



IORA Familiarization Visit for Media Personnel and Journalists from IORA Member States



The Familiarisation visit hosted by the Ministry of External Affairs of the Government of India and the Indian Ocean Rim Association is the first media visit for Member States of IORA. This visit is a unique program developed by IORA to connect media and journalists within the Indian Ocean Rim. Media linkages within the region have become an essential platform for IORA's advocacy on sustainable practises within the priority and focus areas of the Association.

Delegates had the opportunity to interact with various Ambassadors, government officials, think tanks, academicians and media publication institutes in India. Visits to the Ministry of External Affairs of the Republic of India, Institute of Defence Studies & Analysis, National Maritime Foundation, Federation of Indian Chambers of Commerce and Industry, Gas Authority of India Limited, Times of India, Foreign Correspondence Club and the Energy and Resource Institute in New Delhi were included. Delegates also travelled to Bangaluru to visit the Karnataka Parliament and the Infosys Complex in Maysore to exchange ideas and share knowledge.

IORA provides an ideal platform to connect media personnel and journalists sharing knowledge based on the Indian Ocean developments which binds the region together as one. This visit is the first to establish a core IORA Media Strategy for the region, providing a comprehensive architecture linking countries from Member States with the IORA Secretariat. Advocacy of the sustainable practises by Member States are to be recognised and highlighted within the region and across the globe. The Indian Ocean is home to nearly 2.7 Billion people and IORA is committed to connect Africa, Asia, Australia and the Middle East for a prosperous, peaceful and stable ocean.

Media delegates from Australia, Comoros, Sri Lanka, Mauritius, Mozambique, Madagascar, Somalia, Malaysia, South Africa, Tanzania, Kenya, Indonesia, Iran, Oman and Seychelles attended the visit.

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