

30TH ASIA-PACIFIC ROUNDTABLE

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

30 May–1 June 2016
Hilton Kuala Lumpur

PROGRAMME

DAY 1

MONDAY, 30 MAY 2016

- 1930–2000 **ARRIVAL OF GUESTS AND NETWORKING RECEPTION**
Venue: Grand Ballroom, Level 6, Hilton Kuala Lumpur
- 2030–2120 **ARRIVAL OF THE PRIME MINISTER OF MALAYSIA AND WELCOMING DINNER**
- 2120–2130 **WELCOMING REMARKS**
Tan Sri RASTAM Mohd Isa
Chairperson, ASEAN Institutes of Strategic and International Studies (ASEAN-ISIS)
& Chairman and Chief Executive, Institute of Strategic and International Studies (ISIS) Malaysia
- 2130–2145 **KEYNOTE ADDRESS AND OFFICIAL OPENING**
The Honourable Dato' Sri MOHD NAJIB Tun Abdul Razak
Prime Minister of Malaysia

DAY 2

TUESDAY, 31 MAY 2016

- 0730–0845 **REGISTRATION**
Venue: Foyer Ballroom A&B, Level 6
- 0900–1100 **PLENARY 1**
Venue: Ballroom A&B, Level 6
**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?
- Special Address by **The Honourable Datuk Seri HISHAMMUDDIN Hussein**,
Minister of Defence, Malaysia
- Moderator: **Tan Sri Mohamed JAWHAR Hassan**
Chairman, The New Straits Times Press &
former Chairman and Chief Executive Institute of Strategic
and International Studies (ISIS) Malaysia

Speakers: **Amb Shivshankar MENON**
Distinguished Fellow, Brookings Institution &
former National Security Adviser
India

Dr XU Jian
Senior Fellow, China Institute of International Studies (CIIS)
& Chairman, CIIS Academic Council
China

Dr Seiichiro TAKAGI
Senior Adjunct Fellow
Japan Institute of International Affairs (JIIA)
Japan

1100-1115 **REFRESHMENTS**
Venue: Lake Garden Foyer, Level 6

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-centred 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?

Special Address by **His Excellency Mr Saleumxay KOMMASITH**, Minister of Foreign Affairs, Lao People's Democratic Republic

Moderator: **Prof Carolina G HERNANDEZ**
Founding President and Vice-Chair of the Board
Institute for Strategic and Development Studies
The Philippines

Speakers: **Amb ONG Keng Yong**
Executive Deputy Chairman
S Rajaratnam School of International Studies (RSIS)
Nanyang Technological University (NTU) &
Ambassador-at-Large, Ministry of Foreign Affairs
Singapore

Dr THITINAN Pongsudhirak
Director
Institute of Security and International Studies
Chulalongkorn University
Thailand

Tan Sri Dr MUNIR Majid
Chairman
Bank Muamalat Malaysia & Board Member
Institute of Strategic and International Studies (ISIS)
Malaysia

1245–1415 **LUNCH**
Venue: Ballroom C, Level 6

1415–1545 **CONCURRENT 1**
Venue: Sentral Ballroom A, Level 6
STRATEGIC UPDATE: NORTHEAST ASIA

Moderator: **Prof NGUYEN Vu Tung**
Acting President
Diplomatic Academy of Vietnam

Speakers: **Assoc Prof Ryo SAHASHI**
Associate Professor of International Politics
Kanagawa University
Japan

Prof ZHU Feng
Executive Director, China Centre for Collaborative Studies of
the South China Sea, Nanjing University
China

Mr MA Tong Hui
Director-General, Institute for Disarmament and Peace
Democratic People’s Republic of Korea (DPRK)

CONCURRENT 2
Venue: Sentral Ballroom B, Level 6
STRATEGIC UPDATE: THE AMERICAS

Moderator: **Pengiran Datin SHAZAINAH Pengiran Dato Shariffuddin**
Representative, Brunei Darussalam Institute of Policy and
Strategic Studies (BDIPSS)
Brunei Darussalam

Speakers: **Mr Ralph COSSA**
President, Pacific Forum Centre for Strategic and
International Studies (CSIS)
USA

Dr James BOUTILIER
Special Adviser, Maritime Forces Pacific
Canada

HE Amb Carlos Felix CORONA
Ambassador of Mexico to Malaysia

CONCURRENT 3
Venue: Exchange Room, Level 6
STRATEGIC UPDATE: SOUTH ASIA

Moderator: **Mr KHIN Maung Lynn**
Joint Secretary, Myanmar Institute of Strategic
and International Studies (MISIS)
Myanmar

Speakers: **Mr Pramit Pal CHAUDHURI**
Foreign Editor, *Hindustan Times*
India

Prof William MALEY
Asia-Pacific College of Diplomacy
Australian National University
Australia

Amb Dr Iftekhar Ahmed CHOWDHURY
Principal Research Fellow, Institute of South Asian Studies
(ISAS), National University of Singapore &
former Foreign Minister
Bangladesh

