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BCC&I Indo-Pacific Economic Conclave  
(Jointly organized with MEA Branch Secretariat, Kolkata)

**Day I: Agenda**

**Theme: Collaboration and Regional Cooperation towards common goals in the Indo-Pacific**

**28<sup>th</sup> September 2023, The Bengal Chamber Premises, Kolkata**

9.15 a.m. – 10.15 a.m.	Guests' arrival and Tea/Coffee	
10.15 a.m. – 10.20 a.m.	Guests to be seated	
10.20 a.m. – 10.30 a.m.	<i>Audio Visual of BCC&amp;I</i>	
<b>Inaugural Session</b>		
10.30 a.m. – 10.35 a.m.	Opening Address	<b>Mr. Subir Chakraborty</b> , President, BCC&I and Managing Director & CEO, Exide Industries Ltd.
10.35 a.m. – 11.25 a.m.	<b>Opening Panel</b>	<b>Ms. Melinda Pavsek</b> , Consul General, U.S. Consulate General, Kolkata
		<b>Ms. Rowan Ainsworth</b> , Consul General, Australian Consulate-General, Kolkata, India
		<b>Ms. Mikiko Tanaka</b> , Head, Subregional Office for South and South-West Asia, United Nations ESCAP (Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific)
	Opening Panel Moderator: <b>Mr. Ambarish Dasgupta</b> , Former President, BCC&I and Senior Partner, Intueri Consulting LLP	
11.25 a.m. – 11.35 a.m.	<b>Changeover</b>	
11.35 a.m. – 11.55 a.m.	<b>Expert Speak by Guest of Honour</b>	<b>Shri Sanjeev Sanyal</b> , Member, Economic Advisory Council to the Prime Minister (EAC-PM)
11.55 a.m. – 12.00 p.m.	<b>Virtual Address</b>	<b>Dr. Devyani Uttam Khobragade</b> , Ambassador, Embassy of India, Phnom Penh, Cambodia
12.00 p.m. – 12.20 p.m.	<b>Address on India's engagement in the Indo Pacific</b>	<b>Smt. Neelam Rani</b> , IFS, Director, Branch Secretariat, Kolkata, Ministry



		of External Affairs, Government of India
12.20 p.m. – 12.25 p.m.	Closing Remarks	<b>Mr. Gautam Ray</b> , President Designate, BCC&I and Executive Director (HR & Admin.)-CESC Ltd & President (HR) – Power Group, RPSG
Session Moderator: <b>Prof. Dr. Ajitava Ray Chaudhuri, Ph.D</b> , Professor Emeritus and Head, Department of Economics, Adamas University and Chairperson, Economic Affairs Committee, BCC&I		
12.25 p.m. – 1.30 p.m.	<b>Networking Lunch</b>	
<b>SPECIAL SESSION I</b>		
<b>The East in India's Act East &amp; Common Charter Development</b>		
1.30 p.m. – 3.30 p.m.	<b>names represented in alphabetical order</b>	<p><b>Chamber of Commerce initiatives creating partnerships:</b> Partner countries from SE Asia and Asia Oceania may be identified such that a common thread (like cargo shipment, infra and logistics issues, supply chain issues in the region, integration to regional value chains, visa rules, seamless movement of goods, services and labour, etc.) of collaborative work can be established. Chambers of Commerce from such countries are invited to foster a viable and sustainable ecosystem for cross border income generation, market access and for aiding greater cooperation between India and the Indo-Pacific region.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Mr. Andalib Elias</b>, Deputy High Commissioner for the People's Republic of Bangladesh, Kolkata</li> <li>• <b>Mr. Byungguk Park</b>, Director General, Korea Trade - Investment Promotion Agency, Embassy of the Republic of Korea (KOTRA)</li> <li>• <b>Ms. Carey Arun</b>, Principal Commercial Officer, U. S. Consulate General, Chennai</li> <li>• <b>Dato' Ramesh Kodammal</b>, Co-Chair (ASEAN), ASEAN-India Business Council and Chairman, Goldtex Group of Companies</li> <li>• <b>Mr. Eshor Raj Poudel</b>, Consul General, Consulate General of Nepal, Kolkata, India</li> <li>• <b>Mr. Indronil Sengupta</b>, Chairman, Indian Business Chamber in Vietnam (INCHAM)</li> <li>• <b>Mr. Omar Hazzaz</b>, President, The Chittagong Chamber of Commerce &amp; Industry (CCCI)</li> <li>• <b>Mr. Piyapan Atipatya</b>, Deputy Consul-General, Royal Thai Consulate-General in Kolkata</li> <li>• <b>Ms. Prim Jitcharoongphorn</b>, President, Thailand-India Business Council (Virtual)</li> </ul>



