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*Connecting Saagar to Sagar*

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The Indo-Pacific Future Forum is the flagship event of the Indo-Pacific Research Network (IPRN) and the Nepal Institute for International Cooperation and Engagement (NIICE). The theme of the two-day conference is *Connecting Saagar to Sagar*, where "Saagar" represents the Indo-Pacific region, and "Sagar" refers to Sagarmatha (Mount Everest). This forum aims to foster dialogue, collaboration, and a deeper understanding of strategic issues impacting the Indo-Pacific region by bringing together policymakers, scholars, and experts from around the world. The objectives of the forum are to strengthen regional cooperation, address geopolitical challenges, encourage multilateral engagement, and foster policy innovation.

The Indo-Pacific Future Forum 2024 will host approximately 100 participants from 30 countries across 20 sessions. The event will be streamed live on the NIICE Facebook page (@contactniice), Twitter (@contactniice), and YouTube (NIICE Nepal). Organizations and individuals are welcome to share the live stream or videos, but editing them to misrepresent statements or information is prohibited.

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**Please Note:**

1. The Indo-Pacific Future Forum is an academic discussion. The chairs, moderators and panelists will speak in the open format without protocol precedence.
2. The profiles of speakers are arranged in order of appearance and the confirmation received. We have not followed any protocol, hierarchy or order.
3. The session are of **90-100 min talk time**. Each speaker will have 10 min to make their presentation. If you have powerpoint (slides) presentation, please send it to before 14 December to nice.kathmandu@gmail.com. Since there is back to back sessions, the **chairs/ moderators are requested to be very strict with time** so that there is some time for discussion and also prepare for the next session on time.
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**PROGRAM**  
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## SESSION 1

### Maintaining Free and Open Indo-Pacific

**Moderator: Dr. Pramod Jaiswal**, *Research Director, Nepal Institute for International Cooperation and Engagement.*

- **Sumitra Karki**, *Director, Nepal Institute for International Cooperation and Engagement, Welcome Remarks.*
- **Hon. Ababu-Terrah Namwamba**, **EGH**, *Chief Administrative Secretary, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Kenya.*
- **H.E. Leann Johnston**, *Australian Ambassador to Nepal.*
- **Admiral Karambir Singh**, *Chairman, National Maritime Foundation, India.*
- **Cleo Paskal**, *Foundation for Defense of Democracies, USA.*
- **Capt. (Retd.) Teruaki Aizawa**, *Associate Professor, Department of Leadership and Military History, National Defense Academy, School of Defense Sciences, Japan.*
- **Admiral Pradeep Chauhan**, *Director General, National Maritime Foundation, India.*
- **Tobiáš Lipold**, *Research Fellow, Sinopsis, Czech Republic, European Perspective on the Indo-Pacific Region.*



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## SESSION A

### Indian Ocean and Maritime Security

**Chair: Dr. Medha Bisht**, *Associate Professor, South Asian University, India.*

- **Dr. Frederic Grare**, *Senior Research Fellow, National Security College, Australian National University, Australia.*
- **Dr. Sitakanta Mishra**, *Associate Professor, Pandit Deendayal Energy University, India, Nuclear Dimension of Indo-Pacific Geopolitics.*
- **Mauro Bonavita**, *Lecturer, King's College London, UK.*
- **Dr. Md. Shariful Islam**, *Associate Professor & Chairperson, Department of IR, University of Rajshahi, Bangladesh.*
- **Urbi Das**, *Jadavpur University, India, India-US Relations amidst the Maritime Great Game in the Indo-Pacific.*



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## SESSION 2

### India's Role in Shaping Indo-Pacific Architecture

**Chair: Amb. Anil Trigunayat**, *Former Indian Diplomat and Distinguished Fellow at Vivekananda International Foundation, India.*

