



9th INDIAN OCEAN CONFERENCE 2026

COLLECTIVE STEWARDSHIP
FOR INDIAN OCEAN GOVERNANCE



April 10-12, 2026



Mauritius



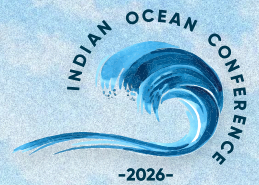
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ABOUT THE CONFERENCE



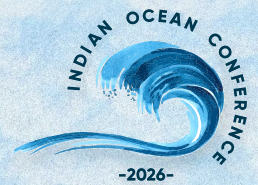
The Indian Ocean Conference was started in 2016 by India Foundation in association with think tanks and institutions from the region, with participations from 30 countries. In the last 8 years, the Conference has emerged as the flagship forum for countries to discuss and deliberate on issues of mutual interest. The Conference endeavours to bring together critical states and principal maritime partners on a common platform to deliberate upon the prospects of regional cooperation for Security And Growth for All in the Region (SAGAR). The participants include official representatives from countries, regional and international organizations, along with policy experts and academics. Over the years, the Conference has been addressed by over a 100 Ministers from 55 countries. Each edition of the Conference has been attended by over 400 delegates representing over 40 countries.

The 8th Indian Ocean Conference – IOC 2025 – was hosted by India Foundation in association with the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Oman, along with the S. Rajaratnam School of International Studies, Singapore in Muscat in February 2025. The theme for the Conference was "Voyages to New Horizons of Maritime Partnership" and was addressed by 28 Ministers from 26 Countries and heads of various multilateral organisations. Over 400 delegates from 45 countries attended the Conference in Muscat.

India Foundation, in association with the **Government of Mauritius** and the **Ministry of External Affairs, Government of India** will organise the 9th Indian Ocean Conference–IOC 2026–in **Mauritius** from **April 10 to 12, 2026**. Centered on the theme, "**Collective Stewardship for Indian Ocean Governance**," IOC 2026 will bring together leaders, policymakers, and experts from across the Indian Ocean Region to deliberate on shared responsibilities, cooperative frameworks, and the future of regional governance.



SCHEDULE



DAY
01

APRIL 10, 2026 (FRIDAY)

INAUGURAL SESSION

WELCOME DINNER & CULTURAL EVENING

DAY
02

APRIL 11, 2026 (SATURDAY)

**PLENARY
SESSIONS**

DAY
03

APRIL 12, 2026 (SUNDAY)

**INDIAN OCEAN
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**INDIAN OCEAN
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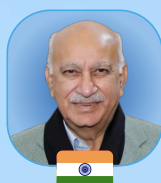
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