1545-1600 **REFRESHMENTS**
Venue: Sentral Ballroom Foyer, Level 6

1600-1730 **CONCURRENT 4**
Venue: Sentral Ballroom A, Level 6
STRATEGIC UPDATE: SOUTHEAST ASIA AND OCEANIA

Moderator: **Amb Pou SOTHIRAK**
Executive Director
Cambodian Institute for Cooperation and Peace (CICP)
Cambodia

Speakers: **Dr Aries ARUGAY**
Executive Director
Institute for Strategic and Development Studies (ISDS)
The Philippines

Mr KHIN Maung Lynn
Joint Secretary, Myanmar Institute of Strategic and
International Studies (MISIS)
Myanmar

Dr David CAPIE
Director
Centre for Strategic Studies (CSS)
Victoria University of Wellington
New Zealand

CONCURRENT 5
Venue: Sentral Ballroom B, Level 6
STRATEGIC UPDATE: WEST ASIA AND NORTH AFRICA

Moderator: **Ms Clara JOEWONO**
Vice Chair
Centre for Strategic and International Studies (CSIS)
Foundation
Indonesia

Speakers: **Dr James M DORSEY**
Senior Fellow, S Rajaratnam School of International Studies
(RSIS), Nanyang Technological University (NTU)
Singapore

Prof NASSER Hadian
Faculty of Law and Political Science
University of Tehran
Iran

CONCURRENT 6

Venue: Exchange Room, Level 6

STRATEGIC UPDATE: EUROPE

Moderator: **HRH Prince Norodom SIRIVUDH**
Founding Chairman, Cambodian Institute for Cooperation
and Peace (CICP) & Privy Counsellor to His Majesty the
King of Cambodia

Speakers: **Dr Victor SUMSKY**
Director, ASEAN Centre
MGIMO University
Russia

Dr May-Britt STUMBAUM
Director
NFG Research Group "Asian Perceptions of the EU"
Freie Universität Berlin
Germany

1845–2030

DINNER

Hosted by the Embassy of the People's Republic of China in Malaysia
Venue: Ballroom C, Level 6

DAY 3

WEDNESDAY, 1 JUNE 2016

0900–1030

PLENARY 3

Venue: Ballroom A&B, Level 6

HEARTS AND MINDS:

NEW STRATEGIES TO BATTLE IGNORANCE, VIOLENCE AND EXTREMISM

Despite the significant amounts of money and effort put into combating terrorism 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: **Imam FEISAL Abdul Rauf**
Chairman
Cordoba Initiative

Mr ASRUL DANIEL Ahmed
Chief Operating Officer
Global Movement of Moderates Foundation (GMMF)
Malaysia

1030-1100 **REFRESHMENTS**
Venue: Lake Garden Foyer, Level 6

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: **Assoc Prof Simon TAY**
Chairman
Singapore Institute of International Affairs (SIIA)
Singapore

Speakers: **Dr Frank UMBACH**
Research Director, European Centre for Energy and Resource
Security (EUCERS), King's College, London
United Kingdom

Amb Rae Kwon CHUNG
Former Principal Adviser on Climate Change, Executive
Office of the Secretary-General of the United Nations

Prof Yukari TAKAMURA
Professor of International Law
Nagoya University
Japan

1230-1400 **LUNCH**
Hosted by the Embassy of Japan in Malaysia
Venue: Ballroom C, Level 6

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 through the Malacca Strait 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: **Amb Yong CHANTHALANGSY**
Director-General
Institute of Foreign Affairs (IFA)
Lao People's Democratic Republic

Speakers: **Ms Simla RAMPHUL**
Adviser for Migration in Asia
International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC)

Dr Sriprapha PETCHARAMESREE
Institute for Human Rights and Peace Studies
Mahidol University
Thailand

Prof William MALEY
Asia-Pacific College of Diplomacy
Australian National University
Australia

1530-1600 **REFRESHMENTS**
Venue: Lake Garden Foyer, Level 6

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 have increasingly influenced 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: **Dr Philips J VERMONTE**
Executive Director
Centre for Strategic and International Studies (CSIS)
Indonesia

Speakers: **Dr WU Shicun**
President
National Institute for South China Sea Studies (NISCSS)
China

Prof David WELCH
CIGI Chair of Global Security
Balsillie School of International Affairs &
Professor, Political Science, University of Waterloo
Canada

Major General Steven R RUDDER (USMC)
Director, Strategic Planning and Policy (J5)
US Pacific Command
USA

Dr TRAN Truong Thuy
Director, Foundation for East Sea Studies (FESS) &
Acting Director, Bien Dong Institute
Diplomatic Academy of Vietnam (DAV)

1730-1745

CLOSING REMARKS

Tan Sri RASTAM Mohd Isa
Chairperson, ASEAN Institutes of Strategic and International Studies (ASEAN-ISIS)
& Chairman and Chief Executive, Institute of Strategic and International Studies
(ISIS) Malaysia