

## International Conference on India-Myanmar Relations: Federalism at Work

*18-19 October 2016*

**Inya Lake Hotel (Ruby Room), Yangon, Myanmar**

### PROGRAM SCHEDULE

#### **Tuesday, 18 October 2016**

9.00 am Registration

9:30 am **Inaugural Session**

#### **Chair/Introduction**

Dr. Ash Narain Roy, Director, Institute of Social Sciences, Delhi

#### **Welcome Address**

Directors of hbs Myanmar and India Offices

#### **Address by Chief Guest**

U Myint Thu, Director General of the Strategic Studies Department,  
Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar

#### **Address by Guest of Honour**

B. Shyam, Deputy Chief of Mission, Indian Embassy to Myanmar

10:30 am Tea Break

10.45 am **Special Session**

#### **Keynote Speeches:**

1. Prof. Chaw Chaw Sein, PhD, University of Yangon, Head of International Relations Department; "Between Union and Federation: A Long and Rough Road to 'Federalism' in Myanmar"
2. Amb. Rajiv Bhatia, Former Indian Ambassador to Myanmar: India's Perspective on Act East Policy and India-Myanmar Relations

#### **Discussion (Q&A)**

12.15 pm	Lunch
01:15 pm	<p><b>Working Session 1: National Reconciliation and Centre-Periphery Relationships in Myanmar</b></p> <p><b>Chair</b> Amb. Rajiv Bhatia, Former Indian Ambassador to Myanmar</p> <p><b>Speakers:</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Khine Win, Sandhi Governance Institute</li> <li>2. Salai Cung Lian Thawng, Pyo Pin</li> <li>3. Myat Ko Ko, Yangon School of Political Science</li> </ol> <p><i>Discussion (Q&amp;A)</i></p>
02:45 pm	<p><b>Working Session 2: India's Experience of Centre-State Relations and Relevance to Myanmar</b></p> <p><b>Chair</b> Prof. Chaw Chaw Sein, PhD, University of Yangon</p> <p><b>Speakers:</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Dr. Ash Narain Roy, Institute of Social Sciences, Delhi</li> <li>2. Prof. Baladas Goshal, Former Prof. of Jawaharlal Nehru University, Delhi</li> <li>3. Prof. Harihar Bhattacharyya, University of Burdwan, Kolkata</li> </ol> <p><i>Discussion (Q &amp; A)</i></p>
04:15 pm	Tea Break
04:30 pm	<p><b>Working Session 3: Media and Public Perception in India-Myanmar Relations</b></p> <p><b>Chair:</b> Zeya Thu, The Voice, Yangon</p> <p><b>Speakers</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Bano Haralu, Independent Journalist, Dimapur</li> <li>2. Sein Win, Myanmar Journalism Institute, Yangon</li> <li>3. Sai Lwin, Independent Journalist, Yangon</li> </ol> <p><i>Discussion (Q &amp; A)</i></p>

**19 October 2016, Wednesday**

9:00 am                      **Working Session 4: Management and Governance of Environment and Natural Resources**

**Chair:**

Axel Harneit-Sievers, Director hbs India Office

**Speakers:**

1. Dr. M V Shiju, The Energy and Resources Institute, Delhi
2. Myint Zaw, researcher, Yangon

***Discussion (Q & A)***

10:30 am                      Tea Break

10:45 am                      **Working Session 5: Benefit Sharing in Natural Resources**

**Chair:**

Mirco Kreibich, Director hbs Myanmar Office

**Speakers:**

1. Dr. Nupur Chowdhury, Jawaharlal Nehru University, Delhi
2. Maw Htun Aung, Natural Resources Governance Institute, Yangon

***Discussion (Q & A)***

12:45 pm                      Lunch

1.45 am                      **Working Session 6: Connectivity, Concerns and Prospects: Kaladan Project and Trilateral Highways**

**Chair**

Dr. Alana Golmei, Burma Centre Delhi

**Speakers:**

1. Dr. Khriezodolhou Yhome, Observer Research Foundation, Delhi
2. Ling Za Uk, Chin Human Rights Organisation, Yangon
3. Dr. Sonu Trivedi, Delhi University

***Discussion (Q & A)***

03:15 pm                      Tea Break

3.30 pm

**Working Session 7: Civil Society Engagement, Learning from each other and the Way Forward and Feedback**

**Chair**

Ling Za Uk, Chin Human Rights Organisation, Yangon

**Speakers:**

1. Cheery Zahau, Human Rights Activist, Falam
2. Mr. Sabyasachi Dutta, Asian Confluence, Shillong
3. U Myo Win, Smile Education and Development Foundation, Yangon

5:30 pm

**Concluding Remarks/Vote of Thanks**

06:15 pm

**Cocktail Reception for all participants**

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