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Final Program

Progressive Alliance International Conference

Delivering Global Justice

25-26 April 2025, Hyderabad, India

Wednesday, 23 April and Thursday, 24 April 2025

Arrivals and Check-in

Thursday, 24 April AM to 14:00

Registration at the Hotel

15:00 - **Simultaneous Meetings of regional networks in Africa, Americas, Arab,**
17:00 **Asia Pacific, Europe**

Venue:

Liberty Hall – Africa

Equality Hall – Americas

Fraternity Hall – Arab Region

Constitution Hall – Asia Pacific

Justice Hall – 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.

17:00 - **Gender Working Group Meeting**

18:30 **Venue: Equality Hall**



Registered sister parties and associate members' representatives are welcome to join this working group meeting. The working group convenes for updating of working group members and discuss plans and cooperation for the year within the Progressive Alliance. Simultaneous translation in English, Spanish, and French will be provided.

Co-Chairs: Elke Ferner

Social Democratic Party of Germany

Bahia Amra

Palestine National Initiative

Welcome Remarks

Jothimani Sennimalai

Member of Parliament, Indian National Congress

Speakers

Olaya Dotel

Modern Revolutionary Party, Dominican Republic

Tanya Gilly Khailany

Patriotic Union of Kurdistan

Jannie Lasimbang

Democratic Action Party, Malaysia

Farah Rummy

Social Democratic Party of Switzerland

19:30 -

Welcome Dinner of the Progressive Alliance

22:00

Venue: Novotel Lawns (behind the hotel reception)

Welcome from the Host Party

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

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, Indonesia

Welcome Tokens

Mallu Bhati Vikramarka

Deputy Chief Minister, Telangana Government

Sridhar Babu

Minister of Information Technology and Industries, Telangana Government

Shanta Kumari

Chief Secretary, Telangana Government

Jayesh Ranjan

Additional Chief Secretary, Telangana Government

22:00 – **Buses depart for hotels**

Friday, 25 April 2025

7:30 – **Departure for Field Visit (OPTIONAL)**

09:30 **Golconda Fort**



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

Note: Buses available at the entrance of hotels. Look for Telangana Government sign.

10:00 – **Opening of the Exhibit on Global Justice Champions**

10:30 **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

Meenakshi Natarajan

Summit Host

On behalf of the Telangana Government

Machris Cabrerros

Global Coordinator

On behalf of the Progressive Alliance

10:30 – **Gender Justice and a Feminist Future**

12:30 **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.

Ann Linde

Former Foreign Minister, Sweden

Swedish Social Democratic Party

Mónica Fein

President, Socialist Party of Argentina



Rabia Abdalla Hamid

Secretary for Political and International Affairs

Chama Cha Mapinduzi, Tanzania

Maysoon Wael Alatoom

Former Senator of Jordan

Head of Center for Women's Studies, University of Jordan

Maria Alejandra Panay

Vice Minister, Ministry of Women, Panama

Juventud del Partido Revolucionario Democrático, Panama

Undram Chinbat

Member of Parliament, Mongolia

Mongolian People's Party

Panel Chair: Praniti Shinde

Member of Parliament, Lok Sabha

Indian National Congress

12:30 – **Lunch at the Democracy Hall**

13:30 – **Simultaneous Panels on Diaspora Connect, Countering Disinformation, and**
14:45 **Youth Dialogue**

Institutionalizing Diaspora Connect

Venue: 1st Floor 1.1 - 1.2

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.

Indian Diaspora Leaders from Canada, the Netherlands, the United Kingdom, and the United States

Invited Guests



Hella Ben Youssef

Senior Advisor Public Policy, Innovate Local Governance and Gender Equality
Ettakatol, Tunisia

Kasthuriraani Patto

Secretary, International Affairs
Democratic Action Party, Malaysia

Ties Huis in 't Veld

International Secretary
Labour Party (PvdA), The Netherlands

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

Madhu Gaud

Former Member of Parliament for the Indian National
Congress

Gurdeep Sappal

Member of Congress Working Committee of the Indian
National Congress

Pallam Raju

Former Union Minister

Aarti K

Indian National Congress Secretary Overseas Congress



Fact vs. Fiction: 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.

Miapetra Kumpula - Natri

Member of Parliament from the Uusimaa constituency
Social Democratic Party of Finland

Ramkarpal Singh

Former Deputy Minister, Law and Institutional Reforms
Deputy Secretary General, Democratic Action Party, Malaysia

Matthew William Faulding

Political Secretary
Labour Party, United Kingdom

Thanisara Ruangdej

Chief Executive Officer, WeVis, Thailand

Luis Blandon

President
Unión Democrática Renovadora (UNAMOS), Nicaragua

Digvijay Singh

Former Chief Minister and Member of Parliament, Rajya Sabha

Panel Chair: Supriya Srinate

Social Media Chairperson, Indian National Congress



Youth & Politics of Tomorrow

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.

