

INDIA-WEST ASIA DIALOGUE 2025



December, 15, 2025



09:30 AM – 08:00 PM



Taj Business Bay, Dubai,
United Arab Emirates

India West Asia Dialogue 2025

Dialogue Title: The India-West Asia Dialogue, 2025

Proposed by: The GeoEconomic Hub at the Council for International Economic Understanding (CIEU)

Host Institution: Council for International Economic Understanding (CIEU), New Delhi

Dubai Partners: Indian Business & Professional Council (IBPC)

Thematic Focus: Building Partnership for a Future-Ready World

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OPENING PLENARY: INDIA–WEST ASIA STRATEGIC AND GEO-ECONOMIC CONSENSUS



Dr. Ashwani Mahajan

Member, Governing Board, Council for International
Economic Understanding (CIEU)



Meenakshi Lekhi

Former Minister of State for External Affairs,
Government of India



Sidharth Balachandran

Chairman
Board of Governors, Indian Business &
Professional Council (IBPC)



H. E. Mirza Hussain Al Sayegh

Member, Board of Trustees, Al
Maktoum Foundation, UAE

10:30–11:00

INDIA–DUBAI 2033: TRADE, INNOVATION, AND COLLABORATION



Satish Sivan

Consul General of India in Dubai

11:00–11:40

PANEL DISCUSSION: DIGITAL PUBLIC INFRASTRUCTURE FOR GLOBAL INTEROPERABILITY



Siddharth Shetty

Co-creator and
CEO of Finternet



Dilip Asbe

Managing Director &
Chief Executive Officer,
National Payments
Corporation of India (NPCI)



Vijay Shekhar Sharma

Founder, Paytm



Dr. R. Seetharaman

Former Chief Executive Officer,
Doha Bank

11:40–12:00

NEXT-GEN DIGITAL INFRASTRUCTURE: TRANSFORMING ACCESS, FINANCE, AND DEVELOPMENT



Kanwaljit Singh
Deputy Director,
Digital Public Infrastructure,
Gates Foundation



Harmeet Singh Sethi
CEO, PayG



Dr. Sindhu Bhaskar
Chairman & Founder,
EST Group Forbes Council Member



Ricky Stuart Goddard
Former CCO, SiGMA World



Moderator: Narendra Yadav
CEO - Paytm Middle East

12:00–12:30

FIRESIDE CHAT: CRICKET AS CONNECTIVE CAPITAL – BUILDING A FUTURE-READY INDIA–WEST ASIA PARTNERSHIP



Sanjog Gupta
Chief Executive Officer, International Cricket Council (ICC)

12:30–12:45

FIRESIDE CHAT: INDIA – WEST ASIA 2.0: INVESTING IN IDEAS, INNOVATION & INCLUSIVE GROWTH



Ashish Dhawan
Investor and Philanthropist;
Co-Founder of ChrysCapital,
Founder & CEO, The Convergence
Foundation



Tayeb A Kamali
Director General of Education
Training Development,
UAE Ministry of Interior
Chairman of the Board, Abu Dhabi
School of Management



Dr. Bu Abdullah
Chairman, Bu Abdullah Group
of Companies

13:30–14:10

**SPECIAL CONVERSATION: CEMENTING BROTHERHOOD
– INDIA–WEST ASIA TRADE AND INVESTMENT
OPPORTUNITIES**



Suresh Prabhu

Former Union Minister for Commerce
& Industry and Civil Aviation,
Government of India



H.E. Sultan Al Mansoori

Former Minister of Economy,
United Arab Emirates



Dr. Sachin Chaturvedi

Vice Chancellor,
Nalanda University; former Director
General, Research and Information
System for Developing Countries (RIS)



Mr. Paras Shahdarpuri

Chairman of NIKAI Group



Amir Hayek

The first Israeli Ambassador to the
United Arab Emirates



**Moderator: Ambassador
Anil Trigunayat**

Senior Research Fellow, VIF

14:10–14:45

**FIRESIDE CHAT: STRATEGIC CORRIDORS AND ECONOMIC
INTEGRATION – IMEC, I2U2, AND BEYOND**



Ashwani Gupta

Former Chief Executive Officer
Invest Abu Dhabi



Ramesh S. Ramakrishnan

Chairman,
Transworld Group, UAE



Vikram Shroff

Vice-Chairman and
Co-CEO, UPL Group,
India



Noa Schusterman Dvir

Leading expert on IMEC



Dr. Yousif Al Sabri

Former Ambassador of UAE
to Poland and African Union



Abdulla Al Hashmi

COO of Parks & Zones,
DP World GCC, UAE



Moderate: Dr. Sachin Chaturvedi

Vice Chancellor, Nalanda University;
former Director General, Research and
Information System for Developing
Countries (RIS)