	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Mr. Sanjeev Nandwani</b>, East India Chapter Chairperson and Vice President, Indo-Australian Chamber of Commerce (IACC)</li> <li>• <b>Ms. Shreejana Rana</b>, President, Nepal-India Chamber of Commerce &amp; Industry (NICCI)</li> <li>• <b>Ms. Sing Jheng</b>, Director, Taipei World Trade Centre, Liaison Office in Kolkata</li> <li>• <b>Mr. Tandy Wangchuk</b>, President, Bhutan Chamber of Commerce and Industry</li> <li>• <b>Mr. T I M Nurul Kabir</b>, Executive Director, Foreign Investors' Chamber of Commerce and Industry (FICCI)</li> <li>• <b>Mr. Yuji Sanada</b>, Deputy Director General, JETRO, New Delhi</li> </ul>
Session Moderator: <b>Mr. Ambarish Dasgupta</b> , Former President, BCC&I and Senior Partner, Intueri Consulting LLP	
3.30 p.m. – 3.45 p.m.	<b>Outcome of Dialogue/ Draft Declaration</b>
3.45 p.m. – 3.50 p.m.	<b>Changeover</b>
<b>SPECIAL SESSION II</b> <b>Trade Creation and Market Access Dialogues</b> <b>Possible Topics of Discussion</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• NPCI concept for Asia Pacific</li> <li>• Asian e-payments and cross border currency movement</li> <li>• (CBAM) <b>Carbon Border Adjustment Mechanism</b>—How the same can be emulated by APAC. How to reduce <b>Carbon Emissions</b> by ensuring that imported goods are subject to the same carbon costs as products produced within the Asia Pacific Countries. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Digital and AI in Asian market</li> <li>• Asian view on cryptocurrency</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Connectivity Plans in Indo-Pacific: Infrastructure for Expanded Supply Chains and Resilient Growth</li> </ul>	
3.50 p.m. – 4.40 p.m.	<p><b>Dr. Nagesh Kumar</b>, Director and Chief Executive, Institute for Studies in Industrial Development (ISID) (Virtual)</p> <p><b>Mr. Tarun Sharma</b>, Deputy Managing Director, Export-Import Bank of India (India Exim Bank)</p> <p><b>Dr. Prabir De</b>, Professor, Research and Information System for Developing Countries (RIS)</p> <p><b>Mr. Pranav Kumar</b>, Vice President, International Trade Policy &amp; Compliance, Reliance Industries Limited</p>



	Session Moderator: <b>Dr. Shiladitya Chatterjee</b> , Former Member, Indian Administrative Service (IAS) and Asian Development Bank (ADB) and Adviser, Centre for Sustainable Development Goals, Government of Assam
4.40 p.m. – 4.45 p.m.	Wrap up
<b>SPECIAL SESSION III</b> <b>Presentation of Common Charter</b>	
4.45 p.m. – 5.35 p.m.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Press Meet <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Building the next steps</li> </ul> </li> </ul> <p>Session Moderator: <b>Mr. Subhodip Ghosh</b>, Director General, BCC&amp;I</p>



