

**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