

2nd Kautilya Economic Conclave (KEC)

October 20-22, 2023

Venue: Hotel Taj Palace, New Delhi

Updated on 13th September 2023

October 19, 2023	
3:00 pm onwards	Registration

October 20, 2023, Day 1		Time Allocation
8:00- 9:00 am	Registration	
9:00 - 9:15 am	Guests take seats in Shahjahan Hall.	
9:15 - 9:30 am	Opening Remarks	
9:30 - 10:15 am	Inaugural Plenary Session - 1 Chair- TBC Speaker- Finance Minister Title: TBC	Chair: 10 min Speaker: 20 Min Q & A: 15 min
10:15 - 10:30 am	Networking Break	
10:30 - 11:30 am	Plenary Session – 2 Chair: Federico Sturzenegger (University of San Andres) Speaker: RBI Governor Title- (TBC)	Chair: 10 min Speaker: 30 Min Q & A: 20 min
11:30- 11:45 am	Networking Break	
11:45 - 1:15 pm Interactive Session 1A	Interactive Session 1A Financial Sector Reforms for India Chair- Rajnish Mehra (Arizona State University) Speaker 1- Amiyatosh Purnanandam (University of Michigan) Speaker 2 – Neelkantha Mishra (UIDAI) Speaker 3- Jacob Carney (Castle Hook Partners) Speaker 4 – Alexander Zimper (University of Pretoria)	Chair: 10 min Speaker: 15 min each Q & A: 20 min
Interactive Session 1B	Interactive Session 1B Opportunities for Agriculture Chair- Ramesh Chand, NITI Aayog Speaker 1- Avinash Kishore (IFPRI) (TBI) Speaker 2 - Bharat Ramaswami (Ashoka University) Speaker 3 - CSC Sekhar (Institute of Economic Growth) Speaker 4 – Ram Singh (Delhi School of Economics) (TBI)	Chair: 10 min Speaker: 15 min each Q & A: 20 min
Interactive Session 1C	Interactive Session 1C What does a China + 1 Diversification Strategy mean for South Asia? Chair- Heungchong Kim (Korea Institute for International Economic Policy) Speaker 1- Arvind Virmani (NITI Aayog)	Chair: 10 min Speaker: 15 min each Q & A: 20 min

	<p>Speaker 2- Swaminathan Aiyar (Cato Institute)</p> <p>Speaker 3- Zaidi Sattar (PRI Bangladesh)</p> <p>Speaker 4- Rupa Chanda (UNESCAP, Bangkok)</p>	
1:15 - 2:30 pm	Lunch	
2:30 - 4:00 pm	<p>G20 Session 1</p> <p>India and the G20 Presidency: Reviving the Global Economy</p> <p>Chair- V. Anantha Nageswaran (Ministry of Finance)</p> <p>Speaker 1- Suman Bery (NITI Aayog)</p> <p>Speaker 2- John Lipsky (Johns Hopkins University)</p> <p>Speaker 3- Sumru Altug (American University of Beirut)</p> <p>Speaker 4- Peter Drysdale (Australia National University)</p>	<p>Chair: 10 min</p> <p>Speaker: 15 Min each</p> <p>Q & A: 20 min</p>
4:00 - 4:30 pm	Networking Break	
4:30 - 6:00 pm	<p>G20 Session 2</p> <p>Indian and the G20 Presidency: Progress on SDGs.</p> <p>Chair- PK Mishra (Prime Minister's Office)</p> <p>Speaker 1- Amitabh Kant (Government of India)</p> <p>Speaker 2- Homi Kharas (Brookings Institution)</p> <p>Speaker 3- Karthik Muralidharan (UCSD)</p> <p>Speaker 4-(TBC)</p>	<p>Chair: 10 min</p> <p>Speaker: 15 Min each</p> <p>Q & A: 20 min</p>
6:00 - 7:00 pm	Break	
7:00 pm onwards	Dinner	