Varun Choudhary

National President, National Students' Union of India

Uday Bhanu Chib

National President, Indian Youth Congress

Arena Williams

Member of Parliament for Manurewa, New Zealand
New Zealand Labor Party

Marina Hay

Vice-President for Asia-Pacific, International Union of Socialist Youth
New Zealand Young Labour

Liinesh Selluandan

National Vice-President, Democratic Action Party Socialist Youth

James Steve Serrano

Administrative Director, Colombian Liberal Party

Jesús Tapia

Former President, International Union of Socialist Youth
Movement for Socialism (MAS), Venezuela

Panel Chair: Krishna Allavaru

National In-Charge, Indian Youth Congress

14:45 –
16:15

Simultaneous Panels on Multilateralism and Telangana Vision



Shaping New Multilateralism

Venue: Fraternity Hall

Amid shifting global dynamics, this panel assesses the current state of multilateral governance structures. Panelists will discuss their international initiatives that pushes for reconfiguration of multilateral institutions to better serve the current world affairs. The discussion will focus on institutional reforms, strategic alliances, and collaborative frameworks around global governance.

Maria João Rodrigues

President

Foundation for European Progressive Studies

Bert Koenders

Former Minister of Foreign Affairs

Labour Party, The Netherlands

Josh Osih

Chairman

Social Democratic Front Cameroon

Sayo Suruta

President, New Diplomacy Initiative, Japan

Dan Herman

Senior Director, Democratic Accountability

Center for American Progress

Panel Chair: Shashi Tharoor

Member of Parliament for Thiruvananthapuram

Chairperson of Standing Committee on External Affairs

16:15 –

Plenary Session: Delivering Global Justice

18:00

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

Revanth Reddy

Chief Minister of Telangana
Indian National Congress

Mallu Bhatti Vikramarka

Deputy Chief Minister of Telangana
Indian National Congress

Keynote Addresses

Mallikarjun Kharge

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

Rahul Gandhi

Leader of the Opposition, Lok Sabha
Indian National Congress

Video Messages

Lars Klingbeil

Leader, Social Democratic Party of Germany

Wayne Swan

President, Labor Party of Australia

Paulina Vodanovic

President, Socialist Party of Chile

Introduction of the Hyderabad Declaration

Salman Kurshid

Former Foreign Minister of India
Chief of Party on International Affairs, Indian National Congress

Ann Linde

Board Member, Progressive Alliance
Former Foreign Minister, Sweden



Speeches of Leaders

Hipólito Mejía

Former President of the Dominican Republic
Modern Revolutionary Party

Martin Ziguélé

Former Prime Minister of Central African Republic
President, Movement for the Liberation of Central African People

Giacomo Filibeck

Secretary General, Party of European Socialists

Risa Hontiveros

Senator of the Republic of the Philippines
Chair Emeritus, Citizens Action Party, Philippines

Jameson Timba

Senator of the Republic of Zimbabwe
Leader, Citizens Coalition for Change

Cédric Wermuth

Member of National Council of Switzerland
President, Social Democratic Party of Switzerland

Tülay Hatimoğulları

Member, Grand National Assembly of Turkey
Co-Chair, People's Equality and Democracy Party

Driss Lachgar

Member of Parliament for Rabat
First Secretary, Socialist Union of Popular Forces, Morocco

Bert Koenders

Former Minister of Foreign Affairs
Labour Party, The Netherlands

Closing Remarks

Sridhar Babu

Minister of Information Technology and Industries, Telangana Government



- 18:30 – **End of Day**
Guests depart for hotels
- 18:20 – **Leaders' Closed-Door Caucus**
19:30 **Venue: Equality Hall**
- 19:30 – **Pick up at the Hotel for Fellowship Dinner**
- 20:00 – **Fellowship Dinner and Cultural Night hosted by the Telangana Government**
22:00 **Venue: Chowmahalla Palace**
20-4-236, Moti Galli Rd, Khilwat, Hyderabad, Telangana
- 22:00 – **Bus depart for hotels**

Saturday, 26 April 2025

- 9:00 – **Progressive Alliance Board and Leaders Meeting**
10:30 **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:

