

WORKSHOP
Benefits of Cooperation in the Himalayan River Basin
Countries

Organised by:
Strategic Foresight Group, Mumbai
and
The Centre for Non-Traditional Security (NTS) Studies, S. Rajaratnam School of
International Studies,
Nanyang Technological University, Singapore

Venue: InterContinental Hotel, Singapore
Date: 2-3 December, 2010

PROVISIONAL PROGRAMME
(as of 28 October 2010)

2 December 2010 (Thursday)

- Arrival of overseas participants -

Welcome Dinner

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| 18:00 – 18:30 | Arrival of Guests |
| 18:30 – 18:40 | Welcome by Mr Kwa Chong Guan, Head of External Programmes, RSIS |
| 18:40 – 18:50 | Welcome by Mr Sundeep Waslekar, President of SFG |
| 18:50 – 19:00 | Opening Address by Guest of Honour: Mr Tan Gee Paw, Chairman of Public Utilities Board, Singapore |
| 19:00 – 19:35 | Appetiser and first few courses of dinner |
| 19:35 – 20:50 | Introduction of participants, along with Dinner |
| 20:50 – 21:00 | Closing Remarks by Associate Professor Mely Caballero-Anthony, Head of the RSIS Centre for Non-Traditional Security (NTS) Studies |

3 December 2010 (Friday)

CLOSED-DOOR WORKSHOP

InterContinental Hotel, Singapore

09:30 – 10:30 **Session I: Substance of Cooperation- Specific proposals and trade-offs**

Chair: Mr Jun Xia
President, International Water Resources Association, China

Panelists:

Professor He Daming
Director, Asian International Rivers Center, Yunnan University,
China

Professor Bibek Debroy
Research Professor, Centre for Policy Research, India

Dr Afsarul Qader
Vice President, Bangladesh Enterprise Institute, Bangladesh

Dr Dwarika Dhungel
Governing Board Member, Tanka Prasad Acharya Memorial
Foundation, Nepal

Professor Mahendra Lama
Founding Vice Chancellor, University of Sikkim, India

10:30 – 11:00 *Coffee break*

11:00 – 12:30 **Session II: Strategic Dimensions of Cooperation**

Chair: Mr Kumar Ketkar
Editor of Loksatta, Indian Express Group, India

Panelists:

Major General ANM Muniruzzaman
President, Bangladesh Institute of Peace and Security Studies,
Bangladesh

Prof Jin Canrong
Associate Dean and Professor, School of International Studies,
Renmin University, China

Mr Dileep Padgaonkar
Consulting Editor, The Times of India, India

12:30 – 14:00 **Lunch**

14:00 – 15:30 **Session III: Social and Economic Imperatives of Cooperation**

Chair: Ambassador Tariq Karim
Senior Ambassador, Bangladesh

Panelists:

Dr Bishnu Bhandari
Centre for Integrated Mountain Development (ICIMOD), Nepal

Professor Yushi Mao
Chairman of the Board, Unirule Institute of Economics, China

Mr Md Shafiqul Karim,
Bureau Chief and Senior Editor, Bangladesh Sangbad Sangstha,
National News Agency, Bangladesh

Mr Sunil Karve
Founding Trustee and Vice Chairman, Mumbai Education Trust,
India

Mr Abhijit Vasant Ghorpade
Assistant Editor of Loksatta, Indian Express Group, India

15: 30 – 16:00 Coffee break

16:00 – 17:00 Session IV: Generating Political Will

Chair: Mr Dipak Gyawali
Former Minister of Water Resources, Nepal

Panelists:

Mr Sompal
Former Union Minister of State for Agriculture and Water
Resources, India

Mr Hafiz Uddin Ahmad
Former Minister of Water Resources, Bangladesh

Mr Yang Rui
Host and Managing Editor, China Central Television Dialogue,
China

17:00 – 17:30 **Session V: Conclusion and Next Steps**

Chair: Mr Vijay Darda, MP
Chairman of Lokmat Group, India

Roundtable Brainstorming with Input from All Participants

Closing Remarks by Dr Mely Caballero Anthony

Closing Address by Mr Vijay Darda, MP

18:30 – 20:30 **Dinner (for invited participants only)**

- *End of Workshop* -