

# Agenda

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**T**HE 2016 Raisina Dialogue focused on Asia's physical, economic, human and digital connectivity and attempted to discover opportunities and challenges for the region to manage its common spaces, as well as the global partnerships needed to develop common pathways in this century.

The Dialogue saw the participation of over 120 delegates from close to 40 countries. The interest in and discussion on issues broadly related to the advance and

security of "Asian Connectivity"—the theme of the conference.

Recognising the importance of a platform such as the Raisina Dialogue for New Delhi, five Government of India ministers addressed and participated in the conference. Important powers, such as the United States, China, Britain, European Union countries and Australia, sent large delegations. A substantial participation from African countries added to the lustre of the Dialogue.

## DAY-1: Tuesday, March 1, 2016

18.00 – 19.30	<p><b>Inaugural Panel</b>  <b>Sunjoy Joshi</b>, <i>Director, Observer Research Foundation, India</i>  <b>Chandrika Bandaranaike Kumaratunga</b>, <i>Former President, Sri Lanka</i>  <b>Hamid Karzai</b>, <i>Former President, Afghanistan</i>  <b>James Mancham</b>, <i>Former President, Seychelles</i>  <b>Abul Hassan Mahmood Ali</b>, <i>Minister of Foreign Affairs, Bangladesh</i>  <b>Sushma Swaraj</b>, <i>Minister of External Affairs, India</i>  <b>Ashok Malik</b>, <i>Distinguished Fellow, Observer Research Foundation, India</i>            Moderator: <b>Samir Saran</b>, <i>Vice President, Observer Research Foundation, India</i></p>
19.30 – 21.00	<p><b>Welcome Dinner</b>            hosted by Ministry of External Affairs, Government of India</p>

<b>DAY-2: Wednesday, March 2, 2016</b>	
08.30-09.30	Breakfast Panel: <b>Whither European Union?</b>
09.45-10.15	<b>Keynote Address</b> by <b>Li Zhaoxing</b> , Former Foreign Minister, China
10.15-11.00	<b>Keynote Address and Q &amp; A</b> by <b>Dr. S. Jaishankar</b> , Foreign Secretary, Ministry of External Affairs, India
11.00-12.00	Plenary Session 1: <b>Connecting a Continent: An Asian Union</b>
12.15-13.15	Breakout Session 1  Group 1: <b>Competing Globalisations: Managing Economic &amp; Trade Regimes in Asia</b>  Group 2: <b>Asia's Strategic Order</b>
14.15 – 14.45	<b>Keynote Address and Q &amp; A</b> by <b>Admiral Harry B. Harris, Jr</b> , US Pacific Command, USA
14.45 – 15.45	Plenary Session 2 <b>A Line in the Water: Underwriting Asian Security</b>
16.00 - 17.00	Plenary Session 3 <b>India's Strategic Posture and possibilities for Partnership with Key Liberal Democracies</b> This panel explored how liberal democracies perceive India's foreign policy on key issues such as terrorism, security in the Indian Ocean Region, cyber-security and internet governance, humanitarian assistance and disaster relief, the situation in the Middle East, and India's regional role. The panel deliberated how India manages the contradiction of being a BRICS leader and member of SCO, while maintaining its leadership as a liberal democracy
17.00 – 17:20	<b>Keynote Address and Q &amp; A</b> by <b>Yasumasa Nagamine</b> , Deputy Minister for Foreign Affairs, Japan
19.00 – 19:10	Launch of ORF Publications on <b>Waters of Asia</b> by <b>Jakob von Weizsäcker</b> , Member of the European Parliament, Germany
19.10 – 20.10	Plenary Session 4 <b>Waters of Asia</b> This panel explored the potential for a sustainable hydro-economy in a region dependent heavily on the Himalayan water system; transnational development of river basins; implications for energy corridors and international waterways; and prospects of riverside communities finding avenues for water sharing.
20.20 – 21.40	Dinner

<b>DAY-3: Thursday, March 3, 2016</b>	
08.30-09.30	Breakfast Panel <b>DiplomaShe: Gender, Policy and Politics</b> This panel explored women in the workplace, particularly in the fields of politics, development and foreign policy. It discussed the challenges to and benefits of greater gender balance in these fields across Asia.
09.30 – 10.15	Conference Registration
10.15 – 11.00	<b>Keynote Address and Q &amp; A</b> by <b>Ravi Shankar Prasad</b> , Union Minister, Communications and Information Technology, Government of India
11.00 – 12.00	Plenary Session 5 <b>Securing Digital Asia: Threats &amp; Opportunities for a Smart Realm</b> This panel explored the trends shaping cyber policy planning in the Asia-Pacific, a focal region in the creation, evolution and maturation of cyber norms; debated obstacles and opportunities that lie ahead for companies and businesses; and advanced measures to strengthen protection of critical and commercial information structures.

<b>DAY-3: Thursday, March 3, 2016</b>	
12.00 – 12:15	Tea/Coffee
12.15 – 13.30	Plenary Session 6 <b>Light of Asia: The Future of Energy</b> This panel explored conventional energy issues—geopolitics of oil and gas; the necessity of fossil fuels—as well as ‘newer’ questions such as prospects of renewable energy in the Asian energy basket and nuclear as a baseload source. What partnerships can be developed to provide energy to the next billion.
13.30 – 13.45	<b>Keynote Address</b> by <b>Piyush Goyal</b> , Minister of State with Independent Charge for Power, Coal, New and Renewable Energy in the Government of India
13.45 – 14.30	Lunch
14.30 – 15.30	Plenary Session 7 <b>South by South-West: The Threat in the Neighbourhood</b> This panel explored asymmetrical and sub-conventional security threats from state and non-state actors that threaten to undermine Asia’s efforts to integrate its economies and societies. It discussed possible responses by key actors in Asia and sub-regional groupings to manage and contain such toxic contemporary developments.
15.30 – 15.45	Tea/Coffee
15.45 – 16.45	Breakout Session 2 Group 1 – <b>Asia@Africa</b> This session debated how Asian economies, particularly India, can build mutually beneficial and complementary partnerships with Africa for development and security, particularly in human capacity building, technology, energy, health and policy convergence in global governance institutions. Group 2 – <b>Pathways: The New Development Landscape</b> This session deliberated the opportunities and challenges that alternative forms of development cooperation hold for the implementation of the sustainable development goals in Asia, with a particular focus on issues of inequality, energy, health and gender.
16:45 – 17:15	Tea/Coffee
17:15 – 17:30	<b>Keynote Address</b> by <b>Suresh Prabhu</b> , Union Minister, Railways, Government of India
19.00 – 19.45	Discussion Panel <b>Can SAARC Get Serious?</b> <b>C. Raja Mohan</b> , Director, Carnegie India In conversation with: <b>Dr. S. Jaishankar</b> , Foreign Secretary, Ministry of External Affairs, India and <b>Shyam Saran</b> , Senior Fellow, CPR, and former Foreign Secretary, Ministry of External Affairs, India
19.45 – 20.45	Plenary Session 8 <b>Challenges &amp; Opportunities for Regional Cooperation on Border Management</b> This panel explored the need to create smart borders that, on the one hand, allow enhanced trans-border movement of peoples, goods and ideas, and on the other, minimise potential for cross-border security challenges.
20.45 – 21:00	<b>Valedictory Address</b> by <b>Gen. Vijay Kumar Singh (Retd.)</b> , Minister of State, Ministry of External Affairs, India
21.00 – 21.15	<b>Closing Remarks &amp; Vote of Thanks</b> by <b>Ashok Malik</b> , Distinguished Fellow, Observer Research Foundation, India
21.15 -	Dinner