## <u>7<sup>th</sup> Indian Ocean Conference – IOC 2024</u> Press Release

India Foundation in association with the Ministry of External Affairs of India and the Government of Australia is organising the 7<sup>th</sup> Indian Ocean Conference – IOC 2024 on **February 9-10, 2024** in **Perth, Australia** along with its partners S. Rajaratnam School of International Studies, Singapore and Perth-US Asia Centre in Australia. The theme of this edition of the conference is **"Towards a Stable and Sustainable Indian Ocean**".

The Inaugural Session of the Conference will be addressed by H.E Ranil Wickremesinghe, President of Sri Lanka ; Ms Penny Wong, Minister of Foreign Affairs of Australia ; Dr S Jaishankar, External Affairs Minister of India and Dr Vivian Balakrishnan, Minister for Foreign Affairs of Singapore. The Conference will bring together delegations led by Ministers from over 22 countries and senior officials from 16 countries and 6 multilateral organisations.

The conference will also bring together a gathering of over 400 social and corporate leaders, policy practitioners, scholars, professionals, and media personnel from 40 countries.



A detailed list of the VVIPs is attached.