



SIOS WEBINAR

Post-Covid Strategic Outlook of the Countries of Bay of Bengal Region
26th October, Monday, 2020, 3:00 pm – 5:00 pm

Welcome Remarks: Shri. Sudhir T. Devare, Chairman-SIOS
Introductory Remarks: Retd. Vice Admiral Anup Singh
Vote of Thanks: Shri. S. N. Tripathi, IAS(R), Secretary General-SIOS

SPEAKERS

Speaker: Prof. Dewi Fortuna Anwar

Member of the Social Science Commission, Indonesian Academy of Sciences (AIPI)

Speaker: Prof. Mustafizur Rahman

Fellow at the Centre for Policy Dialogue (CPD), Dhaka, Bangladesh

Speaker: Dr Dushni Weerakoon

Executive Director of the Institute of Policy Studies of Sri Lanka (IPS)

Speaker: Dr. Min Zaw Oo

Executive Director at Myanmar Institute for Peace and Security

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Prof. Dewi Fortuna Anwar

Member of the Social Science Commission, Indonesian Academy of Sciences (AIPI)

Dewi Fortuna Anwar straddles the world of academia, political activism and government. She is a member of the Social Science Commission, Indonesian Academy of Sciences (AIPI) since 2015. She works as a Research Professor at the Center for

Political Studies-Indonesian Institute of Sciences (P2P-LIPI), and Vice Chairman of the Board of Management of The Habibie Center (THC) based in Jakarta. Dewi was the Kippenberger Visiting Chair at the Centre for Strategic Studies, Victoria University of Wellington, New Zealand from 1 October to 30 November, 2018 and a Distinguished Visiting Professor at the S. Rajaratnam School of International Studies (RSIS), Nanyang Technological University, Singapore from 1 August 2017 to 31 July 2018. From 2010 to 2017 Dewi served as a Deputy Secretary to the Vice President of the Republic of Indonesia (For Political Affairs, October 2010-May 2015; For Government Policy Support, May 2010-February 2017). Dewi was Deputy Chairman for Social Sciences and Humanities-LIPI from 2001 to 2010, and Chairman of the Institute for Democracy and Human Rights-THC from 2010 to 2018. She served as Assistant Minister of State Secretariat for Foreign Affairs in 1998-99 during the Habibie Presidency. Dewi was a Distinguished Visiting Fellow at CSEAS, Kyoto University in 2010 and a Distinguished Visiting Professor at SAIS, Johns Hopkins University in 2007. She has written widely on Indonesia's democratization, foreign policy, as well as on ASEAN regional political and security issues. Dewi sits and has sat in a number of national and international advisory boards. She is currently a member of the Foundation Board of the Centre for Humanitarian Dialogue (HD), a Governing Board member of the Stockholm International Peace Research Institute (SIPRI) and a Board Member of Shift Project based in New York. She served as a member of the Weapons of Mass Destruction Commission (WMDC) in 2004-2008, and a member of the UN Secretary General's Advisory Board on Disarmament Matters in 2008-2012. Dewi was an APSA Congressional Fellow at the U.S. Congress in 1990-1991. She obtained her PhD from Monash University, Melbourne in 1990, while her M.A. and B.A. (Hons) were from the School of Oriental and African Studies (SOAS), University of London in 1982 and 1981 respectively.



Prof. Mustafizur Rahman

Fellow at the Centre for Policy Dialogue (CPD), Dhaka, Bangladesh

Professor Mustafizur Rahman is an economist by training. He is currently serving as Distinguished Fellow at the Centre for Policy Dialogue (CPD), Dhaka, Bangladesh. Earlier Dr. Rahman had taught as a Professor in the University of Dhaka. He was Visiting Fellow at Oxford University, UK and Senior Fulbright

Fellow at Yale University, USA. His areas of research include WTO and interests of the LDCs; addressing Bangladesh's LDC graduation challenges; South-South Cooperation, regional cooperation and economic integration in Southern Asia; fiscal-monetary policies and macroeconomic performance of Bangladesh; challenges of SDGs implementation. He has published widely in Bangladesh and abroad. Professor Rahman has served as member of a number of national bodies set up by the Government of Bangladesh including WTO Advisory Committee, Regulatory Reforms Commission and Core Committee on Connectivity. He was a member of Panel of Economists for the ongoing Seventh Five Year Plan of Bangladesh, and the Second Perspective Plan of Bangladesh (2021-2041). Professor Rahman has been a member of Government delegations to several WTO Ministerial Conferences and trade-related hearings. Professor Rahman is currently a member of the Dhaka University Senate and member of Board of Trustees and Syndicate of BRAC University.



Dr Dushni Weerakoon

Executive Director of the Institute of Policy Studies of Sri Lanka (IPS)

Dushni Weerakoon is the Executive Director of the Institute of Policy Studies of Sri Lanka (IPS) and Head of its Macroeconomic Policy Research. Her research and publications cover areas related to macroeconomic policy, regional trade integration, and international economics. She has extensive experience working

in policy development committees of the Government of Sri Lanka, working as a consultant to international development organisations, and serving as a director on the boards of corporate and academic entities in Sri Lanka. She holds a BSc in Economics with First Class Honors from the Queen's University of Belfast, U.K., and an MA and PhD in Economics from the University of Manchester, U.K.

