

## ASIA-PACIFIC ROUNDTABLE

### APR @ 30: Cooperation and Contestation in a Changing Regional Landscape

30<sup>th</sup> May – 1<sup>st</sup> June 2016, Kuala Lumpur

Draft Programme (as of 4 April 2016)

#### Monday, 30 May 2016

1900 - 2000    **Networking reception**

2000 - 2010    **Introductory remarks**

2010 - 2030    **Keynote address by The Honourable Prime Minister of Malaysia**

2100 - 2200    **Welcoming dinner**

#### Tuesday, 31 May 2016

0900 - 1100    **Plenary 1: Regional Security in the Asia-Pacific: Present State and Future Trajectories**

Territorial disputes and terrorism are long-standing, evolving legacies that continue to concern the security of the Asia-Pacific. More recent and less predictable challenges include changing power dynamics, economic uncertainties, and climate change implications. What do present and over-the-horizon trends indicate for the Asia-Pacific's mid- to long-term security prospects? Is Asia's rise guaranteed and what might be the expectations for, and of, a more prosperous and influential Asia? Can the region effectively align economic and political interests where they threaten to diverge? How will the rise of non-state actors impact the state's role in providing security? How will big and medium powers influence these future trajectories?

Moderator                    : **Tan Sri Mohamed Jawhar Hassan**  
Former Chairman and Chief Executive, Institute of  
Strategic and International Studies (ISIS) Malaysia

Speakers                     : **Ambassador Shivshankar Menon**  
Distinguished Fellow, Brookings Institution; Former  
National Security Advisor of India

1100 - 1115    Refreshments

1115 - 1245    **Plenary 2: The ASEAN Community: Integration in an Age of Contending Interests**

The formal establishment of the ASEAN Community underlines ASEAN's aspirations of instituting a truly rules-based, people-cantered-and-oriented and integrated Community. As it strives towards these aspirations however, it will have to take into account the various contending strategic interests – from both

within and outside ASEAN. What are the major internal challenges ASEAN faces in its journey towards becoming a more integrated Community? How will “ASEAN centrality” hold amid surrounding major power competition and rivalry? Is the EAS the most appropriate vehicle for ASEAN and its partners to address the strategic challenges of the region, or are there other mechanisms to be considered?

Moderator : **Professor Carolina G Hernandez**  
Founding President & Chief Executive Officer,  
Institute for Strategic and Development Studies,  
Philippines; & Professor Emeritus at the University of the  
Philippines

Speakers : **Ambassador Ong Keng Yong**  
Executive Deputy Chairman, S Rajaratnam School of  
International Studies, Nanyang Technological University

**Dr Thitinan Pongsudhirak**  
Director, Institute of Security and International  
Studies Thailand, Chulalongkorn University

**Tan Sri Dr Munir Majid**  
Chairman, Bank Muamalat Malaysia and ASEAN-BAC

1245 - 1415 Lunch

1415 - 1545 **Concurrent 1: Strategic Update: North East Asia**

Moderator : **Associate Professor Ryo Sahashi**  
Associate Professor of International Politics, Kanagawa  
University, Yokohama

Speakers :

**Concurrent 2: Strategic Update: The Americas**

Moderator :

Speakers : **Mr Ralph Cossa**  
President, Pacific Forum CSIS

**Dr James Boutilier**  
Special Advisor (Policy) to the Commander, Maritime  
Forces Pacific, Canada

### **Concurrent 3: Strategic Update: South Asia**

Moderator : **U Khin Maung Lynn**  
Joint Secretary, Myanmar Institute of Strategic and International Studies

Speakers : **Senator Mushahid Hussain Sayed**  
Chairman, Senate Defence Committee (Pakistan) and Parliamentary Committee on China Pakistan Economic Corridor

**Mr Pramit Pal Chaudhuri**  
Foreign Editor, The Hindustan Times

**Professor William Maley**  
Professor of Diplomacy, Asia-Pacific College of Diplomacy, Australian National University

1545 - 1600 Refreshments

### **1600 - 1730 Concurrent 4: Strategic Update: South East Asia and Oceania**

Moderator : **Ambassador Pou Sothirak**  
Executive Director, Cambodian Institute for Cooperation and Peace

Speakers : **Dr Aries Arugay**  
Executive Director, Institute for Strategic and Development Studies, Philippines

**Dr Aung Tun Thet**  
Former Economic Advisor to the President of Myanmar

### **Concurrent 5: Strategic Update: West Asia and North Africa**

Moderator : **Dr Philips J. Vermonte**  
Executive Director, CSIS

Speakers : **Dr James M Dorsey**  
Senior Fellow (Middle East and North Africa), S Rajaratnam School of International Studies, Nanyang Technological University

**Dr Hisham Hellyer**  
Senior Fellow (non-resident), Rafik Hariri Centre for the Middle East, Atlantic Council; Associate Fellow, International Security Studies, Royal United Services Institute, London

