

**14 TH SOUTH ASIA CONFERENCE  
ON  
THINK20@G20: TOWARDS A RESILIENT SOUTH ASIA  
17-18 JANUARY 2023**

**PROGRAMME**

**Day One: Tuesday, 17 January 2023**

**0930-1000: Registration**

**1000-1100: Inaugural Session**

**Welcome Address by Amb Sujan R. Chinoy, T20 Chair of G20 India and  
Director General, MP-IDSA**

**Inaugural Address by Mr Amitabh Kant, Sherpa, G20 India**

**1100-1115: Tea**

**1115-1230: Working Session - I: Introducing T20 and G20**

**Chair: Amb Sujan R. Chinoy, Director General, MP-IDSA & T20 Chair**

**Speakers: Amb Rajiv Bhatia, Distinguished Fellow, Gateway House**

**Dr Sandhya Purecha, Chair W20**

**Mr Abhay Thakur, Additional Secretary & Sous-Sherpa G20**

**Prof Harsh V. Pant, ORF, Co-Chair of T20 Task Force 7 'Towards Reformed  
Multilateralism'**

**Mr Rohan Jaitley, Member of Core Group of T20**

**Ms Sunaina Kumar, ORF, Executive Director, T20 Secretariat India**

**1230-1300: Ambassadors' Interaction on G20**

**Chair: Amb Sujan R. Chinoy, Director General, MP-IDSA & T20 Chair**

**1300-1345: Lunch**

**1345-1415: Special Lecture by Mr Tetsushi Sonobe, Dean & CEO, ADBI and Chair Think7 on  
"T7 Outlook of Japan on G20 Process"**

**Chair: Amb Sujan R. Chinoy, Director General, MP-IDSA & T20 Chair**

**1415-1530: Working Session - II: Country Perspectives on Climate, Economic, Gender & Energy  
Concerns**

**Chair: Prof Mahendra P. Lama, Jawaharlal Nehru University**

**Speakers: Dr Sharmind Neelormi, Professor, Department of Economics, Jahangir University,  
Bangladesh**

**Mr Dil Bahadur Rahut**, Senior Research Fellow, ADBI

**Mr Anushka Wijesinha**, Co-founder, Centre for Smart Future, Colombo

**Dr Zaw Naing**, Managing Director, Mandalay Technology, Myanmar

**1530-1645: Working Session - III: Country Perspectives on Climate, Economic, Gender & Energy Concerns**

**Chair:** **Dr Uttam Sinha**, MP-IDSA, Co-Chair of T20 Task Force 6 on 'Accelerating SDGs'

**Speakers:** **Dr Ajaya Dikshit**, PRI, Nepal, adviser, Institute for Social and Environmental Transition & Policy Research Institute

**Ms Ngu Wah Win**, Research Fellow, Knowledge Circle Foundation, Myanmar

**Dr Ramani Gunatilaka**, Independent Consultant, Sri Lanka

**Ms Aishath Shina**, Acting Director of Local & International Relations, Islamic University of Maldives

1645-1700: Tea

**1700-1745: Keynote Address by Amb Harsh Vardhan Shringla**, Chief Coordinator for India's G20 Presidency in 2023

**Chair:** **Amb Sujan R. Chinoy**, Director General, MP-IDSA & T20 Chair

**Day Two: Wednesday, 18 January 2023**

**1000-1030: Special Session**

**Chair:** **Amb Sujan R. Chinoy**, Director General, MP-IDSA & T20 Chair

**Address by Amb Vijay K. Nambiar**, Principal Coordinator, C20, India's G20 Presidency

**1030-1200: Working Session - IV: Energy Transition, Climate Adaptability, Agricultural Produce, Water Resource and Disaster Management**

**Chair:** **Dr P. K. Anand**, Visiting Fellow, RIS

**Speakers:** **Mr Bharat Lal**, Director General, National Centre for Good Governance, India

**Mr Dinanath Bhandari**, Technical Advisor, DPNet, Nepal

**Prof G M Tarekul Islam**, Professor, Institute of Water and Flood Management, BUET, Bangladesh

**Dr Maneesha Ramesh**, UNESCO Chair on Experiential Learning for Sustainable Innovation and Development, India

**Mr Krishna S. Vatsa**, Member, NDMA, India

**Ms Sonam Choden**, Regional Technical Expert for Asia, Scientific and Technical Review Panel (2023-2025) of the Ramsar Convention

**1200-1330: Working Session - V: Boosting Resilience and Regional Growth**

**Chair:** **Dr Nisha Taneja**, ICRIER, Co-Chair of T20 Task Force 7 'Towards Reformed Multilateralism'

Speakers: **Dr Ganeshan Wignaraja**, Senior Research Associate, ODI Global, London  
**Prof S. K. Mohanty**, RIS, Co-Chair of T20 Task Force 1 'Macroeconomics, Trade, and Livelihoods'  
**Dr Shankar P. Sharma**, Economist & Ambassador of Nepal to India  
**Mr Zaw Oo**, Executive Director, Centre for Economic and Social Development, Myanmar  
**Dr Mahfuz Kabir**, Research Director, BIISS, Dhaka

1330-1415: Lunch

**1415-1600: Final Session: Looking Ahead**

Chair: **Amb Muktesh K. Pardeshi**, Officer on Special Duty G20 Secretariat, India

Speakers: **Ms Eenam Gambhir**, Joint Secretary, G20 Secretariat, India  
**Dr Sharmind Neelormi**, Professor, Department of Economics, Jahangir University, Bangladesh  
**Maj Gen Moosa Ali Jaleel (Retd)**, Former Defence Minister and Former CDF, Maldives  
**Mr Sunil KC**, AIDIA, Nepal  
**Amb Bernard Goonetilleke**, Chairman, Pathfinder Foundation, Colombo  
**Dr Zaw Naing**, Managing Director, Mandalay Technology, Myanmar

**Vote of Thanks: Conference Coordinator**