



## 2<sup>nd</sup> Edition of the Indo-Pacific

### A Two days conference

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**Université de La Réunion  
5 and 6 February 2025**



### Peace and security in the Indo-Pacific:

#### Geopolitical issues and challenges in the Indian Ocean

Sovereignty, security, biodiversity in the Indo-Pacific: comparing challenges posed by the threat and strength of regional and international cooperation

**International guests include: Australia, Germany, Denmark, India, USA**

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#### Wednesday 5 February 2025 : Morning session

7H30	Registrations open : tea and coffee available
8H30-9H00	Welcome to Country/La Réunion
	Opening remarks
<b>Topic1</b>	<b>Intercultural dialogue and defence</b>
9H00-10H00	<b>Panel 1: Intercultural representations in defence and security issues</b>
	<p>Moderator: Bernard HAY, President, Association régionale des auditeurs de l'IHEDN océan Indien</p> <p><b>Germany-Australia: what's at stake in the Indo-Pacific?</b> Prof. Maren TOMFORDE, Macquarie University (Australia) &amp; Führungsakademie der Bundeswehr (Germany)</p> <p><b>Understanding maritime safety and asserting international freedom of navigation in the Indian Ocean?</b> Dr Jessica LARSEN, Senior Researcher, Foreign Policy and Diplomacy, Danish Institute for International Studies (DIIS)</p> <p><b>French overseas territories in the Pacific: Melanesians, Polynesians and Micronesians: what representations and visions are shared with Australia?</b> Dr Emmanuelle CRANE, CEO ECC, Lecturer SciencesPo</p> <p><b>French overseas territories in the Indian Ocean: Madagascans, Mauritians, Comorians, Mahorais, keys to understanding geopolitical issues.</b> Dr HDR Christiane RAFIDINARIVO, Political scientist, LCF La Reunion University and CEVIPOF SciencesPo</p>

10H-10H20	Morning tea
<b>Topic 2</b>	<b>Diplomacy and influence</b>
10H20-12H30	<b>Panel 2 : Cooperation in the Indo-Pacific</b>
	<p>Moderator : Dr Emmanuelle CRANE, Political analyst, Head of ECC</p> <p><b>What is the French Indo-Pacific vision and strategy?</b></p> <p>Jean-Claude BRUNET, Ambassador of France, Delegate for regional cooperation in the Indian Ocean &amp;</p> <p>Marc ABENSOUR, Ambassador to the Indo-Pacific</p> <p><b>“Australia’s Indo-Pacific strategy in the South Indian Ocean?”</b></p> <p>Kate CHAMLEY, High Commissioner, Australian High Commission in Mauritius(visioconf)</p> <p><b>“US interests and concerns regarding the region of the Indian Ocean”</b></p> <p>Dr Richard FONTAINE, CEO Center for a New American Security</p> <p><b>“Australia’s educational approach to Francophonie in the Indo-Pacific region”</b></p> <p>MC Sabine KUUSE, University of Western Australia University</p> <p><b>“The French Indo-Pacific strategy and high education informal diplomacy in the Indian Ocean”</b></p> <p>Pr Anne-Françoise ZATTARA, University La Réunion</p> <p><b>“French Development Agency, a key operator for development in the Indo-Pacific?”</b> (videoconference)</p> <p>Philippe ORLIANGE, executive CEO AFD</p>
12H45-13H30	Lunch
<b>Topic 3</b>	<b>Regional maritime security architecture (MARL), crisis prevention and management in the Indo-Pacific</b>
13H45-14H50	<b>Panel 3 : Securing maritime spaces and anticipating crises</b>
	<p>Moderator : Senior Commissioner Jérémy DRISCH, Head of department « State action at sea » - South Indian Ocean maritime zone, Prefecture of La Réunion</p> <p><b>Australia’s Indian Ocean perspectives and Maritime Strategy</b></p> <p>Dr David BREWSTER, National Security College, Australian National University (ANU)</p> <p><b>Security challenges in the Indian Ocean: what strategies, what challenges for the Indian Ocean basin – an IOC and ASEC perspective?</b></p> <p>Hassani AHAMADA SOILIH, maritime expert Safe Seas Africa</p> <p><b>“Regional cooperation and expertise in Disaster Risk Management in the Indian Ocean from La Réunion - French Red Cross - PIROI Center”.</b></p> <p>Éric SAM-VAH, Associate delegate of the Red Cross Centre regional delegation, PIROI La Réunion</p> <p><b>How do humanitarian and disaster relief operations (HADR) become a central theme of Indo-Pacific cooperation?</b></p> <p>Dr Frédéric GRARE, National Security College, Australian National University (ANU)</p>
14H50-15H10	Tea break
<b>Topic 4</b>	<b>Sovereignty and security</b>
15H15-16H30	<b>Panel 4 France’s security and military interests</b>
	<p>Moderator : Major General (retired) Franck REIGNIER, past Commander in-chief of FAZSOI</p> <p><b>“Indo-Pacific issues and challenges in the Pacific Ocean” Videoconference subject to confirmation</b></p> <p>Rear-Admiral Guillaume PINGET, Commander of the Armed Forces in Polynesia and Commander of the maritime zones French Polynesia and Pacific Ocean (ALPACI)</p> <p><b>Global issues and challenges for the Fazsoi (French forces) in the Indian Ocean?</b></p> <p>Major General Jean-Marc GIRAUD, Chief of Joint Staff, Senior Commander-in-chief of the Armed Forces of the Southern Indian Ocean Zone (FAZSOI)</p> <p><b>“Security cooperation in the Southern Indian Ocean : Issues and challenges”</b></p> <p>General Frédéric LABRUNYE, commander of the gendarmerie of La Réunion and the gendarmerie for the defence and security zone of the southern Indian Ocean</p> <p><b>“Stakes and challenges of the action of the Government Delegate for State Action at Sea in the Southern Indian Ocean Maritime Zone (ZMSOI)”.</b></p> <p>Post captain Cyrille De CERVAL, commander of the Southern Indian Ocean Maritime Zone (CZM)</p>
16H30-17H00	<b>Closing remarks</b>
	<p><b>“The French Air and Space Force in the Indo-Pacific ”</b></p> <p>Air Force Lieutenant General Dominique TARDIF, Air Force and Space Inspector</p>

