

Non-Traditional Security Challenges and Opportunities for Cooperation: South Asia 2025

December 13-14, 2010 | Cinnamon Grand Hotel | Colombo, Sri Lanka

MONDAY, DECEMBER 13 – DISCUSSION OF SCENARIO NARRATIVE I:

(Ebony Room)

9:00-9:20 I: WELCOME

9:00-9:10 **Welcoming Remarks:** *Amal Jayawardane*, Regional Centre for Strategic Studies

9:10-9:20 **Introduction:** *Mahin Karim*, The National Bureau of Asian Research

The NBR project lead will provide a brief project background and synopsis of the first phase effort, and overview of phase 2 objectives.

9:20-9:40 II: SETTING THE STAGE: NBR ALTERNATIVE FUTURES MODEL 2

Presenter: *Roy Kamphausen*, The National Bureau of Asian Research

The presenter will provide an introduction (10-15 minute) to the futures methodology applied to this project. In particular, the presenter will discuss the *Jumping Ahead – Implications of a Hypothetical Future* model of scenario analysis to be applied to the project's phase 2 workshop exercise.

9:40-10:45 III: SCENARIO 1 PRESENTATION: NON-TRADITIONAL SECURITY TRENDS & CHALLENGES FOR SOUTH ASIA 2025

Chair: *Roy Kamphausen*, The National Bureau of Asian Research

Extrapolating from phase 1 findings (and drawing on the author's own 'informed' imagination), this first scenario 'narrative' describes a future environment in South Asia in 2025, as affected by trends and/or incidences—in the three phase 1 NTS dimensions of food and water security, environmental security and disaster management, health and human security—that manifest themselves in the next 15 years.

9:40-10:00 **Scenario 1 Presenter:** *Dennis Pirages*, University of Nevada

The presenter will present a hypothetical future scenario that identifies key developments and/or occurrences in the NTS realm in South Asia in 2025, and thereby set the stage for discussion by the team of the impact and/or implications of those developments for the region's economic, political, security, and geopolitical environment in 2025.

Note: The purpose of this 'story' narrative, and thereby the scenario exercise, is not to be predictive of the future but, rather, to serve as a tool that facilitates the analytical process of the scenario exercise.

10:00-10:45 **Moderated Group Discussion:** *Roy Kamphausen*, The National Bureau of Asian Research

The moderator will help set the stage for workshop participants to ‘walk forward’ from this hypothetical future scenario and assess its impact in different dimensions (i.e., economic, political, security, geopolitical) for the region. The moderator may use this discussion session to tease out some of the points of agreement/disagreement with the scenario narrative presented above among participants, before the workshop moves on to the more in-depth discussion of the scenario’s implications (post-break).

10:45-11:00 Break

11:00-1:30 **IV: SCENARIO 1 DISCUSSION: ECONOMIC, POLITICAL, SECURITY, AND GEOPOLITICAL IMPLICATIONS OF SCENARIO 1**

Chair: *Roy Kamphausen*, The National Bureau of Asian Research

In these subsequent discussion sessions, participants will discuss the impact of the 2025 environment set forth in this first scenario narrative for the economic, political, security, and geopolitical environment in South Asia in 2025.

Each discussant should prepare for a 10-15 minute presentation commenting on implications of the scenario narrative for a specific dimension (i.e., economic, political, security, geopolitical, respectively), based on guidelines provided by NBR. After the presentations by each respective discussant, the Chair will lead a moderated discussion session with all participants.

11:00-11:15 **Economic Implications of Scenario 1**
Discussant: *Mahendra Lama*, Central University of Sikkim

11:15-11:30 **Political Implications of Scenario 1**
Discussant: *Mallika Joseph*, Institute of Peace and Conflict Studies

11:30-11:45 **Security Implications of Scenario 1**
Discussant: *Farooq Sobhan*, Bangladesh Enterprise Institute

11:45-12:00 **Geopolitical Implications of Scenario 1**
Discussant: *Adil Najam*, Boston University

12:00-1:30 **Group Discussion**
Moderator: *Roy Kamphausen*, The National Bureau of Asian Research

1:30-2:30 Lunch (*Taprobane Restaurant*)

2:30-3:30 **V: ROUNDTABLE DISCUSSION: IMPLICATIONS OF SCENARIO 1 FOR REGIONAL COOPERATION FRAMEWORK AND MECHANISMS**

Chair/Moderator: *Roy Kamphausen*, The National Bureau of Asian Research

The Chair will lead a roundtable discussion assessing the implications of the previous discussion sessions—i.e., on the NTS 2025 environment in South Asia and its political, economic, security, geopolitical impact on the region—for regional cooperation efforts and/or challenges. [Note: This discussion will serve as a precursor to Day 2 focus and scenario discussion of cooperation framework in South Asia 2025.]