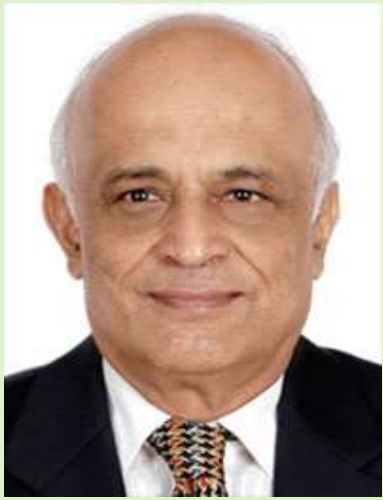


Dr. Min Zaw Oo

Executive Director at Myanmar Institute for Peace and Security

Min is currently serving as Executive Director at Myanmar Institute for Peace and Security that implements policy research and analysis supporting the peace dialogue and security transition. Min set up the first joint-ceasefire mechanism in Myanmar to implement the Nationwide Ceasefire Agreement (NCA) and multiple bilateral ceasefire agreements as the

Executive Director of the Technical Secretariat Centre of the Joint Ceasefire Monitoring Committee (JMC). He is also an adviser to the Peace Commission that reaches out to ethnic armed groups to implement the peace process. Min was the Director of Ceasefire Negotiation and Implementation at Myanmar Peace Centre to facilitate the negotiation to achieve historic Nationwide Ceasefire Agreement. Min was also instrumental to support Myanmar's transition to democracy after decades of military rule. Min worked in various international peace and security projects , including in Afghanistan, before returning to Myanmar. Min received a Ph.D. in Conflict Analysis and Resolution from George Mason University, M.A. in Security Studies from Georgetown University, M.S. in Conflict Analysis and Resolution from George Mason University.



Shri Sudhir T. Devare, IFS (R), Chairman, SIOS

Shri Devare is a former diplomat who joined the Indian Foreign Service in 1964 and worked in the Indian missions in Moscow, Washington, Gangtok, Frankfurt, Geneva and Yangon. He was ambassador to South Korea when India's relations with this country were beginning to be shaped. He was the first Indian Ambassador to the Ukraine, Armenia and Georgia after these new republics were formed following the disintegration of the Soviet Union. Shri Devare was later Ambassador to Indonesia where he also worked with the ASEAN Headquarters.

As Secretary in Ministry of External Affairs (1998-2001) he was closely associated with the evolution and implementation of India's Look East policy and multilateral economic relations . Shri Devare was a member of the National Security Advisory Board in 2002-03. He was also a Visiting Professor at Jawaharlal Nehru University. He served as Vice-Chairman of the Research and Information System (RIS) of Developing Countries and is now Chairman of RIS's Research Advisory Council.

Shri Devare was a Visiting Senior Research Fellow at the Institute of Southeast Asian Studies, Singapore. (2003-06). He was with the Weatherhead Center , Harvard University , Cambridge ,USA and continues to be a Fellow there. Shri Devare was the Director General of the Indian Council of World Affairs, the oldest think-tank in India. (2009-12) From 2013 -17 he was the Ram Sathe Chair Professor at Symbiosis International University in Pune and Noida.

Ambassador Devare is the author of a book, ' India and Southeast Asia: towards Security Convergence' and has edited four books and contributed extensively to journals, newspapers etc on foreign policy issues.



Shri Surendra Nath Tripathi, IAS (R), Secretary General, SIOS

Shri Surendra Nath Tripathi, IAS (R) was an IAS officer of 1985 batch (Odisha Cadre). An MA in Political Science from Allahabad University and MBA in Public Policy from Slovenia, Sh Tripathi is a highly seasoned Civi Servant with a true academic flavour. Before joining IAS, he had been Lecturer in Allahabad University. He took over the charge of Director IIPA in April 2019 while he was still holding the charge of Secretary, Ministry of Parliamentary Affairs, Govt of India. Before that he adorned many important positions both in Govt of India as also in the Govt of Odisha. He worked as AS & FA in

Union Ministry of Agriculture and Joint Secretary as also Development Commissioner in MSME. In Govt of Odisha, he held highly important positions like Secretary IT, Secretary Panchayati Raj and Rural Development besides working as District Magistrates in several districts. He is credited with revolutionising the Panchayati Raj and Rural Development Deptt of Odisha. As Secretary IT, he digitised all Govt orders and other information of Govt of Odisha and put them into public domain on Website. He is credited with wide ranging reforms in the Tool Room concept while being in MSME as JS and then DC.

After joining IIPA, he has been instrumental in implementing e-Office at IIPA which has simplified the office working tremendously. In this crisis time of Covid-19, when face to face training is practically nil, he has worked overnight for reorienting IIPA towards digital and online training. Due to his motivation and continuous guidance, IIPA has been able to develop digital training materials in record time even during the lockdown period.

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- The webinar will be held on WebEx Platform.
- **The webinar will start for participants at 1500 hrs on 26th October 2020.**
- To pose questions to the distinguished Panelists, participants can email their questions beforehand to the email ID: stdevare@gmail.com & sgsiosindia@gmail.com or can ask questions LIVE through Chat box.
- Moderator will take questions during Q &A Session. Participants are requested to keep their questions clear and brief.



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