- **Vice Admiral Shekhar Sinha**, *Former Commander in Chief, Indian Navy & Chairman Trustee, India Foundation, **Unfolding of Geopolitics in the Indian Ocean.***
- **Dr. Rajeswari (Raji) Pillai Rajagopalan**, *Resident Senior Fellow, Australian Strategic Policy Institute, Australia.*
- **Captain Sarabjeet Singh Parmar (Retd)**, *Distinguished Fellow, Council for Strategic and Defence Research, India.*
- **Dr. Pooja Bhatt**, *Associate Professor, Jindal School of International Affairs, OP Jindal Global University, India,*
- **Dr. Astha Chadha**, *Associate Professor, Ritsumeikan University, Japan, **India-Japan strategies in the Indo-Pacific.***
- **Dr. Premesha Saha**, *Fellow, Observer Research Foundation, India.*

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## SESSION B

### Leveraging the Blue Economy: Enhancing Trade Routes and Maritime Infrastructure in the Indian Ocean

**Chair: Admiral Pradeep Chauhan**, *Director General, National Maritime Foundation, India.*

- **Mahadevan Shankar**, *Honorary Adjunct Fellow, National Maritime Foundation, India.*
- **Dr. Daisuke Kawai**, *Deputy Director Economic Security Research Program, Research Center for Advanced Science and Technology (RCAST), University of Tokyo, Japan.*
- **Dr. Md Shanawez Hossain**, *Associate Professor, Global Studies & Governance, Independent University, Bangladesh.*
- **Dr. Ulupi Borah**, *Senior Fellow, Centre for Joint Warfare Studies, Headquarters Integrated Defence Staff, New Delhi, India.*
- **Mrittika Guha Sarkar**, *School of International Service, American University, USA.*
- **Nafisa Nazin Lutf**, *Lecturer, Department of International Relations, Bangladesh University of Professionals, Bangladesh.*
- **Mahesh Ganguly & Mohd. Hadi Raza**, *MMAJ Academy of International Studies, Jamia Millia Islamia, India, Canal Conundrum and Indo-Pacific: Kra Canal Project in the Geopolitical Rivalry between China and India.*



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### SESSION 3

## Role of Russia and China in the Indo-Pacific

**Chair: Dr. Jagannath Panda**, *Professor, University of Warsaw, Poland.*

- **Prof. Dr. Anuradha M. Chenoy**, *Former Dean, School of International Studies, Jawaharlal Nehru University, India, **Chinese and Russian Counter Reaction to the US in the Indo Pacific.***
- **Dr. Peng Nian**, *Director of Hong Kong Research Center for Asian Studies, Hong Kong.*
- **Dr. Gudrun Wacker**, *Non-Resident Senior Fellow, Stiftung Wissenschaft und Politik (German Institute for International and Security Affairs), Germany.*
- **Dr. Ekaterina Koldunova**, *Associate Professor, Moscow State Institute of International Relations, Russia.*
- **Michael Kovrig**, *Senior Adviser, Asia, International Crisis Group, Belgium, **China's Game of Influence in the Pacific Islands.***
- **Dr. Petr Topychkanov**, *Head of Sector for New Challenges in South and Southeast Asia, Institute of World Economy and International Relations, Russia, **Nuclear Dimensions of Regional and External Competitive Relations in the Indo-Pacific Region.***
- **Dr. Roger Chifeng Liu**, *Assistant Professor, National Sun Yat-sen University, Taiwan.*

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### Climate Change and its Effects on the Indo-Pacific Nations

**Chair: Dr. Abhiruchi Ojha**, *Assistant Professor, Jamia Millia Islamia, India.*

- **Prof. Rajib Shaw**, *Professor, Keio University, Japan.*
- **Dr. Dhanasree Jayaram**, *Assistant Professor, Manipal Academy of Higher Education, India.*
- **Judith Mwaniki**, *Director, Consortium of Economic Research and Development Studies, Kenya.*
- **Dr. Ornela Cuci**, *Former Deputy Minister of Tourism and Environment of Albania.*
- **Dr. Marufa Akter**, *Department of Global Studies and Governance, Independent University, Bangladesh.*
- **Genevieve Donnellon-May**, *Oxford Global Society, UK.*
- **Jayantika Rao Tiruvaloor Viavoori**, *Research Associate, Delhi Policy Group, India*



