Programme Schedule (as of 16th July, 2015)

Monday, 20 July 2015

9.30-09.45 am - Registration
09.45-10-45 am - Inaugural Session

**Introductory Remarks:** Prof. Rajaram Nagappa, Head, ISSSP, NIAS

**Welcome Address:** Dr. Baldev Raj, Director, NIAS

**Keynote Address:** Ambassador V.S. Seshadri, Vice Chairman, Research and Information System for Developing Countries (RIS), New Delhi and former Ambassador of India to Myanmar (2010-2013) – ‘Building Enduring Bonds with Myanmar’

**Vote of Thanks:** Dr. Mayilvaganan, Conference Convenor

10.45-11.15 am – Group Photograph, Tea/Coffee Break

11.15-01.20 pm **SESSION I: INTERPRETING THE TRANSITION IN MYANMAR**

Chair: Mr. Khin Maung Win (TBC*)

Speakers:

- Dr. Sanjay Pulipaka, Consultant, Indian Council for Research on International Economic Relations, New Delhi – ‘Tatmadaw and the Changing Internal Dynamics in Myanmar’

- Ms. Yola Verbruggen, Journalist & Political Analyst, Myanmar – ‘Centre-Periphery Interaction’

- Dr. Priyanka Mathur, Assistant Professor, St. Joseph College, Bangalore – ‘Sectarian Conflict in Myanmar: The Rohingya Case’
Dr. Anshuman Behera, Assistant Professor, NIAS – ‘Insurgency, Drugs And Small Arms In Myanmar’

Dr. Rahul Mishra, Research Fellow, Indian Council of World Affairs, New Delhi – ‘Myanmar’s Aspirations and Future of Democratic Transition’

Ms. Ramya PS, Junior Research Fellow, ISSSP, NIAS – ‘The Evolution of the Tatmadaw: Assessing Present Capabilities’

1.20-2.15 pm – Lunch Break

02.15-03.40 pm - SESSION II: AGRICULTURE, NATURAL RESOURCES, INFRASTRUCTURE AND INDUSTRIAL CAPABILITIES (I)

Chair: Prof. Kudo Toshihiro (TBC*)

Speakers:

- Dr. Elumalai Kannan, Associate Professor, Institute for Social and Economic Change, Bangalore – ‘Agriculture and Forestry Sector in Myanmar’

- Ms. Soe Nandar Linn, National Consultant for World Bank’s Public Financial Management Project, Ministry of Finance, Myanmar – ‘Natural Resources and Subnational Governance in Myanmar’ (TBC*)

- Ms. Suparna Banerjee, Senior Research Fellow, ISSSP, NIAS – ‘Mining Sector in Myanmar: Making sense of Resource Conflict’

03.40-04.00 pm – Tea/Coffee Break

04.00-05.15 pm - SESSION III: AGRICULTURE, NATURAL RESOURCES, INFRASTRUCTURE AND INDUSTRIAL CAPABILITIES (II)

Chair: Dr. Elumalai Kannan (TBC*)

Speakers:

- Mr. Soe Myint, former Director General, the Ministry of Energy, Myanmar – ‘Energy Sector in Myanmar: Current Realities and Future Prospects’

- Prof. Kudo Toshihiro, Research Planning Department, National Graduate Institute for Policy Studies (GRIPS), Japan – ‘Industrial Development in Myanmar: Prospects and Challenges’

07.00-8.30 pm – Welcome Dinner
09:30-11.50 AM SESSION IV: DYNAMICS OF MAJOR POWERS RELATIONS WITH MYANMAR

Chair: Mr. Khin Maung Soe (TBC*)

Speakers:

- Dr. Pankaj K Jha, Director Research, Indian Council of World Affairs, New Delhi — ‘ASEAN and Myanmar’
- Dr. Pongkwan Sawasdipakdi, Thammasat University, Bangkok, Thailand — ‘Thailand’s Relations with Myanmar’ (*TBC)
- Dr. Shamshad A. Khan, Research Fellow, Indian Council of World Affairs, New Delhi — ‘Japan-Myanmar Relations’
- Prof. KUDO Toshihiro, Research Planning Department, National Graduate Institute for Policy Studies (GRIPS), Japan — ‘Two-Polar Growth Strategy in Myanmar: Seeking “High” and “Balanced” Development’
- Dr. Jegananthan, Assistant Professor, Central University of Jammu, J&K — ‘European Union Engagement with Myanmar’
- Dr. K. Yhome, Fellow, Observer Research Foundation, New Delhi — ‘Situating Myanmar in the Emerging Geopolitics of Bay of Bengal’

