

A new approach to global security: Munich Security Conference meets in New Delhi

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On October 21 and 22, the Munich Security Conference (MSC) will host its next Core Group Meeting in New Delhi in partnership with the Observer Research Foundation (ORF), New Delhi. The meeting is co-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. The conference is actively supported by the Indian government as well as by the German Ambassador to India Michael Steiner.

High-ranking participants

The following prominent speakers and participants are expected at the MSC Core Group Meeting in New Delhi:

- José Antonio Meade Kuribreña, Foreign Minister of Mexico
- Umer Daudzai, Minister of the Interior of Afghanistan
- Joseph M. Cohen, National Security Advisor of Israel
- Markus Ederer, Deputy Foreign Minister of Germany
- Kevin Rudd, former Prime Minister of Australia
- Shashi Tharoor, Chairman of the Indian Parliamentary Standing Committee on External Affairs
- Norbert Röttgen, Chairman of the German Bundestag's Foreign Affairs Committee
- Hans-Peter Bartels, Chairman of the German Bundestag's Defence Committee
- Cem Özdemir, Federal Chairman, Alliance 90/The Greens and Member of the German Bundestag
- Anvar Azimov, Ambassador-at-Large of the Russian Foreign Ministry
- John McLaughlin, former Acting Director of the Central Intelligence Agency
- Robert Blackwill, former U.S. Ambassador to India and former U.S. Deputy National Security Advisor
- Jane Harman, Director and CEO of the Woodrow Wilson International Center for Scholars

The host nation will be represented among others by:

- Ajit Doval, National Security Advisor
- Sujatha Singh, Foreign Secretary of the Ministry of External Affairs
- Arvind Gupta, Deputy National Security Advisor
- Navtej Sarna, Secretary (West) of the Ministry of External Affairs
- Ananth Guruswamy, Director of Amnesty International India

Focus on regional and global security

The conference will be opened by **National Security Advisor Ajit Kumar Doval** with a **keynote speech on Indian foreign and security policy** and 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.

Information for media representatives

Media representatives are cordially invited to follow the **opening keynote speech by National Security Advisor Ajit Kumar Doval** and the subsequent **plenary session on “Emerging Powers and Global Governance”**, taking place on **October 21 from 10.30 a.m. to 1.00 p.m.** This part of the conference will be open to the public. We also invite you to join us for an informal **networking lunch** on **October 21 from 1.00 p.m. to 2.30 p.m.**, which creates an opportunity for open exchange and discussions with conference participants. Further details can be found in the conference agenda below.

You are also welcome to continue following the conference on the afternoon of October 21 and on October 22 in our listening room. But please take note that these sessions will be held under **Chatham House Rule**, encouraging lively and open discussions among decision-makers present. Thus, neither the identity nor the affiliation of speakers or discussants may be revealed. Furthermore, we are happy to offer interview opportunities with selected participants during the conference.

For further information, please contact the MSC press spokesperson Oliver Rolofs at +91-96-50810267 or press@securityconference.de, or Mr. Vidyadharan M P, Additional Director, Communications of the ORF at vidyadharan@orfonline.org or 99 58 93 33 37.

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.

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Agenda

All sessions are under Chatham House Rule
(with exception of the Welcome Remarks, the Opening Keynote and the First Session)

Tuesday, October 21, 2014

The Oberoi New Delhi Hotel

10.30 a.m. – 11.00 a.m.

Registration

11.00 a.m. – 11.30 a.m.
on the record

Welcome Remarks

Wolfgang Ischinger

Ambassador, Chairman, Munich Security Conference, Munich

Sunjoy Joshi

Director, Observer Research Foundation, New Delhi

Opening Keynote

Ajit Kumar Doval

National Security Adviser, Republic of India, New Delhi

11.30 a.m. – 01.00 p.m.
on the record

First Session

Emerging Powers and Global Governance

Navtej Sarna

Secretary (West), Ministry of External Affairs, Republic of India; former Ambassador of the Republic of India to the State of Israel, New Delhi

Jane Harman

Director, President and Chief Executive Officer, Woodrow Wilson International Center for Scholars; Member of the Advisory Council, Munich Security Conference, Washington, D.C.

José Antonio Meade Kuribreña

Secretary of Foreign Affairs, United Mexican States, Mexico City

Dr. Shashi Tharoor

Chairman of the Parliamentary Standing Committee on External Affairs and Member of Parliament, Republic of India; former Under-Secretary General of the United Nations, New Delhi

Moderator: **Samir Saran**

Senior Fellow and Vice President, Observer Research Foundation, New Delhi

01.00 p.m. – 02.30 p.m.

Networking Lunch

02.30 p.m. – 04.00 p.m.
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Second Session
Strengthening Regional Security Architectures in Asia and Europe

04.00 p.m. – 04.30 p.m.

Tea & Coffee Break

04.30 p.m. – 06.00 p.m.
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Third Session
Afghanistan after 2014

Residence of the German Ambassador

08.00 p.m. – 10.00 p.m.

Dinner hosted by Michael Steiner, Ambassador of the Federal Republic of Germany

Wednesday, October 22, 2014

The Oberoi New Delhi Hotel

09.30 a.m. – 11.00 a.m.
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Fourth Session
Maritime Security in the Indo-Pacific

11.00 a.m. – 11.30 a.m.

Tea & Coffee Break

11.30 a.m. – 01.00 p.m.
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Fifth Session
Exporting Resources and Instability: The Middle East in Turmoil

01.00 p.m. – 02.30 p.m.
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Concluding Lunch
Cyber Security