October 21st, 2023 Day 2		Time Allocation
7:30 - 8:30 am	Interaction over Breakfast with the Ministry of Finance (MoF) Secretaries <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Networking Breakfast 1 – CEA and DEA Secretary • Networking Breakfast 2 – DIPAM Secretary 	
8:30 - 9:00 am	Networking Break Tea/Coffee	
9:00 - 10:30 am	Plenary Session – 3 Inclusive Development Chair: (TBC) Speaker: Homi Kharas (Brookings Institution) Comment 1: Albert Park (Asian Development Bank) Comment 2: Indermit Gill (World Bank)	Chair: 10 min Speaker: 20 Min Comment: 15 M Comment: 15 M Q & A: 30 min
10:30 - 11:00 am	Networking Break	
11:00 am - 12:30 pm	Interactive Session- 2A Multilateral Trade Agreements: Perspectives from the Global South Chair: Arvind Panagariya (Columbia University) Speaker 1- Anne Kruger (John Hopkins University) Speaker 2- C. Veeramani (CDS Trivandrum) Speaker 3- Lawrence Edwards (University of Cape Town) Speaker 4: BVR Subramaniam (Niti Aayog)	Chair: 10 min Speaker: 15 min each Q & A: 20 min
	Interactive Session- 2B Energy Security in a Low Carbon World Chair- Nitin Desai, (TERI) Speaker 1- Guilherme Syrakis (Brazilian Climate Centre) Speaker 2- Ruth Kattumuri (The Commonwealth Secretariat) Speaker 3- Amar Bhattacharya (Brookings Institution) Speaker 4- Basanta Pradhan (IGIDR)	Chair: 10 min Speaker: 15 min each Q & A: 20 min
	Interactive Session- 2C Macro Management: Monetary and Fiscal Policy Coordination Chair- Chetan Ghate (IEG and ISI Delhi)	Chair: 10 min Speaker: 15 min each Q & A: 20 min

	<p>Speaker 1- Andres Velasco (London School of Economics)</p> <p>Speaker 2- Sajjid Chinoy (J.P Morgan)</p> <p>Speaker 3- Pranjul Bhandari (HSBC)</p> <p>Speaker 4- Luis Breuer (IMF)</p>	
12:30 -1:00 pm	Lunch - Buffet	
1:00 - 2:15 pm	<p>Plenary Lunch Session – 4</p> <p>India’s Participation in International Climate Finance</p> <p>Chair: John Lipsky (Johns Hopkins University)</p> <p>Speaker: Nick Stern (LSE)</p> <p>Comments 1: Axel Michaelowa (University of Zurich)</p> <p>Comments 2: Purnamita Dasgupta (IEG)</p>	<p>Chair: 10 min</p> <p>Speaker: 25 Min</p> <p>Comment 1= 10min</p> <p>Comment 2= 10 min</p> <p>Q & A: 20 min</p>
2:15- 2:30 PM	Break	
2:30 - 4:00 pm	<p>Interactive Sessions- 3A</p> <p>Macro Management: Domestic Structural Reforms and Growth</p> <p>Chair: Rakesh Mohan (Centre for Social and Economic Progress)</p> <p>Speaker 1: Federico Sturzenegger (University of San Andres)</p> <p>Speaker 2: Prachi Mishra (IMF)</p> <p>Speaker 3: Sudipto Mandal (CDS Trivandrum)</p> <p>Speaker 4: Sabyasachi Kar (IEG)</p>	<p>Chair: 10 min</p> <p>Speaker: 15 min each</p> <p>Q & A: 20 min</p>
	<p>Interactive Session – 3B</p> <p>Employment, Demographic Transition and Labor Markets</p> <p>Chair- Shankar Acharya (ICRIER)</p> <p>Speaker 1- Robin Burgess (London School of Economics)</p> <p>Speaker 2- Rana Hassan (ADB)</p> <p>Speaker 3- Kirida Bhaopichitir (Thailand Development Research Institute, Bangkok)</p> <p>Speaker 4- Suresh Sharma (IEG)</p>	<p>Chair: 10 min</p> <p>Speaker: 15 min each</p> <p>Q & A: 20 min</p>
	<p>Interactive Session – 3C</p> <p>State Capacity and Reforms in the Health and Education Sectors</p>	<p>Chair: 10 min</p> <p>Speaker: 15 min each</p> <p>Q & A: 20 min</p>

