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Provisional Program

Progressive Alliance International Conference

Delivering Global Justice

25-26 April 2025, Hyderabad, India

23 - 24 April 2025, Wednesday & Thursday

Arrivals and Check-in

24 April AM to 14:00

Registration at the Hotel

15:00 - **Meetings of regional networks in Africa, Americas, Arab region, Asia Pacific, Europe**

We ask each delegation to contact your regional coordinator and/or Board members from your region about your participation in the regional network meeting, or if you wish to discuss with members from other regional networks. Five meeting rooms are available, but no simultaneous translation is provided.

Liberty Hall – Africa

Equality Hall – Americas

Fraternity Hall – Arab Region

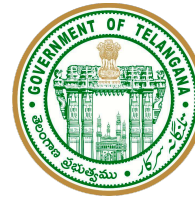
Constitution Hall – Asia Pacific

Justice Hall – Europe

19:00 - **Welcome Dinner of the Progressive Alliance**

Welcome from the Host Party

Venue: Novotel Lawns (behind the hotel reception)



Salman Khurshid

Former Foreign Minister of India

Chief of Party on International Affairs, Indian National Congress

Sam Pitroda

Chair, Indian Overseas Congress

Board Member, Progressive Alliance

Jothimani Sennimalai

Member of Parliament, Indian National Congress

Board Member, Progressive Alliance

Group Charkha and Commemoration of **Mahatma Gandhi**

Welcome from the Progressive Alliance

Ann Linde

Board Member, Progressive Alliance

Former Foreign Minister, Sweden

Sondang Tampubolon

Coordinator, Network for Social Democracy in Asia Pacific

Deputy Secretary General, Nasdem Party

Welcome Tokens

Sridhar Babu

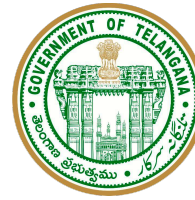
Minister of IT and Industries, Telangana Government

Savita Kumar

Chief Secretary, Telangana Government

Jayesh Ranjan

Additional Chief Secretary, Telangana Government



25 April 2025, Friday

7:30 - Departure for Field Visits / Pick up from hotel

Hosted by the Telangana government, this organized field visit takes international guests to sites of historical and cultural importance to the people of India.

10:15 - Opening of the Exhibit on Global Justice Champions

Venue: Conference Hall Main Entrance

This exhibit showcases the contributions of individuals and organizations dedicated to advancing global justice. These dedicated walls in the conference is a tribute to the struggles of our movement that pushes for the values of freedom and justice that we fight for.

Conference Opening

Deepa Dasmushi

Summit Host

On behalf of the Telangana Government

Gurdeep Sappal

Central Working Committee Member

On behalf of the Indian National Congress

Machris Cabrerros

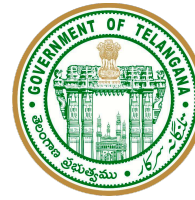
Global Coordinator

On behalf of the Progressive Alliance

10:30 – Gender Justice in the face of feminist backsliding

Venue: Equality Hall

This panel addresses the global setback in gender equality by examining the current trend on feminist backsliding and discussing actionable policy reforms to counter the concerning trend. Distinguished voices will share insights on advancing women and gender rights across diverse cultural contexts.



India Diaspora Connect

Venue: Fraternity Hall

As of 2024, there are over 35 million overseas Indians. This dialogue is a platform to share perspectives from organizations working with Indian diaspora communities abroad. The shared experiences and perspectives coming out of this dialogue will forge better connections and cooperation with like-minded organizations.

Panel Chairs: Salman Khurshid

Former Foreign Minister of India

Chief of Party on International Affairs, Indian National Congress

Sam Pitroda

Chair, All India Congress Committee for Overseas

12:30 – Lunch at the Constitution Hall

13:30 – Countering Disinformation

Venue: Liberty Hall

In a digital era where misinformation undermines democratic processes, this session examines how disinformation disrupts the political sphere and its growing global impact. Panelists will discuss robust policy responses, innovative digital forensic methods, and effective media collaboration strategies to debunk false narratives and preserve the integrity of public discourse.

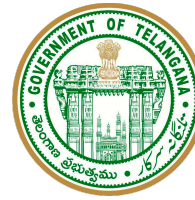
Panel Chair: Supriya Srinate

Social Media Chairperson, Indian National Congress

Global Youth Networks Dialogue

Venue: Justice Hall

This session convenes youth leaders from various countries to discuss practical strategies for mobilizing young people for progressive change. Emphasizing dynamic engagement, leadership development, and collaboration, the dialogue aims to consolidate young people's contributions to concrete solutions for a sustainable and equitable future.



15:00 – **Shaping New Multilateralism**

Venue: Fraternity Hall

Amid shifting global dynamics and concerted attacks on progressives parties, this panel assesses the structural weaknesses in existing governance & political structures. As representatives of foundations/think tanks will discuss ideas on how progressives can reconfigure institutions to better address the challenges facing progressive parties and the world order. This discussion will focus on institutional reforms, strategic alliances, disruptive programmatic solutions and collaborative frameworks.

