
Munich Security Conference will meet in New Delhi to discuss current global security challenges.

On October 21 and 22, the Munich Security Conference (MSC) will host its next Core Group Meeting in New Delhi in partnership with the Indian Observer Research Foundation. The conference will focus on global and regional security challenges such as the conflicts in the Middle East and the situation in Afghanistan after the 2014 NATO withdrawal. Questions of maritime security in the Indo-Pacific, cyber security, Euro-Atlantic and Asian regional security architectures as well as global governance and the role of emerging powers will also be discussed.

The meeting is hosted by the Chairman of the Munich Security Conference, Ambassador Wolfgang Ischinger, and the Director of the Observer Research Foundation, Sunjoy Joshi. Around 70 senior decision-makers from politics, business, media and civil society from India, as well as the Euro-Atlantic, Asian and the Middle East region will come together to discuss key issues of international security policy.

High-ranking participants:

The conference, which is actively supported by the Indian government as well as by the German Ambassador to India, Michael Steiner, will be opened by National Security Advisor Ajit Doval. Among other high-ranking decision-makers the following persons will actively participate in the MSC Core Group Meeting in New Delhi: José Antonio Meade Kuribreña, Foreign Minister of Mexico, Umar Dauz dai, Interior Minister of Afghanistan, Joseph M. Cohen, National Security Advisor of Israel, Sujatha Singh, Foreign Secretary, Ministry of External Affairs, Republic of India, Dmitry Mezentsev, Secretary General of the Shanghai Cooperation Organization, Markus Ederer, Deputy Foreign Minister of Germany, Norbert Röttgen, Chairman of the German Bundestag's Foreign Affairs Committee, Hans-Peter Bartels, Chairman of the German Bundestag's Defence Committee, Shashi Tharoor, Chairman of the Parliamentary Standing Committee on External Affairs, Republic of India, Kevin Rudd, former Prime Minister of Australia, Hoshyar Mahmud Zebari, Deputy Prime Minister of Iraq, John McLaughlin, former Acting Director of the Central Intelligence Agency, Bob Blackwill, former U.S. Ambassador to India and former U.S. Deputy National Security Advisor, and Jane Harman, Director and CEO of the Woodrow Wilson International Center for Scholars.

MSC Chairman Wolfgang Ischinger about the MSC Core Group Meeting in New Delhi:

"To the MSC, New Delhi was an obvious choice as next location for the Core Group Meeting after Washington, D.C., Moscow and Beijing due to India's huge size and its geostrategic and growing economic importance. Furthermore, Germany and India have a lot in common: Germany has been confronted in recent years with growing expectations regarding its international role and responsibilities. India as a large strategic player is confronted with even greater expectations. Both states are promoting a comprehensive reform of the United Nations, including an enlargement of the Security Council, in which India has long deserved a permanent seat. I am looking forward to intense and substantial debates."

ORF Director Sunjoy Joshi about the MSC Core Group Meeting in New Delhi:

"Since its inception in 1990, the Observer Research Foundation has been at the forefront of shaping debates and policy discourses on issues critical to India and the larger global community. Taking forward this tradition, we are pleased to co-host the Core Group Meeting together with MSC this year. This is an extremely vital platform, bringing together policy makers, practitioners and experts from

different fields from around the world. We look forward to two intense days of invigorating exchange of high quality perspectives.”

About the MSC Core Group Meetings:

Since 2009, the MSC has been holding Core Group Meetings in key capitals around the world. The first five Core Group Meetings took place in Beijing, Doha, Moscow, and twice in Washington, D.C. These meetings are intended to give a small, exclusive group of high-ranking participants an opportunity to discuss key issues of international security policy in an intimate setting. The intention is for ideas generated by the Core Group Meeting to contribute to the further development of the Munich Security Conference.