Navigating Non-Traditional Security Challenges in the Indo-Pacific
Need for a United Approach

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Background and Context

The region of the Indo-Pacific has gained immense importance in the current geo-political landscape of the World. It is the convergence of two oceans and touches the maximum landmass of four continents, i.e., Asia, Australia, America and Africa. The region is home to 60% of the world's population and holds 65% of the world's GDP. The area has emerged as an ocean of economic opportunities and strategic commitments. Approximately 70-80% of the world's trade passes through this region. The Indo-Pacific is also the hub of various natural resources, rare earth minerals and human resources.

Opportunities and challenges always walk hand in hand. The Indo-Pacific region has numerous traditional and non-traditional security challenges which need a united and human-centric approach from all its stakeholders.

Objective

The webinar aims to shed light on the multifaceted non-traditional security challenges faced by countries in the Indo-Pacific region. It seeks to foster collaboration and knowledge-sharing among stakeholders to formulate effective strategies to mitigate these challenges. The webinar also highlights the measures to deal with these challenges.

AGENDA

The growth of the Indo-Pacific region is being affected by terrorism, piracy, climate change, Illegal, Unreported and Unregulated (IUU) fishing, Natural disasters, cyber threats or digital vulnerabilities, etc. Dealing with such non-traditional security challenges requires combined and collaborative efforts by all the stakeholders of the Indo-Pacific. Joint efforts at government and non-government levels can help in mitigating these threats. Civil society can play a pivotal role in acting as a bridge among stakeholder countries and thereby positively contribute to a Peaceful, Open, Free and Prosperous Indo-Pacific.

Coverage

Four thematic pillars of the webinar:

- **Terrorism and Piracy Issues:** Role of Non-governmental organisations in Addressing the root causes of Piracy and Terrorism, their mitigation and redressal process.

- **Illegal, Unreported and Unregulated (IUU) fishing:** Regulation of the IUU fishing, communities dependent on them and redressal mechanism.

- **Cyber threats and building supply chain resilience:** Joint efforts to secure the digitally vulnerable areas, especially the digital payment platforms and ways to build resilient supply chains.

- **Climate change and climate resilient agriculture:** Exploring the innovative techniques for sustainable climate resilient agriculture, climate affected refugees and indigenous sustainable agriculture practices.