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**Day 2 Agenda**

**“India leads- towards 3<sup>rd</sup> largest economy”**

**29<sup>th</sup> September, 2023, The Bengal Chamber Premises, Kolkata**

9.15 a.m. – 9.55 a.m.	Registration and Networking Tea / Coffee	
9.55 a.m. – 10.05 a.m.	Guests to be Seated	
<b>Opening Session</b>		
<b>OPENING SESSION: (10.05 a.m. – 12.20 p.m.)</b>		
<b>Theme: “India leads- towards 3<sup>rd</sup> largest economy”</b>		
<p><i>India is currently a \$ 3.5 trillion economy. It took India 60 years since Independence to become one trillion-dollar economy, but the next trillion dollars was added only in 7 years. The 3rd trillion was added in just 5 years in 2019. The growing momentum could see India add on average 1 trillion dollar to its economy every two years for the next 14-15 years.</i></p> <p><i>IMF recently pointed out that India has emerged as “a bright light” at a time when the world is facing imminent prospects of a recession. This optimism is a result of certain fundamentals that have allowed India the scope for high growth in coming years.</i></p> <p><i>India recorded the “highest ever” annual FDI inflow of \$83.57 billion in 2021-22. The recent FTA agreements with Australia, UAE and upcoming ones will help expand the markets even as India partners with like-minded countries. It implies that India is leading and evolving into a new age of progress and development.</i></p> <p><i>As India has assumed the G20 Presidency, it offers India a great opportunity to showcase its strength to the world and further the momentum towards the goal of 10 trillion-dollar economy which will propel the nation to become the 3<sup>rd</sup> largest economy.</i></p>		
10.05 a.m. – 10.10 a.m.	Opening Address by <b>Mr. Subir Chakraborty</b> , President, BCC&I and Managing Director & CEO, Exide Industries Ltd.	
10.10 a.m. – 10.30 a.m.	Keynote Address	<b>Shri T Rabi Sankar</b> , Hon’ble Deputy Governor, Reserve Bank of India
10.30 a.m. – 10.40 a.m.	Special Address on <b>“India leads- towards 3<sup>rd</sup> largest economy”</b>	<b>Shri Ajay Seth</b> , Secretary, Department of Economic Affairs, Ministry of Finance, Govt. of India
10.40 a.m. – 10.55 a.m.	Special Address	<b>Dr. V. Anantha Nageswaran</b> , Chief Economic Adviser, Government of India
10.55 a.m. – 11.10 a.m.	Virtual Address	<b>Shri Suneet Mehta</b> , Dy Chief of Mission, High Commission of India, Canberra, Australia



11.10 a.m. – 11.20 a.m.	Virtual Address	<b>Shri Mayank Joshi</b> , Deputy Chief of Mission, Embassy of India, Tokyo, Japan
11.20 a.m. – 11.30 a.m.	Address by	<b>Shri Rajeev Kumar</b> , IPS, Principal Secretary, Department of Information Technology & Electronics, Government of West Bengal
11.30 a.m. – 11.50 a.m.	<b>Conclave &amp; AGM Commemorative Address</b>	<b>Shri Sanjeev Sanyal</b> , Member, Economic Advisory Council to the Prime Minister (EAC-PM)
11.50 a.m. – 12.15 p.m.	<b>Inaugural Address by Chief Guest</b>	<b>Shri Rajeev Chandrasekhar</b> , Hon'ble Minister of State, Ministry of Skill Development & Entrepreneurship and Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology, Government of India
		Session Moderator: <b>Prof. Dr. Ajitava Ray Chaudhuri, Ph.D</b> , Professor Emeritus and Head, Department of Economics, Adamas University and Chairperson, Economic Affairs Committee, BCC&I
12.15 p.m. – 12.20 p.m.	Vote of Thanks	<b>Mr. Gautam Ray</b> , President Designate, BCC&I and Executive Director (HR & Admin.)-CESC Ltd & President (HR) – Power Group, RPSG
12.20 p.m. – 12.25 p.m.	Changeover	
12.25 p.m. – 12.40 p.m.	Special Address on <b>“The New Globalization”</b> by	<b>Mr. Shiv Shivakumar</b> , Operating Partner at Advent International, Gurgaon and Ex Chairman & CEO – PepsiCo India and Ex CEO, EM – Nokia
12.40 p.m. – 12.50 p.m.	Changeover	
12.50 p.m. – 1.50 p.m.	<b>Experts’ Roundtable on:</b>  <b>A Discussion on “India Leads- Three Pillars of Success (Agriculture, Manufacturing &amp; Services)”</b>	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Mr. C S Ghosh</b>, MD &amp; CEO, Bandhan Bank Ltd.</li> <li>• <b>Mr. Vijay Deshwal</b>, Chief Strategy Officer and Head of Investor Relations, Aditya Birla Capital Limited</li> <li>• <b>Mr. Manish Kumar Agarwal</b>, Chief Financial Officer, Indorama India Pvt Ltd.</li> <li>• <b>Mr. Simarpreet Singh</b>, Director, JIS Group Educational Initiatives</li> <li>• <b>Mr. Ujjwal Kanti Bhattacharya</b>, Director – Projects, NTPC Limited</li> <li>• <b>Mr. Abhijit Banerjee</b>, Managing Director, Linde India Limited</li> </ul>	
	Session Moderator: <b>Mr. Ambarish Dasgupta</b> , Former President, BCC&I and Senior Partner, Intueri Consulting LLP	
1.50 p.m. – 2.00 p.m.	<b>Outcome of the Conclave (both days)</b>	<b>Mr. Ambarish Dasgupta</b> , Former President, BCC&I and Senior Partner, Intueri Consulting LLP
2.00 p.m. onwards	Changeover to The Bengal Chamber AGM (For BCC&I Members)	
2.00 p.m. onwards	Networking Lunch for Guests	