3:30-4:00 **VI: DAY ONE WRAP-UP**

Remarks: *Mahin Karim*, The National Bureau of Asian Research

6:00-9:00 Welcome Reception & Dinner (*Sea Spray Restaurant, Galle Face Hotel*)

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 14 – DISCUSSION OF SCENARIO NARRATIVE II:

(Ebony Room)

9:00-9:20 **I: DAY ONE SYNOPSIS**

Remarks: *Mahin Karim*, The National Bureau of Asian Research

9:20-10:25 **II: SCENARIO 2 PRESENTATION: NTS COOPERATION FRAMEWORK FOR SOUTH ASIA 2025**

Chair: *Roy Kamphausen*, The National Bureau of Asian Research

Drawing on the author's knowledge of current trends (and his own 'informed' imagination), this second scenario offers a cooperation framework and/or mechanisms that are already in place in South Asia in 2025 to address non-traditional security challenges in the region.

9:20-9:40 **Scenario 2 Presenter:** *Tariq Karim*, High Commissioner for Bangladesh to India

The presenter will present a hypothetical future scenario that identifies key developments and/or agreements in regional cooperation that are in place in 2025 to address non-traditional security challenges faced by the region, and thereby set the stage for discussion by the team of the economic, political, security, and geopolitical implications of this future environment.

Note: The purpose of this 'story' narrative, and thereby the scenario exercise, is not to be predictive of the future but, rather, to serve as a tool that facilitates the analytical process of the scenario exercise.

9:40-10:25 **Moderated Group Discussion:** *Roy Kamphausen*, The National Bureau of Asian Research

The moderator will help set the stage for workshop participants to 'walk forward' from this hypothetical future scenario and assess its impact in different dimensions (i.e., economic, political, security, geopolitical) for the region. The moderator may use this discussion session to tease out some of the points of agreement/disagreement with the scenario narrative presented above among participants, before the workshop moves on to the more in-depth discussion of the scenario's implications (post-break).

10:25-10:40 Break

10:40-1:10 **III: SCENARIO 2 DISCUSSION: ECONOMIC, POLITICAL, SECURITY & GEOPOLITICAL IMPLICATIONS OF SCENARIO 2**

Chair: *Roy Kamphausen*, The National Bureau of Asian Research

In these subsequent discussion sessions, participants will discuss the impact of the 2025 environment set forth in this second scenario narrative for the economic, political, security, and geopolitical environment in South Asia in 2025.

Each discussant should prepare for a 10-15 minute presentation commenting on implications of the scenario narrative for a specific dimension (i.e., economic, political, security and geopolitical, respectively), based on guidelines provided by NBR. After the presentations by each respective discussant, the Chair will lead a moderated discussion session with all participants.

10:40-10:55 **Economic Implications of Scenario 2**
Discussant: *Saman Kelegama*, Institute of Policy Studies of Sri Lanka

10:55-11:10 **Political Implications of Scenario 2**
Discussant: *Amal Jayawardane*, Regional Centre for Strategic Studies

11:10-11:25 **Security Implications of Scenario 2**
Discussant: *Sridhar Khatri*, South Asia Centre for Policy Studies

11:25-11:40 **Geopolitical Implications of Scenario 2**
Discussant: *Zhu Feng*, Peking University

11:40-1:10 **Group Discussion**
Moderator: *Roy Kamphausen*, The National Bureau of Asian Research

1:10-2:15 Lunch (*Taprobane Restaurant*)

2:15-3:15 **IV: ROUNDTABLE DISCUSSION: AN ALTERNATIVE FUTURE FOR SOUTH ASIA 2025**

Chair: *Roy Kamphausen*, The National Bureau of Asian Research

To encourage a rich discussion and appreciation of the range of plausible futures that may unfold, the ‘red team’ respondent will offer an ‘alternative’ scenario to the scenario 1 and scenario 2 narratives presented earlier in the workshop.

The purpose of this ‘red team’ alternative scenario is to reinforce to workshop participants that the purpose of the workshop exercise, and futures methodology applied thereof, is not to predict the future but, rather, to explore the implications of alternative future pathways.

2:15-2:30 **‘Red Team’ Respondent:** *Richard Matthew*, University of California-Irvine

The respondent will present an ‘alternative future’ scenario for South Asia 15 years hence that addresses both trends and challenges in the NTS realm that may plausibly manifest

themselves in 2025, as well as explores a potential cooperative regime (or lack thereof) that may exist in the region—at either a multilateral, bilateral, or state-by-state basis—to address these challenges.

2:30-3:15 **Moderated Group Discussion:** *Roy Kamphausen*, The National Bureau of Asian Research

3:15-3:30 Break

3:30-4:30 **V: ROUNDTABLE DISCUSSION: APPLYING AN NTS COOPERATION FRAMEWORK TO TRADITIONAL SECURITY CHALLENGES IN SOUTH ASIA 2025**

Chair/Moderator: *Mahin Karim*, The National Bureau of Asian Research

The chair will lead a roundtable discussion assessing the implications of the previous discussion sessions—i.e., on the 2025 NTS cooperative framework in South Asia and its political, economic, security, geopolitical impact on the region—for addressing the region's traditional security challenges.

In particular, participants will focus on how the 2025 NTS cooperation framework/mechanisms described and discussed earlier might be applied or leveraged for broader cooperation in the region to address other long-standing traditional security challenges in South Asia.

4:30-5:00 **VI: CONCLUSION**

Wrap Up: *Mahin Karim*, The National Bureau of Asian Research

Closing Remarks: *Amal Jayawardane*, Regional Centre for Strategic Studies