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## SESSION 4

### South Asia in the Indo-Pacific

**Chair: Dr. Deepak Prakash Bhatt**, *Chairperson, Global Centre for Climate and Security Governance, Nepal.*

- **Dr. Monish Tourangbam**, *Director, Kalinga Institute of Indo-Pacific Studies, India.*
- **Prof. Dr. Agnieszka Kuszewska-Bohnert**, *Associate Professor, Jagiellonian University, Poland, **India's Role in Shaping Indo-Pacific Architecture: the European Perspective.***
- **Asanga Abeyagoonasekera**, *Executive Director, South Asia Foresight Network, USA.*
- **Dr. P. Krishnan**, *Director, Bay of Bengal Program-Inter-Governmental Organization, India.*
- **Mira Rai**, *Research Associate, Nepal Institute for International Cooperation and Engagement, Nepal.*
- **Dr. Hasith Kandaudahewa**, *Independent Analyst, Canada, **Sri Lanka in the Indo-Pacific: Charting the Path Forward.***
- **Dr. Abhishek Pratap Singh**, *Assistant Professor, University of Delhi, India.*
- **Dr. Karmveer Singh**, *Assistant Professor, University of Rajasthan, India, **India's Soft Power Diplomacy towards Southeast Asia.***



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## SESSION D

### Great-Power Competition in the Indo-Pacific

**Chair: Dr. Sakti Prasad Srichandan**, *Assistant Professor, Jawaharlal Nehru University, India.*

- **Dr. Roger Kangas**, *Academic Dean, Near East South Asia (NESAS) Center for Strategic Studies, US.*
- **Dr. Alexey Kupriyanov**, *Head of the Center of the Indo-Pacific Region, Institute of World Economy and International Relations, Russia.*
- **Dr. Pascal Abb**, *Senior Researcher, Peace Research Institute Frankfurt, Germany.*
- **Prof. Shahab E. Khan**, *Chief Executive Officer, Bangladesh Center for Indo-Pacific Affairs, Bangladesh.*
- **Dr. Uma Purushothaman**, *Associate Professor, Jawaharlal Nehru University, India.*
- **Gitanjali Sinha Roy**, *Assistant Professor, Jindal School of International Affairs, OP Jindal Global University, India.*



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## SESSION 5

### Future of QUAD and Maritime Cooperation in the Indo-Pacific

**Chair: Styopa Safaryan**, *Founder and Director, Armenian Institute of International and Security Affairs, Armenia.*

- **Professor Geoffrey Till**, *S. Rajaratnam Professor of Strategic Studies, S Rajaratnam School of International Studies, Singapore.*
- **Prof. Dr. Sato Yoichiro**, *Dean, Graduate School of Asia Pacific Studies, Ritsumeikan Asia Pacific University, Japan.*
- **Prof. Dr. Swaran Singh**, *School of International Studies, Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi, India.*
- **Dr. Ernest Gunasekara-Rockwell**, *US Department of the Air Force, USA.*
- **Lucas Myers**, *Senior Associate, Indo-Pacific Program, Wilson Center, USA.*