## Concurrent 6: Strategic Update: Europe

Moderator : **H.R.H. Samdech Norodom Sirivudh**  
Founder and Chairman of Board of Directors, Cambodian  
Institute for Cooperation and Peace

Speakers : **Dr Victor Sumsky**  
Director, ASEAN Centre, MGIMO University

**Dr May-Britt Stumbaum**  
Head, NFG Research Group "Asian Perceptions of the  
EU", Freie Universität, Berlin

1845 - 2030 Dinner

### Wednesday, 1 June 2016

#### 0900 – 1030 **Plenary 3: Hearts and Minds: New Strategies to Battle Ignorance, Violence and Extremism**

Despite the significant amount of money and effort put into combating 'terror' and the ideologies and thinking that drive it, the results leave much to be desired. Indeed, the attitudes that beget such extreme violence seem to be thriving in some parts of the world and causing similar, retaliatory responses. Just how much of a threat do extremist groups like Daesh pose to the region? Is the international community losing the war against extremist-driven violence? What new strategies or approaches could be employed to deal with the ignorance and ideologies that fuel violence and extremism? What can be done to better convince stakeholders that it is not just the battle on the field that needs to be won but also the battle for the hearts and minds?

Moderator : **Mr Sholto Byrnes**  
Senior Fellow, Institute of Strategic and International  
Studies (ISIS) Malaysia

Speakers : **SAC Datuk Ayub Khan Mydin Pitchay**  
Special Branch Counter Terrorism Division Director, Royal  
Malaysia Police

**Associate Professor Shyam Tekwani**  
Daniel K Inouye Asia-Pacific Center for Security Studies

1030 - 1100 Refreshments

#### 1100 – 1230 **Plenary 4: Energy Prices, Climate Change and Geopolitics: What's Next?**

The nexus between energy and geopolitics appears to be shifting with the fast-paced changes in the energy sector. This will have a significant impact on global energy trade flow, energy security and energy pricing globally. Thrown into this changing dynamics are the unprecedented effects of climate change and the global efforts to mitigate its fallouts. How will fluctuating energy prices impact

global and regional geopolitics? Is the world seeing the emergence of a new fulcrum in the global energy supply and demand chain? Could the long-term obligations of climate change agreements change the global energy landscape, especially for the United States, China and developing countries?

Moderator : **Associate Professor Simon Tay**  
Chairman, Singapore Institute of International Affairs

Speaker : **Dr Frank Umbach**  
Research Director, European Centre for Energy and  
Resource Security, King's College London

**Ambassador Rae Kwon Chung**  
Former Principal Advisor on Climate Change,  
Executive Office of the Secretary-General, United  
Nations

1230 - 1400 Lunch

1400 - 1530 **Plenary 5: Human Insecurity: Confronting Displacement and Trafficking**

The displacement and trafficking of entire communities affected by human insecurity is a complex, sensitive and often emotive issue with no easy solution in sight. While much of the attention was focused on Europe's 'refugee crisis', Southeast Asia also experienced its own version of a 'refugee crisis' – the abrupt large scale movement of Rohingya and Bengali boat people of the Straits of Malacca and the Andaman Sea. What caused the sudden influx of displaced persons into some countries in this region and will it happen again? How do stakeholders – governments, NGOs, businesses and communities – confront the issue of displacement and trafficking? What lessons could Southeast Asia and Europe draw from each other on how – and how not – to manage the problem and to better protect those who have been displaced or trafficked?

Moderator : **Ambassador Yong Chanthalangsy**  
Director General of the Laos Institute of Foreign Affairs

Speaker : **Ambassador Andrew Goledzinowski**  
Ambassador for People Smuggling Issues, Australia

**Ms Simla Ramphul**  
Regional Migration Advisor, International Committee of  
the Red Cross, Kuala Lumpur

**Dr Sriprapha Petcharamesree**  
Chair, IHRP PhD Human Rights and Peace Studies  
(International Program), Mahidol University

1530 - 1600 Refreshments

1600 - 1730 **Plenary 6: Security and Stability in the South China Sea: Possibilities Amid Complexities**

The situation in the South China Sea is increasingly being subjected to added layers of complexity. Action-reaction dynamics between the major powers will increasingly influence the security environment in the area. The full impact of the artificial-island-building and construction projects in the South China Sea remains to be seen. Added to that, are the possible reactions to a speculated mid-2016 decision by the Permanent Court of Arbitration on the proceedings initiated by the Philippines. This session is aimed at exploring opportunities to moderate the risks of misunderstanding and tension in the South China Sea, even as the various parties maintain their positions on various aspects of international law. What kind of mechanisms are needed for the South China Sea in the immediate term? How can the major powers better reassure each other and the region of their intentions in the area? What role is ASEAN able to play?

Moderator :

Speaker : **Dr Wu Sichun**  
President, National Institute for South China Sea  
Studies, China

**Dr David Welch**  
 CIGI Chair of Global Security, Balsillie School of  
 International Affairs; & Professor of Political Science,  
 University of Waterloo, Canada

1730 - 1745      **Closing remarks**