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7H30	Morning tea
<b>Topic 5</b>	<b>Regional organizations, development and diplomacy</b>
8H00-9H10	<b>Panel 5 Regional cooperation in the Indian Ocean</b>
	<p>Moderator : Laurent AMAR, diplomatic adviser to the Prefect</p> <p><b>“The Indian Ocean Commission: predicted issues and challenges for 2030” Visioconference</b></p> <p>Edgard RAZAFINDRAVAHY, Secretary-General of the Indian Ocean Commission (IOC)</p> <p><b>Strategies for the IORA Forum in 2030(Visioconference)</b></p> <p>H. E. Mr. Sanjiv Ranjan RANJAN, general Secretary Indian Ocean Rim Association (IORA)</p> <p><b>Blue economy: emerging cooperation and development prospects in the Indian Ocean</b></p> <p>Prof. V.N. ATTRI, Director ICIPS, Kurukshetra University, Kurukshetra(KUK), Haryana, India</p> <p><b>Role of public authorities in supporting and promoting a sustainable blue economy in the face of regional and international changes</b></p> <p>Nicolas LE BIANIC. Chief Administrator of 1st Class Marine Affairs, Director of the Sea (DMSOI)</p> <p><b>Positioning the Indian Ocean within the Indo-Pacific.</b></p> <p>Marianne PÉRON-DOISE, Research fellow IRIS</p>
9H10-9H30	Tea break
<b>Topic 6</b>	<b>Economy, sustainability and innovation</b>
9H30-10H30	<b>Panel 6 Prospects for an Indo-Pacific cooperation Sustainable development and biodiversity</b>
	<p>Moderator : Pr Philippe Jean-Pierre, University La Réunion</p> <p><b>“Educational challenges in sustainable development” Videoconference</b></p> <p>Coralie NOEL, Sustainable development Senior officer Ministry of Education, Adviser to the director general of education (DEGESCO), « Education and Sustainable Development »</p> <p><b>Island economies and globalization: sustainable challenges for the Southern Indian Ocean</b></p> <p>Thomas ROSTAING, Maritime Adviser to the Secretary-General of the Indian Ocean Commission</p> <p><b>« Demographic and economic challenges in the Indian Ocean for a more sustainable world »</b></p> <p>Dr Joël RUET, Economist, Researcher CNRS Centre for Management Research of the École Polytechnique.</p> <p><b>« University, energy transition and sustainable development put in place by the Region of La Réunion»</b></p> <p>Pr Jean-Pierre CHABRIAT, Vice-president La Région Réunion</p>
12H45-14H15	Lunch
<b>Topic 7</b>	<b>Preserving biodiversity: what challenges?</b>
14H30-16H20	<b>Panel 7 Inventory &amp; analysis in La Réunion</b>
	<p>Moderator : Marylène HOARAU, Vice-présidente de l'AR 27</p> <p><b>“Challenges of protecting marine areas in Mayotte and Reunion Island”</b></p> <p>Dr Emmanuelle SURMONT</p> <p><b>« Coral reefs in the Indo-Pacific Arc : from the Indian Ocean to French Polynesia»</b></p> <p>Dr Lionel BIGOT, Ingénieur de recherche, Université de La Réunion, UMR Entropie, University La Réunion</p> <p>Dr Pierre SASAL, directeur du CRIOBE, CNRS, EPHE-PSL, UPVD, French Coral Reef Initiative</p> <p><b>« Challenges for species conservation in the Indian Ocean »</b></p> <p>Maximin ASSOUNE, President of the National Conservatory of Mascarin</p> <p><b>« Is the forest in Cilaos in danger? »</b></p> <p>Jacques TÉCHER, Mayor of Cilaos</p> <p><b>« Innovation and preservation: Bois de Fer incubator »</b></p> <p>Gilles HUBERT, Vice-president of the County Council of La Réunion.</p>
16H00-16H30	<p><b>Closing remarks: « How to protect our Oceans in 2025 ? »</b></p> <p>Ambassador Olivier POIVRE d'ARVOR, Ambassador to the Poles and the Ocean, Special Envoy of France to the UN, Conference OCÉANS 2025 in Nice</p>

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