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## SESSION E

### Emerging Challenges in the Indo-Pacific Region

**Chair: Dr. Shantesh Kumar Singh**, *Professor, School of International Studies, Jawaharlal Nehru University, India.*

- **Lt. Gen (Retd.) Harinder Singh**, *Former GOC of Indian Army, Importance of Land Factor in the Indo-Pacific.*
- **Kashif Anwar**, *Independent Researcher, India, China's Outreach and India's Role in Global Chips Industry in the Indo-Pacific Region.*
- **Dr. Shambhavi Thite**, *Senior Doctoral Fellow, Jawaharlal Nehru University, India, Reassessing Central Asia's Role in the Indo-Pacific Security Framework.*
- **Dr. Sanghamitra Kalita & Dr. Devi Roy**, *Faculty, University of Mysore & Guest Faculty, Delhi University, India, India-Japan Strategic Cooperation in the Indo-Pacific.*
- **Dr. Sania Makna**, *Assistant Professor, Manav Rachna International Institute of Research and Studies, India, Geopolitics of Quad and Beyond: Assessing India's Regional Partnerships in the Indo-Pacific.*
- **Dr. Ghulam Ali**, *Deputy Director of Hong Kong Research Center for Asian Studies, Hong Kong, Saudi Arabia's Deepening Engagement in the Asia-Pacific.*
- **Vijay Prasad Jayshwal**, *Assistant Professor, Tribhuvan University, Deconstructing the People's Narratives on Major Issues in Indo-Pacific Strategy.*



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## SESSION 6

### Maritime Security in the Indo-Pacific

**Chair: Dr. Amit Gupta**, *Senior Advisor, Forum of Federations, Canada.*

- **Cmde (Retd.) Anil Jai Singh**, *Vice President, National Maritime Foundation, India.*
- **Prof. Dr. Ian Hall**, *Professor, Government and International Relations, Griffith University, Australia.*
- **Dr. John F. Bradford**, *Executive Director, Yokosuka Council on Asia-Pacific Studies, Japan.*
- **Dr. Tess Newton Cain**, *Lowy Institute, Australia, Maritime Security in the Pacific Islands Region.*
- **Abhijit Singh**, *Senior Fellow, Observer Research Foundation, India.*
- **Divya Rai**, *Research Associate, Delhi Policy Group, India.*

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## SESSION F

### Strategy, Security and Diplomacy in the Indo-Pacific

**Chair: Dr. Pramod Jaiswal**, *Research Director, Nepal Institute for International Cooperation and Engagement, Nepal.*

- **Amb. Pankaj Saran**, *Former Deputy National Security Advisor of India & Convenor, NatStrat, India.*
- **Dr. Tomohiko Taniguchi**, *Special Adviser to Former Prime Minister Shinzo Abe & Specially Appointed Professor at the University of Tsukuba, Japan.*
- **Prof. Jeffrey S Payne**, *Assistant Professor, Near East South Asia (NESAs) Center for Strategic Studies, US.*
- **Prof. John Blaxland**, *Professor of International Security & Intelligence Studies, Strategic and Defence Studies Centre, Australian National University, Australia.*
- **Shihoko Goto**, *Director, Indo-Pacific Program, Wilson Center, USA.*
- **Dr. Pichamon Yeophantong**, *Associate Professor, Australian War College, Australia.*



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## SESSION 7

### Non-Traditional Security Threats in the Indo-Pacific

**Chair: Col. MBB Nalin Herath**, *Overlooking Director General & Acting Director (Research), Institute of National Security Studies, Colombo, Sri Lanka.*

- **Prof. Brendan M Howe**, *Dean, Graduate School of International Studies, Ewha Womans University, South Korea*, ***Second-tier Actor Leadership and New Cooperative Models in NTS Promotion***
- **Dr. Pavithra Jayawardena**, *Senior Lecturer, Department of International Relations, University of Colombo, Sri Lanka.*
- **John J Vachaparambil**, *Associate Fellow, National Maritime Foundation, India*, ***IUU Fishing in the IOR: Legal Implications for India.***
- **Harriet Njoki Mboce**, *HSC, Advocate, Faculty of Law, University of Nairobi, Kenya.*
- **Dr. Chime Youdon**, *Associate Fellow, National Maritime Foundation, India.*
- **Irfan Yar**, *Founder, Afghanistan Security Institute, Afghanistan.*



