



AGENDA

11.30-12.15 hrs	Inaugural Session
11.30-11.35 hrs	<i>Welcome Remarks:</i> Prof. Sachin Chaturvedi , Director General, RIS, India
11.35-11.45 hrs	<i>Special Address:</i> Dr. Madhavan Nair Rajeevan , Secretary, Ministry of Earth Sciences, India*
11.45-11.55 hrs	<i>Special Address:</i> Ambassador Dr. Nomvuyo N. Nokwe , Secretary General, IORA Secretariat
11.55-12.00 hrs	Launch of <i>Blue Economy Insight</i>
12.00-12.15 hrs	<i>Inaugural Address:</i> Shri V. Muraleedharan , Minister of State for External Affairs, India
12.15-13.30 hrs	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Technical Session-I: Issues for Strengthening Regional Cooperation in IORA</u></p> <p><i>Chair:</i> Ambassador Anil Sooklal, Deputy Director General, South Africa</p> <p><i>Special Address:</i> Ms. Riva Ganguly Das, Secretary (East), Ministry of External Affairs, India</p>

	<p>Panelists:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sustainable Innovations for Development: Prof. Dhanjay Jhurry, Vice-Chancellor, University of Mauritius, Mauritius • Rise of Indo-Pacific and Opportunities for IORA: Prof. Sanjay Chaturvedi, Dean, South Asian University, India • Importance of Fisheries for Blue Economy in the Indian Ocean: Prof. George John, Birsa Agricultural University, Vice Chancellor, BM University, India. • Maritime Security & Strategic Imperatives in Indian Ocean Region: Admiral R K Dhowan, Chairman, SAMDeS & Former Chief of Naval Staff, India • Historical & Cultural Cooperation: Mr. Morakabe Seakhoa, CEO, Maritime Heritage Institute, South Africa* • Towards Convergence of Interest between IORA and Indo-Pacific: Prof. G.V. C Naidu, Jawaharal Nehru University, India • An Overview of Progress in IORA: Prof. V.N. Attri, Chair of Indian Ocean Studies (COIS), Mauritius <p>Q & A</p>
13.30-14.30 hrs	Lunch Break
14.30-16.00 hrs	<p><u>Technical Session-II: Sectoral Cooperation in IORA</u></p> <p>Chair: H.E. Rear Admiral (Retd.) Md. Khurshed Alam, Secretary, Maritime Affairs, Bangladesh*</p> <p>Panelists:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ocean Energy- A Critical Component of Transition towards Clean Energy: Dr. N Srikant, Energy Research Institute, Singapore • Marine Technology- Future Source of Growth & Innovation: Dr. Purnima Jalihal, Director, NIOT, India • Blue Economy in Malaysia- Policies and Experiences: Dr. Cheryl Rita Kaur, Head Centre for Coastal and Marine Environment, Maritime Institute of Malaysia (MIMA), Malaysia • IORA-ASEAN Regional Cooperation in the Blue Economy: Dr. Maria Corazon M. Ebarvia, IMF, USA • Blue MSMEs-Growing Prospects in the Region: H. E Saul Kgomotso Molobi, Chairman & CEO, South Africa • Blue Economy in India- Policies and Experiences: Prof. S.K. Mohanty, RIS, India <p>Q & A</p>