

## India-Nigeria: Facing The Covid-19 Pandemic Together

Tuesday, 30 March 2021 | 1500-1700 (IST) / 1030-1230 (WAT)

### Programme

#### **1500-1520 (IST): Inaugural Session**

- 1500-1505: Opening Remarks, Amb. Sujan R. Chinoy, Director General, MP-IDSA, Co-Chair  
1505-1510: Opening Remarks, Lt. Gen. Aliyu Gusau Mohammed (Retd), Founder, GI, Co-Chair  
1510-1515: Special Remarks, Amb. Abhay Thakur, High Commissioner of India to Nigeria  
1515-1520: Special Remarks, Mr. Boss Mustapha, Secretary to the Government of the Federation (SGF) & Chairman, Presidential Task Force (PTF) on COVID-19

#### **1520-1605: Session1: Identifying Areas of Cooperation between Nigeria and India in Controlling the COVID-19 Pandemic**

- 1520-1525: Chair: Brig. Gen. Saleh Bala (Retd), GI Steering Committee Member

##### ***Response to the COVID-19 Pandemic***

- 1525-1535: Dr. Nasiru Sani Gwarzo, Perm. Sec. Federal Ministry of Industry, Trade, and Investment & Head, Presidential Technical Team on COVID-19  
1535-1545: Mr. A. Vinod Kumar, Associate Fellow, MP-IDSA

##### ***Strengthening the Role of Multilateral Health Institutions***

- 1545-1555: Amb. Manjeev Puri, Former Ambassador of India to EU, Nepal & Ambassador/ DPR of India to UN, New York  
1555-1605: Prof. Nasidi Abdulsalami, Former CEO Nigeria Centre for Disease Control (NCDC) & Executive Director, ECOWAS Regional Centre for Disease Control (RCDC)

#### **1605-1630: Session 2: Emerging India-Africa Cooperation**

- 1605-1610: Chair: Vice Adm. Shekhar Sinha (Retd), EC Member, MP-IDSA  
1610-1620: Ms. Ruchita Beri, Senior Research Associate & Centre Coordinator, MP-IDSA  
1620-1630: Mr. Emeka Izeze, Former Managing Director of The Guardian & GI Steering Committee Member

#### **1630-1650: Q&A Chair: Amb. Sujan R. Chinoy, Director General, MP-IDSA**

#### **1650-1700: Closing Session**

- 1650-1655: Remarks, Maj. Gen. (Dr.) Bipin Bakshi (Retd), DDG, MP-IDSA  
1655-1700: Remarks, Amb. Ahmed Magaji, GI Steering Committee Member