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Securing the Indian Ocean Region

Traditional & Non-Traditional Challenges

About the Conference

The 4th **Indian Ocean Conference – IOC 2019** is being organised by **India Foundation** in association with the **Government of Maldives** and **S. Rajaratnam School of International Studies**, Singapore on **03-04 September 2019 in Maldives**. The theme of IOC 2019 is "**Securing the Indian Ocean Region: Traditional and Non- Traditional Challenges**".

The traditional and non-traditional security challenges facing the Indian Ocean Region remain unabated. Geopolitics and Trade continue to be contentious and the spectre of terrorism looms large over several countries of the region. Issues such as rising sea water levels, hazardous levels of pollution of the seas leading to depletion of marine livestock, and illegal, unreported and unregulated (IUU) fishing elude consensus in international deliberation. Many of these challenges pose serious and immediate problems for the region. These challenges require concerted and sustained partnership efforts across the region and beyond.

The 4th IOC will deliberate on developing effective regional institutional mechanism for implementation of prevailing norms and rules. In continuation with the past, this edition of the Conference too will provide yet another opportunity for stakeholders of the Indian Ocean Region to deliberate on building an institutional framework for managing the threats to regional peace and human security through the strengthening of multilateral cooperation based on mutual respect, equality and international law. The three broad themes of the conference will be:

Marine Ecology: Climate Change, Global Warming and consequent Rise of Sea Levels, Pollution, Sustainable harnessing of Oceanic Resources

Terrorism: Rising Spectre of Terrorism in Indian Ocean Region, Marine Terrorism

Navigational Security: Freedom of Navigation, UNCLOS and its effective implementation, Natural and Man-made hazards to Navigation, Piracy

Program Schedule (Tentative)

**03 September 2019
(Tuesday)**

13:00-14:00 Hrs	Lunch
14:00-15:15 Hrs	Pre-Conference Workshops (Parallel Sessions)
16:30- 18:00 Hrs	<i>Inaugural Session</i>
19:30 Hrs onwards	Cultural Program and Dinner

**04 September 2019
(Wednesday)**

09:00-10:15 Hrs	Session 1
10:45-12:00 Hrs	Session 2
12:15-13:30 Hrs	Session 3
13:30-15:00 Hrs	Lunch
15:00-16:15 Hrs	Session 4
16:45-18:00 Hrs	Session 5
18:00-18:30 Hrs	Valedictory Session

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