



**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 <i>Spirit of Asia : Global Economic Recovery and Development Prospects</i> 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 8 th 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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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
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Group Consultation on 12th October 2009**

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