14:45–15:25

**SPECIAL CONVERSATION: AI COMPACT: BUILDING THE
NEXT DIGITAL POWER CORRIDOR**



Dr. Jassim Haji
President,
International Group of Artificial
Intelligence (IGAI), Bahrain



Manu Kumar Jain
CEO, G42; UAE



Ashwani Roy
Co-Founder & Lead Scientist,
ALP Technology, London



Shobhendra Bahadur
Director, MyGov, India



Dr. Yaoz Server
Chairman, AGC Consulting,
Tel Aviv, Israel (virtual)



Moderator: Jaswant Kaur Narwal
Chief Crown Prosecutor at Crown
Prosecution Service, London UK

15:25–16:05

**BIG CONVERSATION: TOWARD A RULES-BASED
INNOVATION AND TRADE ORDER**



H.E. Fahad AlGergawi
Undersecretary of the Ministry of
Foreign Trade



Meenakshi Lekhi
Former Minister of State for External Affairs,
Government of India

16:30–17:00

THE SCENT OF OPPORTUNITY: BRIDGING INDIA AND
WEST ASIA THROUGH CULTURE, COMMERCE, AND
INNOVATION



Mohammad Ibrahim alblooshi
Chairman of Emirates Pride group

16:30–17:00

FINANCING THE GREEN FRONTIER: BUILDING AN INDIA–
WEST ASIA CLEANTECH SUPPLY CHAIN CORRIDOR



Shuvendu Bose
Senior Advisor @ Ministry of
Energy & Infrastructure – UAE



Yacov Hadas-Handelsman
Ambassador of
Israel to Hungary



Mr. Gleb Borukhov
Managing Director of Realia
Capital Group



Syed Junaid Altaf
Group Executive Director,
FIL Industries Private Limited



**Moderator
Jagjeet Sareen**
Partner, Global Climate Change

17:00–17:40

PANEL DISCUSSION: INDIA–GULF ECONOMIC
COMPACT – NEXT 25 YEARS



Siddharth Balachandran
Executive Chairman, Buimerc
Corporation Ltd, Dubai



Sanjeev Sanyal
Member, PM-Economic Advisory
Council, India



Himanshu Khandelwal
CEO, Asas Capital



Rishi Somaiya
CEO, Ajman NuVentures Centre
Free Zone (ANCFZ)



Moderator: Sahitya Chaturvedi
Sec. General IBPC Dubai

17:40–18:20

BIG IDEA: BRINGING ASIAN EXCHANGES CLOSER IN A
SHIFTING GLOBAL ORDER



Ashishkumar Chauhan
Managing Director & Chief
Executive Officer, National
Stock Exchange of India (NSE)



Rashid Al Mansoori
Former Chief Executive,
Qatar Stock Exchange



Hitesh Asarpota
CEO, Emirates NBD Capital



Sanjeev Bikhchandani
Vice Chairman and Founder,
Info Edge (India) Ltd

18:20–19:00

**BRIDGING WEST ASIA AND INDIA: CAPITAL, COMMERCE
& TECHNOLOGY IN A NEW ERA OF INTEGRATION**



Jayant Sinha

Former Minister of State for
Finance and Civil Aviation,
Government of India



Pankaj Gupta

Co-Founder and Co-CEO of
Gulf Islamic Investments (GII)



Raja AlMarzoqi

Chief Economic Advisor at
the Ministry of Economic and
Planning, Saudi Arabia



Suresh Kumar

Chairman Emeritus, IBPC



Nazem AlKudsi

Former Chief Executive Officer
of Invest Abu Dhabi



Riyad Alhoraibi

Partner in Asas Capital

19:00–19:20

**RE-CODING THE GULF: DESIGNING CLIMATE-
CONSCIOUS LUXURY FOR A SHARED FUTURE**



Ankur Aggarwal

Founder, BNW Real
Estate



Vivek Oberoi

Indian Actor and Entrepreneur

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