



## | Invitation |

The Institute of Strategic Studies Islamabad (ISSI)  
in collaboration with Bahria University, Islamabad  
cordially invite you to a **National Conference**



on

### **Maritime Economy and the Geopolitics of Indian Ocean Rim: Challenges for Pakistan**

on

Thursday, February 22, 2018  
at 0930 hrs

**Venue:**  
The Institute of Strategic Studies,  
Sector F-5/2, Islamabad

*(Programme Enclosed)*

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## Inaugural Session

- 0930 hrs: Registration
- 1000 hrs: Recitation from the Holy Quran
- 1005 hrs: *Welcome Address*  
**Ambassador Khalid Mahmood**, Chairman, ISSI
- 1015 hrs: *Keynote Address*  
**Vice Admiral (R) Muhammad Shafique HI (M)**, Rector, Bahria University
- 1025 hrs: *Address by the Chief Guest*  
**Lt. General (R) Nasser Khan Janjua**, National Security Advisor
- 1040 hrs: Group Photo
- 1045 hrs: Refreshments

## Session 1: Pakistan and the Geo Politics of the Indian Ocean Rim: Where Do We Stand?

- Session Chair:** **Vice Admiral (R) M. Haroon**, Former Rector, Bahria University
- 1100 hrs: *Current Global Maritime Trends and Pakistan*  
**Commodore Zafar Mansoor Tipu**, Former Director, Maritime Policy Research Centre, Bahria University
- 1115 hrs: *The Maritime Asia-Africa Growth Corridor (AAGC): Opportunities for Pakistan*  
**Muhammad Abbas Hassan**, Research Associate, Institute of Strategic Studies, Islamabad

- 1130 hrs: *Indian Ocean Politics and Pakistan's Maritime Compulsions*  
**Dr. Azhar Ahmad**, HOD, Department of Humanities and Social Sciences, Bahria University, Islamabad
- 1145 hrs: *Pakistan: Utilizing International Law of the Sea for Maximum Benefits*  
**Mr. Ahmer Bilal Soofi**, President, Research Society of International Law
- 1200 hrs: Q & A Session
- 1230 hrs: Concluding Remarks by Session Chair
- 1240-1400 hrs: Lunch

## Session 2: Maritime Economy: Opportunities and Challenges for Pakistan

- Session Chair:** **Ambassador Khalid Mahmood**, Chairman, ISSI
- 1400 hrs: *Potential of Pakistani Ports: Strengths and Shortcomings*  
**Mr. Mumtaz Ali Shah**, Federal Secretary for Ministry of Maritime Affairs
- 1415 hrs: *Pakistan's Blue Economy: Potential and Prospects*  
**Dr. Ashfaq Hasan Khan**, Principal and Dean, School of Social Sciences & Humanities, National University of Sciences & Technology, Islamabad
- 1430 hrs: *Reclaiming Pakistan's Ship Breaking Industry: Recommendations*  
**Dr. Idrees Khawaja**, HOD, Air University School of Management, Islamabad

- 1445 hrs: *CPEC and Prospects of Blue Jobs in Pakistan*  
**Dr. Safdar Sohail**, Director General, National  
Institute of Management and Member Governance  
Planning Commission
- 1500 hrs: Q & A Session
- 1530 hrs: Concluding Remarks and Vote of Thanks  
**Ambassador Khalid Mahmood**, Chairman, ISSI
- 1540 hrs: Tea/Coffee