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## SESSION G

### Addressing Non-Traditional Maritime Threats

**Chair: Dr. Avinash Anil Godbole**, *Professor, OP Jindal Global University, India.*

- **Brigadier (Retd.) Dr. Robert G. Kabage**, *Mashariki Research and Policy Centre, Kenya.*
- **Dr. Suchana Apple Chavanich**, *Professor, Department of Marine Science, Chulalongkorn University, Thailand.*
- **Captain Kamlesh Kumar Agnihotri (Retd.)**, *Senior Fellow, National Maritime Foundation, India.*
- **Rajdeep Mukherjee**, *Policy Analyst, Bay of Bengal Programme - Inter-Governmental Organisation, India.*
- **Dr. Aparna**, *Assistant Professor, Department of International Relations, Central University of Jharkhand, India.*
- **Dr. Sampa Kundu**, *Consultant, Research and Information System for Developing Countries, India.*





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## SESSION 8

### South East Asia in the Indo-Pacific

**Chair: Captain Sarabjeet Singh Parmar (Retd.),** *Distinguished Fellow, Council for Strategic and Defence Research, India.*

- **Capt. Kentaro Furuya,** *Adjunct Professor, National Graduate Institute for Policy Studies Professor, Japan Coast Guard Academy, Japan.*
- **Dr. Kei Koga,** *Associate Professor, Nanyang Technological University, Singapore.*
- **Dr. Rahul Mishra,** *Associate Professor, Jawaharlal Nehru University, India.*
- **Dr. Bill Hayton,** *Associate Fellow, Chatham House, UK.*
- **Dr. Stephen R Nagy,** *Japan Institute for International Affairs & Professor, International Christian University, Japan.*
- **Joanne Lin Weiling,** *Senior Fellow, ASEAN Studies Centre, ISEAS – Yusof Ishak Institute, Singapore.*
- **Lucio III Blanco Pitlo,** *Visiting Scholar, National Chengchi University, Taiwan.*
- **Satria Rizaldi Alchatib,** *Doctoral Researcher, Victoria University of Wellington & Founder, Regional Security Society (RESET), Indonesia.*



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## SESSION H

### Security in the Indo-Pacific

**Chair: Maj Gen (Retd.) BK Sharma, Director, United Service Institution of India.**

- **Dr. Vo Xuan Vinh**, Deputy Director General in Charge, Institute for Southeast Asian Studies, Vietnam Academy of Social Sciences, Vietnam.
- **Dr. Satoru Nagao**, Fellow (Non-Resident) at Hudson Institute, USA.
- **Dr. Swasti Rao**, Former Associate Fellow, Manohar Parrikar Institute for Defence Studies and Analyses, India.
- **Dr. Tomasz Łukaszuk**, Professor, Faculty of Political Science and International Studies, University of Warsaw, Poland.
- **Dr. Bhagya Senaratne**, Academic Consultant, Bandaranaike Centre for International Studies, Sri Lanka.
- **Dr. Tanvi Kulkarni**, Policy Fellow, Asia-Pacific Leadership Network, South Korea, **Nuclear Risks and Threats in the Indo-Pacific.**



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## SESSION 9

### Maritime Connectivity and Trade in the Indo-Pacific

Chair: Amb. Ashok Sajjanhar, *Former Indian Diplomat.*

- **Admiral Jayantha Perera**, *Former Commander of the Sri Lanka Navy, Colombo, Sri Lanka.*
- **Raj Mohabeer**, *Officer In-Charge at the Indian Ocean Commission, Mauritius.*
- **Dr. Vithiyapathy Purushothaman**, *PostDoc Candidate, Shenzhen University, China, **The Future of the Free Trade Agreements in the Indo-Pacific Region.***
- **Dr. Asantha Senevirathna**, *Senior Lecturer, Department of Strategic Studies, General Sir John Kotelawala Defence University, Sri Lanka.*
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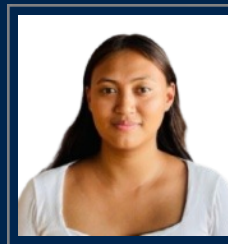
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