8th Asia Cooperation Dialogue (ACD) Ministerial Meeting
14th - 15th October 2009
Colombo, Sri Lanka

Programme

Sunday
11th October 2009
Arrival of Coordinating Group

Monday
12th October 2009
1430 hrs
Coordinating Group Consultation - Troika + Coordinator (CG) at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Conference Hall

Tuesday
13th October 2009
Arrival of Delegations
1930 hrs
Welcome Dinner by Leader of Sri Lanka Delegation to the Prime & Co-Prime Mover Consultations (P/CPM) at Cinnamon Grand, Colombo

Wednesday
14th October 2009
Arrival of the Ministers
0830 hrs
Registration of Delegates at BMICH
0900 hrs
Prime & Co-Prime Mover Consultations - Committee Room B
Welcome Remarks by the Chair
Group Photograph of the Heads of Delegation to the Prime and Co-Prime Mover Consultations
Report on the Progress of the 20 ACD Cooperation areas by Thailand as ACD Coordinator
Progress Report (for September 2008 - July 2009) and recommendations by Kazakhstan as Past Chair
1030 hrs
Tea Break

1045 hrs
Introduction of the theme
Spirit of Asia: Global Economic Recovery and Development Prospects by Chair Sri Lanka

1230 hrs
Lunch

1430 hrs
Discussion on strengthening the institutional framework to facilitate cooperation in trade, tourism and transport among ACD countries.
Discussion on future direction of the High Level Study Group (HLSG) i.e. Track II, ACD Secretariat, Funding

1530 hrs
Tea Break

1545 hrs
Finalizing the Draft 8th ACD Colombo Declaration

2000 hrs
Dinner hosted by Honourable Minister of Foreign Affairs of Sri Lanka in honour of the visiting Delegates at the Mount Lavinia Hotel

Thursday 15th October 2009

ACD Ministerial Meeting (AMM)
Inaugural Ceremony, Bandaranaike Memorial International Conference Hall (BMICH)

0945 hrs
Arrival of Invitees / Delegates / Heads of Delegation

1030 hrs
Arrival of His Excellency Mahinda Rajapaksa President of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka

1040 hrs
Opening Address by Honourable Rohitha Bogollagama, Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka and Chair of ACD Ministerial Meeting

1045 hrs
Address by His Excellency Kasit Piromya, Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Kingdom of Thailand as ACD Coordinator

1050 hrs
Address of His Excellency Marat Tazhin, Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Kazakhstan as former ACD Chair, delivered by His Excellency Ambassador Yerlan Baudarbek-Kozhatayev
1055 hrs  Keynote Address by His Excellency Mahinda Rajapaksa, President of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka

Group photograph of the Heads of Delegation with His Excellency Mahinda Rajapaksa, President of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka

Conclusion of the Inaugural Ceremony

Refreshments

1230 hrs  Retreat - Heads of Delegation + 1 at the BMICH - Committee Room B

1400 hrs  Lunch at the BMICH, Banquet Hall

1445 hrs  Continuation of the Retreat

1645 hrs  Consideration and Adoption of the Colombo Declaration

1700 hrs  Joint Press Conference (Chair, Sri Lanka + Coordinator, Thailand)

1915 hrs  Joint Courtesy Call on His Excellency Mahinda Rajapaksa, President of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka by Heads of Ministerial Delegation at Temple Trees

1930 hrs  Reception hosted by His Excellency Mahinda Rajapaksa, President of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka in honour of Heads of Delegation at Temple Trees

Friday 16th October 2009

Departure of Delegates
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Indicative Topics for Discussion for the Retreat on
15th October 2009

*Spirit of Asia: Global Economic Recovery and Development Prospects*

- Introductory remarks by ACD Chair, Sri Lanka and discussion on Development Prospects for Asia
- Open discussion on future direction of ACD
- Any other matters
- Consideration and Adoption of the ACD Colombo Declaration

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Indicative Topics for Discussion for the Prime and Co-Prime Movers Consultation on 14th October 2009

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- Introduction of the theme
  *Spirit of Asia: Global Economic Recovery and Development Prospects* by Chair, Sri Lanka

- Discussion on strengthening the cooperation framework to facilitate trade, tourism and transport among ACD countries.

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• Welcome remarks by Chair Sri Lanka 
• Report of the Progress of the 20 ACD cooperation areas by Thailand as ACD Coordinator 
• Open Discussion 
• Progress Report (for September 2008 - July 2009) and recommendation by Kazakhstan as Past Chair 
• Open Discussion 
• Introduction of the theme Spirit of Asia : Global Economic Recovery and Development Prospects by Chair, Sri Lanka 
• Open Discussion 
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