16:30 – **Plenary Session: Delivering Global Justice**

Venue: Constitution Hall

Leaders of the Indian National Congress and the Progressive Alliance will share their insights and perspectives on the challenges for progressives under the current dispensation. Representing leaders from all continents, they will articulate strategic solutions to strengthen democratic governance and drive meaningful progress in the face of global challenges. It is a session on forging progressive collective action.

Welcome Speeches

Revant Reddy

Chief Minister of Telangana
Indian National Congress

Mallu Bhatti Vikramarka

Deputy Chief Minister of Telangana
Indian National Congress

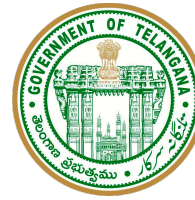
Confirmed Speakers

Mallikarjun Kharge

President and Leader of the Opposition, Rajya Sabha
Indian National Congress

Rahul Gandhi

Leader of the Opposition, Lok Sabha
Indian National Congress



Speeches of the Party Leaders from the Progressive Alliance

Photo Op for the Press and Family Photo

18:00 - End of Day

Leaders' Closed-Door Caucus

Venue: Equality Hall

19:00 - Pick up at the Hotel for Fellowship Dinner

20:00 - Fellowship Dinner and Cultural Night hosted by the Telangana government

Venue: Falaknuma Palace

26 April 2025, Saturday

9:00 – **Progressive Alliance Board and Leaders Meeting**

Venue: Fraternity Hall

The Board Members convenes to discuss and set the political guidelines, takes decisions, inter alia, on organisational issues. Resolutions prior sent to the Progressive Alliance will be deliberated and voted by the Board.

Meeting Co-Chairs - Board Members from Asia Pacific:

Sam Pitroda

Chair, Indian Overseas Congress

Jothimani Sennimalai

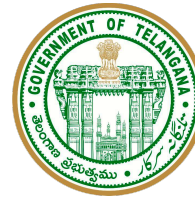
Member of Parliament, Indian National Congress

Wayne Swan

President, Australian Labor Party

Sirikanya Tanskul

Deputy Leader, People's Party of Thailand



- I. Roll Call and Approval of the Agenda
- II. Presentation and Adoption of Meetings Rules and Protocols
- III. Political Situation in India and the Party's International Outlook

Mallikarjun Kharge

President and Leader of the Opposition, Rajya Sabha
Indian National Congress

- IV. Presentation and Adoption of Declaration: Delivering Global Justice
- V. Presentation and Adoption of Resolutions
- VI. Calendar 2025 and Agenda for next Board Meeting

10:30 –

Overcoming polarization with pluralism, diversity and respect

Venue: Liberty Hall

The culture of fear, hate and 'othering' breaks our societies and are being promoted by forces antithetical to our shared values. This severely impacts ideological, religious, class and caste minorities, as well as the most vulnerable sections of our society. Drawing upon our shared values and experiences, this panel presents pathways to counteract divisive forces and marginalisation.

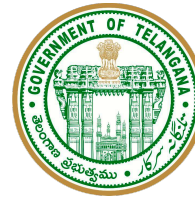
Accelerating climate justice commitments

Venue: Justice Hall

This session examines different policy reforms and critical departure points for global negotiations needed to fulfill climate commitments. It answers how we can leverage the advantages of progressive policies to achieve just transition and implement workable solutions for renewable energy and sustainable infrastructure. Panelists will propose concrete strategies to reduce ecological disparities and support vulnerable communities, ensuring that climate action is integrated with broader social and economic justice.

12:00 –

Lunch at the Constitution Hall



13:30 – **Economic justice in uncertain times**

Venue: Fraternity Hall

Facing rising global disparities, this panel puts forward transformative policies for equitable wealth distribution. The experts will explore how to recalibrate market dynamics for social equity and protection of vulnerable populations. They will also examine innovative strategies, such as strengthened social safety nets, to reduce structural inequalities. Additionally, panelists will offer policy recommendations aimed at integrating social justice principles into economic reform efforts.

Forging peace and justice

Venue: Liberty Hall

With ongoing wars and geopolitical tensions, how do we build a new peace project based on justice? This session provides platform to reimagine structures, approaches and unity building in a world of growing instability. It also examines how transitional justice frameworks can address reconstructions and lay the foundation for societal reconciliation. Drawing on lessons and insights from different parties, panelists will discuss proposals to on common security, reconstruction and reconciliation.

15:00 – **Plenary Session: Renewing Democracies through Political and Social Justice**

Venue: Constitution Hall

This session brings together global leaders to confront the erosion of democratic values and address contemporary governance challenges. Panelists will discuss ways to deepen political participation, protect institutions, enhance institutional accountability. Can progressive social justice agenda make our democracy resilient in uncertain times? Drawing on international experience and evidence-based practices, the discussion will propose concrete measures to fortify democratic institutions and build a transparent, inclusive political culture.

16:30 – **Closing Speech**

19:00 – Individual Dinner and Bilateral Meetings