	<p>Chair- Karthik Muralidharan (UCSD) Speaker 1- Indermit Gill (World Bank) Speaker 2- Parama Chakravarti (IEG) Speaker 3- Yamini Aiyar (Centre for Policy Research) Speaker 4- William Joe (IEG)</p>	
4:00 -4:30 pm	Networking Break	
4:30 - 6:00 pm	<p>Plenary Session - 5</p> <p>The Perils of Fiscal Populism</p> <p>Chair- Urjit Patel (AIIB) Address: Andres Velasco (London School of Economics) Comments 1- P Nandalal Weerasinghe (Central Bank of Sri Lanka) Comments 2- Eswar Prasad (Cornell University)</p>	<p>Chair: 10 min Speaker: 30 Min Comment: 15 M Comment: 15 M Q & A: 20 min</p>
6:00 - 7:00 pm	Break	
7:00 – 8:00 pm onwards	<p>Plenary Dinner Session - 6</p> <p>Reforms in the MDBs: Views from the Global South</p> <p>Chair: Rachel Kyte (Tufts University) Address: Suma Chakrabarti (ODI) Comments 1: Maria Pangestu (University of Indonesia) Comments 2: Robert Lawrence (Harvard Kennedy School)</p>	<p>Chair: 10 min Speaker: 20 Min Comment: 10 M Comment: 10 M Q & A: 10 min</p>
8:00 pm onwards	Dinner	

October 22nd, 2023 Day 3		Time Allocation
7:30 - 8:30 am	Interaction over Breakfast with Ministry of Finance (MoF) Secretaries <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Networking Breakfast 3 – T.V. Somanathan • Networking Breakfast 4 – DFS Secretary 	
8:30 - 9:00 am	Networking Break	
9:00- 10:30 am	Plenary Session – 7 Clean Growth: Experiences from Around the World Chair: Rogèrio Studart (Brazilian Centre of International Relations) Speaker: Nick Robbins (London School of Economics) Comment 1: Vera Songwe (Brookings Institution) Comment 2: Robin Burgess (London School of Economics)	Chair -10 M Speaker – 30 M Comment – 10 Comment - 10 Q & A - 30 M
10:30 - 11:00 am	Networking Break	
11:00 - 12:30 pm	Interactive Session – 4A Industrial Policy: Lessons for India Chair: Peter Drysdale (Australian National University) Speaker 1: Montek Singh Ahluwalia (CSEP) Speaker 2: Tan Sri Michael Yeoh (KSI Strategic Institute for the Asia Pacific) Speaker 3: Deepak Nayyar Speaker 4: Janmejaya Sinha (Boston Consulting Group)	Chair: 10 min Speaker: 15 min each Q & A: 20 min
	Interactive Sessions- 4B Re-structuring Public Debt: Learning from Global Experiences Chair- Surjit Bhalla (Formerly IMF) Speaker 1- Atanu Chakraborty (HDFC Bank) Speaker 2 - Sean Dougherty (Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development) Speaker 3- Pinaki Chakraborty (Asian Development Bank) Speaker 4- Prachi Mishra (International Monetary Fund)	Chair: 10 min Speaker: 15 min each Q & A: 20 min

	<p>Interactive Sessions- 4C</p> <p>Innovation, Competitiveness and Non-Tangible Investments</p> <p>Chair - Assaf Razin (Tel Aviv University) Speaker 1- (TBC) Speaker 2 - Oindrila De (IEG) Speaker3 - Albert Park (ADB Manila) Speaker 4- Kandarp Patel (National Academy of Audit and Accounts, Shimla)</p>	<p>Chair: 10 min Speaker: 15 min each Q & A: 20 min</p>
12:30 – 1:00 pm.	Lunch Buffet	
1:00 - 2:15 pm	<p>Plenary Lunch Session – 8</p> <p>Geo-politics, Geo-economics and Navigating the Poly-crisis</p> <p>Chair - NK Singh (Institute of Economic Growth) Speaker – Ajit Doval (TBC) Comments 1- Matsukawa Rui (House of Councillors, Japan) Comments 2- (TBC)</p>	<p>Chair- 15 Speaker- 20 M Comments- 10 M Q & A-15 M</p>
2:15 - 2:30 pm	Networking Break	
2:30 - 4:00 pm	<p>Closing Plenary Session – 9</p> <p>A Development Agenda for the Global South: A Conversation</p> <p>Chair- Masood Ahmed (CGD)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Comments 1- Montek Singh Ahluwalia (CSEP) • Comments 2 - Junaid Ahmed (World Bank) • Comments 3 - Guilherme Syrakis (Brazilian Climate Centre) • Comments 4 - Vera Songwe (Brookings Institution) • Comments 5 - Amitabha Kant (NITI Aayog) 	<p>Chair- 10 M Opening Remarks by Speaker- 5 min each Discussion among speakers- 25 min Q&A- 30 min</p>
4:00 - 4:15 pm	Vote of thanks and Concluding Remarks	