11.50–12.05 am - Tea/Coffee Break

12.05-01.30 pm – SESSION V: CHINESE STRATEGY AND ROLE IN MYANMAR

Chair: Prof. S Chandrashekar

Speakers:

- Mr. Khin Maung Soe, Communications & Socio-Economic Specialist, Urban Services Improvement Project, Mandalay, Myanmar — ‘Chinese Role, Investment & Aid in Myanmar’
- Ms. Sayantani Sen Mazumdar, Fellow, MAKAIAS, Kolkata — ‘Myanmar-China Strategic Partnership’
- Ms. Ramya PS, Junior Research Fellow & Dr. Mayilvaganan, Assistant Professor, NIAS — ‘Facilitating Ties and Enhancing Cooperation: Yunnan Factor in China-Myanmar Relations’

01.30-2.20 pm – Lunch Break
2.20-04.10 pm - **SESSION VI: INDIA-MYANMAR ENGAGEMENT**

Chair: Dr. Pankaj K Jha (TBC*)

Speakers:

- Dr. Udaibhan Singh, Senior Research Associate, IDSA — ‘India’s Myanmar Policy: Issues and Concerns’
- Mr. Khin Maung Win, former Deputy Minister for Foreign Affairs — ‘India-Myanmar Relations: Perspective from Myanmar’
- Mr. Rajeev Bhattarcharyya, Journalist, Guwahati — ‘Realities and Challenges on the Indo-Myanmar Border’
- Dr. Pushpita Das, Associate Fellow, IDSA — ‘Security Challenges and Management of India-Myanmar Border’

04.10-04.25 pm: Tea/Coffee Break

04.25-5.45 pm – **SESSION VII: MYANMAR: NORTHEAST PERSPECTIVE**

Chair: Dr. Sanjay Pulipaka (TBC*)

Speakers:

- Dr. Rakhee Bhattarcharya, Associate Professor, Northeast Studies Programme, School of Social Science, Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi — ‘Indo-Myanmar Development Agenda and ‘Act East’: Whither Northeast’
- Dr. Amarjeet Singh, Associate Professor, Centre for North East Studies and Policy Research, Jamia Millia Islamia, New Delhi — ‘Myanmar: Perspective from Northeast India’
- Dr. Jiten Nongthombam, Centre for Myanmar Studies, Manipur University, Manipur — ‘Security and Sustainable Development: Northeast in Indo-Myanmar Developing Dynamics’
10.00-12.20 pm – **Session VIII: BUSINESS AND INVESTMENT CLIMATE IN MYANMAR: BARRIERS AND POTENTIALS**

Chair: Mr. Soe Myint (TBC*)

Speakers:

- Dr. Madhab Paul, Managing Director, MiTA, Singapore – ‘Business environment in Myanmar: Existing Obstacles and Untapped Opportunities’
- Mr. Rajesh Kapoor, Director, Confederation of Indian Industry, , New Delhi – ‘Industry Perspective on Bilateral Trade and Emerging Market in Myanmar’ (*TBC)

11.00-11.15 AM Tea/ Cofee Break

- Dr. Hippu Salk Kristle Nathan, Assistant Professor, NIAS & Mr. Sanket Sudhir Kulkarni, Doctoral Scholar, NIAS – ‘Indo-Myanmar Electricity Cooperation: Prospects and Challenges’
- Ms. Kaveri Ashok, Junior Research Fellow, Ms Ramya PS, Junior Research Fellow, NIAS & Dr. Mayilvaganan, Assistant Professor, NIAS – ‘Infrastructure Development in Myanmar: Outlook And Opportunities’

12.20-12.25 pm – Vote of thanks – Dr. Mayilvaganan

12.30-01.30 pm - Lunch