

## **Indo-German 1.5 Track Dialogue, 2022**

The Indo-German 1.5 Track Dialog initiative was launched in the context of the intergovernmental consultations in Delhi in 2019, and was envisioned to become a pillar of the bilateral relations between both countries.

The exchange between think-tanks and diplomats has continued fruitfully. We aim to strengthen the strategic partnership between India and Germany by fostering a mutual understanding that will help develop convincing, impactful, and sustainable policies.

Partners on the German side are the German Institute for Global and Area Studies (GIGA), the German Institute for International and Security Affairs (SWP) and the Federal Foreign Office. The Indian partner institutions are the Indian Council of World Affairs (ICWA), the Research and Information System for Developing Countries (RIS) and the Ministry of External Affairs, India.

Because of the COVID-19 pandemic, the Indo-German 1.5 Track Dialogue will have to take place as a digital format (via Zoom), which allows us to invite a selected audience to this event under Chatham House rules. Each session will be opened by two short inputs (5 min) followed by discussion.

**Date:** Thursday, 24 February 2022, 9:00-11:00 CET / 1:30-3:30 IST.

## Agenda

CET		IST	
<b>9:00am</b>		<b>1:30pm</b>	<p><b>Inaugural Session:</b></p> <p><b>Welcome</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Prof Dr Amrita Narlikar, President of the GIGA</li> <li>• Amb. Vijay Thakur Singh, Director General of ICWA</li> </ul> <p><b>Keynotes</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Shri Harish Parvathaneni, Ambassador of India to Germany</li> <li>• Ambassador Dr Jasper Wieck, Deputy Director General for Asia and the Pacific, Federal Foreign Office</li> </ul>
<b>9:20am</b>		<b>1:50pm</b>	<p><b>Session 1: Foreign and Security Policy</b></p> <p>This session focuses on current power shifts in South Asia and the geopolitical dynamics in the Indo-Pacific region (AUKUS, Quad, new German &amp; European strategic guidelines, China, Afghanistan).</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Amb. Gurjit Singh, Former Indian Ambassador, ICWA</li> <li>• Prof Dr Patrick Köllner, Vice President of the GIGA</li> </ul> <p>Moderator: Dr Markus Kaim, SWP</p>
<b>10:05am</b>		<b>2:35pm</b>	<p><b>Session 2: Sustainable Development and Trade</b></p> <p>This session will discuss opportunities and challenges for sustainable development and trade. How can Indo-German cooperation in key areas such as sustainable and disaster resilient infrastructure, green energy and green financing be boosted? What will be the impact of underlying frameworks such as India's Self-Reliance policy, Germany's law on Sustainable Supply Chains and environmental due diligence in Germany/Europe</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Dr Priyadarshi Dash, RIS</li> <li>• Svenja Schöneich, SWP</li> </ul> <p>Moderator: Prof Dr Jann Lay, GIGA</p>
<b>10:50am</b>		<b>3:20pm</b>	<p><b>Closing Statements</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Prof Dr Sachin Chaturvedi, Director General of RIS</li> <li>• Dr Stefan Mair, Director of SWP</li> </ul>