea/Coffee</b>
<b>11.30-12.45 hrs</b>	<b>Session VI: Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs)</b>
	<b>Dr. Sabyasachi Saha</b> , Associate Professor, RIS
<b>12.45-13.45 hrs</b>	<b>Lunch</b>
<b>13.45-15.00 hrs</b>	<b>Session VII: Maritime Cooperation</b>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Cmde. Sujeeet Samaddar</b>, Visiting Fellow, RIS</li> <li>• <b>Professor Prabir De</b>, Professor, RIS</li> </ul>
<b>15.00-16.15 hrs</b>	<b>Session VIII: People-to-People Contacts</b>
	<b>Dr. Rahul Mishra</b> , Associate Professor, Jawaharlal Nehru University (JNU), New Delhi
<b>16.15-16.30 hrs</b>	<b>Tea/Coffee</b>
<b>16.30-18.00 hrs</b>	<b>Closing Session</b>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Group Presentations (<b>5 Groups</b>)</li> <li>• Closing Remarks by <b>Professor Sachin Kumar Sharma</b>, Director General, RIS</li> <li>• Distribution of Certificates of Participation</li> <li>• Vote of Thanks by <b>Dr. Priyadarshi Dash</b>, RIS</li> </ul>
<b>18.30 hrs onward</b>	<b>Dinner at Magnolia Hall, India Habitat Centre (IHC)</b>