Sam Pitroda

Chair, Indian Overseas Congress

Jothimani Sennimalai

Member of Parliament, Indian National Congress

Upendra Yadav

Former Deputy Prime Minister, Nepal

National President, People's Socialist Party, Nepal

- I. Roll Call and Approval of the Agenda
- II. Political Situation in India and the Party's International Outlook



Mallikarjun Kharge

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

Rahul Gandhi

Leader of the Opposition, Lok Sabha
Indian National Congress

- III. Calendar 2025 and Agenda for the next Board Meeting
- IV. Working Paper on Delivering Global Justice
- V. Presentation and Adoption of Resolutions

10:30 – **Simultaneous Panels on Overcoming Polarization, Climate Justice, and Think**
12:00 **Tank Collaboration**

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 opposing universal values. This divisive push severely impacts ideological, religious, racial, ethnic and gender respect and tolerance. It increases vulnerabilities within and across societies. Drawing upon our shared values and experiences, this panel presents pathways to counteract divisive forces and marginalisation.

Esteban Paulón

Member of Parliament for Santa Fe Province
Secretary General, Socialist Party of Argentina
Coordinator, Progressive Alliance of the Americas (APLA)

Zita Gurmai

President
Party of European Socialists Women

Rahul Mukherjee

Department Head, South Asia Institute
Heidelberg University



Basem Kamel

General Secretary, Egyptian Social Democratic Party
Regional Coordinator, Social Democratic Alliance in the Arab World

Eduardo Zanatta

Councilman
Workers' Party, Brazil

Panel Chair: Shri Pawan Khera

Chairman of Media and Publicity, All India Congress Committee
Indian National Congress

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.

Megan Woods

Member of Parliament for Wigram, New Zealand
Former Minister of Energy and Resources
New Zealand Labour Party

Masaharu Nakagawa

Former Minister of State for Disaster Management
Constitutional Democratic Party, Japan

Oseloka Obaze

Former Secretary to the State Government of Anambra
Labour Party, Nigeria

Fabian Solano

President, Citizens' Action Party of Costa Rica



Jessali Andrea Zarazua

Vice President for the Americas, International Union of Socialist Youth

Panel Chair: Mukul Wasnik

Member of Parliament, Rajya Sabha

Closed-Door Session

Think Tanks and Political Institutes

Venue: Board Room 1.3 - 4

We are inviting representatives of think tanks, political institutes and foundations that are interested in post-conference collaborative efforts of strengthening programmatic work on key global issues: democracy, foreign policy, multilateralism, social welfare and peace.

Lead Discussants:

Salman Khurshid

Former Foreign Minister of India

Chief of Party on International Affairs, Indian National Congress

Maria João Rodrigues

President

Foundation for European Progressive Studies

Pushparaj Deshpande

Director

Samruddha Bharat Foundation

Johan Hassel

Director of Global Progress

Center for American Progress

12:00 – **Lunch at the Constitution Hall**

13:30 – **Simultaneous Panels on Economic Justice, Peace, and Political**
15:00 **Communications**

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.

Armand Zorn

Member of the German Bundestag
Social Democratic Party of Germany

Kaushik Basu

Former Chief Economic Advisor to the Government of India
Former Chief Economist, World Bank

Jessica Ortega

National Council President
Citizen's Movement, Mexico

Yin Shao Loong

Deputy Director of Research
Khazanah Research Institute, Malaysia

Todd Brogan

Director of Campaigns and Organising
International Trade Union Confederation

Jayati Ghosh

Professor of Economics, University of Massachusetts Amherst

Panel Chair: Krishna Byre Gowda

Minister of Revenue, Government of Karnataka



Forging Peace and Justice

Venue: Equality 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.

Bohdan Ferens

Founder, SD Platform Ukraine

Lam Akol Jawin

Former Foreign Minister of South Sudan
National Democratic Movement

Phyo Sandar Soe

Assistant Secretary General, Confederation of Trade Unions Myanmar
Deputy President, Building and Wood Workers' International (BWI)

Dara Khailany

Head of Foreign Relations Department
Patriotic Union of Kurdistan

Joining Remotely

George Sabra

Former President of Syrian National Council
Syrian Democratic People's Party

Mohammad Shtayyeh

Former Prime Minister of Palestine
FATAH

Panel Chair: Machris Cabrerros

Global Coordinator
Progressive Alliance



Closed-Door Session

Political Communications

Venue: Board Room 1.3 - 4

We are inviting representatives of parties and organizations handling communications, social media, publications that are interested in post-conference collaborative efforts on tackling changing media terrain, disinformation and fake news, online hate and violence, shrinking online open and plural spaces.

15:00 – Bilateral Meetings / End of Day