

Track 2 Dialogue: India – Russia and the Changing World Order

Time	Session
09:00 to 09:15	Arrival of guests
09:30 to 09:45 hrs	<p>Opening Remarks</p> <p>Mr. Sunjoy Joshi, Chairman, Observer Research Foundation</p> <p>Dr. Victoria Panova, Head of BRICS Expert Council – Russia, Vice Rector, HSE University; W20 Russian Sherpa</p> <p>Dr. Feodor Voitlovsky, Director, Primakov Institute of World Economy and International Relations, Russian Academy of Sciences</p>
09:45 to 11:00 hrs	<p>Session One: India – Russia Diplomatic and Economic Ties</p> <p>India – Russia economic and diplomatic ties have stood the test of time despite challenges in the 20th and 21st century. As India has grown as an economy, India – Russia relations have evolved into a modern partnership. The two countries have been working together to maintain mutually beneficial economic relations. Trade relations between the two countries have also been steady with Russia being India’s fifth largest trade partners according to the Indian Ministry of Commerce. According to the Reserve Bank of India, Russia’s share in India’s crude imports soared to 19.1 per cent in 2022-23 from 2.0 per cent the previous year.</p> <p>Driving Questions:</p> <p>What are the new challenges – political and strategic - facing the bilateral relationship?</p> <p>What are the new areas of economic cooperation that are so far underexplored as pertains to Russia – India relations?</p> <p>Which are the factors that are likely to impact this bilateral partnership in the next decade?</p> <p>Do the two countries have the synergies necessary to protect their relationship while navigating the current troubled geopolitical landscape? If yes, what are these synergies?</p> <p>Speaker:</p> <p>Prof. Artyom Lukin, Deputy Director for Research at the School of Regional and International Studies, Far Eastern Federal University</p> <p>Dr. Alexey Kupriyanov, Head of Center of the Indo-Pacific Region, IMEMO</p> <p>Mr. Nandan Unnikrishnan, Head, Eurasia Initiative, Observer Research Foundation</p> <p>Prof. Archana Upadhyay, Centre for Russian and Central Asian Studies, School of International Studies, Jawaharlal Nehru University</p> <p>Moderator – Dr. Victoria Panova, Head of BRICS Expert Council – Russia, Vice Rector, HSE University; W20 Russian Sherpa</p>

11:00 to 11:15 hrs	Break
11:15 to 12:30 hrs	<p>Session Two: India-Russia and the Emerging World Order</p> <p>The multipolar world order continues to be beset by specific bilateral rivalries with the China-USA contest dominating global discourse. Multilateral systems have also been under immense pressure with the UN system unable to respond to emerging challenges and the WTO in crisis. India and Russia, as large powers with a stake in the emerging world order need to ensure that the multilateral system is preserved.</p> <p>Driving Questions:</p> <p>How can Russia and India cooperate at the BRICS, G20, and other international platforms in the interest of the global south?</p> <p>How can the two countries leverage these platforms to find effective solutions to achieve the Sustainable Development Goals?</p> <p>Speakers:</p> <p>Dr. Victoria Panova, Head of BRICS Expert Council – Russia, Vice Rector, HSE University; W20 Russian Sherpa</p> <p>Prof. Feodor Voitlovsky – Director of IMEMO</p> <p>Ambassador D.B. Venkatesh Varma, Former Ambassador of India to The Russian Federation.</p> <p>Prof. Gulshan Sachdeva, Chairperson, Centre for European Studies, Jawaharlal Nehru University</p> <p>Moderator: Ms. Shairee Malhotra, Associate Fellow, Observer Research Foundation</p>
12:30 to 12:45	Closing