



8th Indian Ocean Conference - IOC 2025
Voyage to New Horizons of Maritime Partnership
February 16-17, 2025 | Muscat, Oman

Tentative Schedule

Day 0: February 15, 2025 (Saturday)

1900 hrs *Welcome Dinner*

Day 1: February 16, 2025 (Sunday)

0900 hrs Registration

1000 - 1100 hrs **Inaugural Session**

Curtain Raiser Address

Ram Madhav, President, India Foundation, India

Welcome Address

Sayyid Badr bin Hamad Albusaidi, Foreign Minister, Oman

Special Remarks

Vivian Balakrishnan, Minister for Foreign Affairs, Singapore

Keynote Address

S Jaishankar, External Affairs Minister, India

1100 - 1115 hrs *Break*

1115 - 1230 hrs

Plenary 1: Voyage to New Horizons of Maritime Partnership

Chair: Ram Madhav, President, India Foundation, India

Speakers:

1. Abbas Araghchi, Minister of Foreign Affairs, Iran
2. Dhananjay Ramful, Minister of Foreign Affairs, Regional Integration and International Trade, Mauritius
3. Vijitha Herath, Minister of Foreign Affairs, Foreign Employment and Tourism, Sri Lanka
4. Hassan Ali Joho, EGH, Cabinet Secretary for Mining, Blue Economy and Maritime Affairs, Kenya
5. Osman Saleh, Minister of Foreign Affairs, Eritrea
6. D. N. Dhungyel, Minister of Foreign Affairs, Bhutan
7. Penny Wong, Minister of Foreign Affairs, Australia

1230 - 1330 hrs

Lunch

1330 - 1500 hrs

Plenary 2 - Amplifying the Voice of Global South

Chair: Suresh Prabhu, Former Union Minister, India

Speakers:

1. Ahmed Ali Al Sayegh, Minister of State for Foreign Affairs, UAE
2. Arzu Rana Deuba, Minister of Foreign Affairs, Nepal
3. Sultan bin Saad bin Sultan Al Muraikhi, Minister of State for Foreign Affairs, Qatar
4. Abdulla Khaleel, Minister of Foreign Affairs, Maldives
5. Errol Fonseka, Minister for Internal Affairs, Seychelles
6. Erywan Yusof, Second Minister of Foreign Affairs, Brunei

1500 - 1600 hrs

Plenary 3 - Securing Maritime Economic Interests

Chair: M J Akbar, Former Minister of State, India

Speakers:

1. Yousef Mohammed Ali, Acting Minister of Defence, Comoros
2. Cosato David Chumi, Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs, Tanzania
3. UN Kheang, Secretary of State, Cambodia
4. Nguyen Minh Vu, Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs, Vietnam
5. Russ Jalichandra, Vice Minister for Foreign Affairs, Thailand
6. Zhai Jun, Special Envoy for Middle East Affairs, China

1600 - 1615 hrs

Break

1615 - 1715 hrs

Plenary 4 - Strengthening Maritime Supply Chains: Overcoming Disruptions and Enhancing Resilience

Chair: Sheikh Humaid Al Maani, Head of Diplomatic Academy, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Oman

Speakers:

1. Mustapha Ahmed Noman, Vice minister of Foreign Affairs and Expatriates, Yemen
2. Ömer Fatih Sayan, Deputy Minister of Transport and Infrastructure, Turkiye
3. Abdulrahman bin Ibrahim Al Rassi, Undersecretary, Multilateral International Affairs, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Saudi Arabia
4. Md. Touhid Hossain, Adviser of Foreign Affairs, Bangladesh
5. Egypt

1715 - 1815 hrs

Plenary 5 - Navigating New Frontiers: Evolving Maritime Landscape in the 21st Century

Chair: Ruchira Kamboj, Former Permanent Representative to UN, India

Speakers:

1. Jasem Mohamed AlBudaiwi, Secretary General, GCC
2. Indramani Pandey, Secretary General, BIMSTEC
3. Sanjiv Ranjan, Secretary General, IORA
4. Golam Sarwar, Secretary General, SAARC

1815 - 1830 hrs

Break

1830 - 1915 hrs

Valedictory Session

Chair: Jaideep Mazumdar, Secretary (East), Ministry of External Affairs, India

Speakers:

1. Saeed bin Hamoud bin Saeed Al Mawali, Minister of Transport, Communications and Information Technology, Oman
2. Ranil Wickremesinghe, Former President, Sri Lanka

1915 hrs onwards

Dinner

Day 2: February 17, 2025 (Monday)

0930 - 1100 hrs

Parallel Thematic Sessions

Thematic Session 1: Promoting Global Maritime Cooperation

Chair: Alok Bansal, Director, India Foundation, India

Speakers:

1. Marc Abensour, Ambassador of France for the Indo-Pacific, France
2. Eui-hae Cecilia Chung, Special Representative for Indo-Pacific, South Korea
3. David Santoro, CEO, Pacific Forum, USA

Thematic Session 2: Innovative Seaport Security

Chair: Khamis bin Salim Al Jabri, CEO, Oman Sail, Oman

Speakers:

1. Raja Nushirwan, Director General, National Security Council, Malaysia
2. Ana Escrogima, Ambassador to Oman, USA
3. Shekhar Sinha, Chairman, Board of Trustees, India Foundation, India
4. Lesley Craig, MBE, Head of South Asia Regional Department, Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office, UK

Thematic Session 3: Managing Maritime Global Commons: Challenges and Opportunities

Chair: Michael Vatikiotis, Senior Advisor, Centre for Humanitarian Dialogue, Switzerland

Speakers:

1. Kheireldin Abdellatif, Former Assistant Foreign Minister, Egypt
2. Ong Keng Yong, Executive Deputy Chairman, S. Rajaratnam School of International Studies, Singapore
3. J S Mukul, Former Ambassador to Oman, India

1100 - 1115 hrs

Coffee Break

1115-1200 hrs

Inaugural - Indian Ocean Economic Conclave

Chair: Suresh Prabhu, Former Union Minister,
India

Speakers:

1. Qais bin Mohammed Al Yousef, Minister of
Commerce, Industry and Investment Promotion,
Oman
2. Takuma Miyaji, State Minister for Foreign Affairs,
Japan

1200 - 1215 hrs

Special Address by Naveen Jindal, CMD, Jindal Group, India

1215 - 1330 hrs

Plenary - Indian Ocean Economic Conclave

Chair: Shaurya Doval, Member, Governing Council, India
Foundation, India

Speakers:

1. Ashwani Gupta, CEO, Adani Ports and SEZ, India
2. Omar Al Mahrizi, CEO, Asyad, Oman
3. Najla Al Jamali, Chief Executive, Alternative Energy
OQ, Oman

1330 - 1430 hrs

*Lunch hosted by S.Rajaratnam School of International
Studies, Singapore*