

27 November 2020 | 10:00 a.m.-12:00 noon CET / 2:30-4:30 p.m. IST | Online event

## Indo-German 1.5 Track Dialogue 2020

The Indo-German 1.5 Track Dialogue was launched in the context of the intergovernmental consultations in Delhi in 2019. The exchange of think-tanks and diplomats is envisioned to become a pillar of the bilateral relations between both countries.

For the 2020 meeting, the partners on the German side are the Bertelsmann Stiftung, the German Institute for Global and Area Studies (GIGA), the German Institute for International and Security Affairs (SWP) and the German 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 of India.

Because of the COVID-19 pandemic, this year's Indo-German 1.5 Track Dialogue will have to take place as a digital format (via Webex). Each session will be opened by two short inputs (5 to 7 min) followed by discussion.

### Agenda

#### CET/IST

#### 10:00 a.m. / 2:30 p.m. | Opening statements

State Minister Niels Annen (**Federal Foreign Office Germany**)

Foreign Secretary Shri Harsh Vardhan Shringla (**Ministry of External Affairs India**)

**Moderator:** Senior Expert Bernhard Bartsch (**Bertelsmann Stiftung**)

### 10:15 a.m. / 2:45 p.m. | Session 1: Foreign and Security Policy

This session focuses on developments in the Indo-Pacific region and their implications for Indo-German relations. What are shared objectives and where are the limits to finding consensus vis à vis China?

**Speaker from India:** Former Ambassador of India and Distinguished Fellow Amb. Anil Wadhwa (Vivekananda International Foundation)

**Speaker from Germany:** President Prof. Dr. Amrita Narlikar (GIGA)

**Moderator:** Director General Dr. TCA Raghavan (Indian Council of World Affairs)

### 11:00 a.m. / 3:30 p.m. | Session 2: Trade and Economics

This session will shed light on recent developments in trade policy and trade agreement negotiations. What role can technology transfer and cooperation play for Indo-German collaboration?

**Speaker from Germany:** Head of Research Division Asia Dr. Hanns-Günther Hilpert (SWP)

**Speaker from India:** Prof. S.K. Mohanty (RIS)

**Moderator:** Project Manager Anika Laudien (Bertelsmann Stiftung)

### 11:45 a.m. / 4:15 p.m. | Closing Session

Deputy Director General Shri Soumen Bagchi (ICWA)

Deputy Director Prof. Dr. Günther Maihold (SWP)