



Our Objective

To promote bilateral political, economic and cultural relations between India, other countries and multilateral agencies in alignment with policies of the governments.

Our belief

Every country has its unique resources, heritage & strengths and can contribute to improving the state of the world which we should recognise, respect and also help in achieving individual and national aspirations.

Good bilateral relations between countries are key to global prosperity, peace and harmony.

Some of the commendable work being done by embassies and multilateral missions in India is either going unnoticed or not fully appreciated and needs to be brought to the attention of the people at large.

Based on Ministry of External Affairs data, with 154 Embassies and 37 Multilateral Agencies functioning in the country, India is among the largest hosts in the world to important Missions.



Ambassadors Forum India (AFI)

VISION

*Prosperity for all peoples
irrespective of colour, creed or country*

Background

Never before in the history of mankind has there been such an urgent need to build bridges of cooperation to secure peace, harmony and prosperity as there is today. The Ambassadors Forum India makes a contribution to this need.

Notwithstanding a few rays of hope here and there, the global economic recession and unrest are not going away, with political instability in many countries which call not for rhetoric or lofty speeches, but concrete result oriented multi-pronged action, nationally and internationally.

Heads of Mission a valuable resource

A Head of Mission, by virtue of his or her nomination to represent a Country or a Multilateral Agency in India, the second largest populus and developing economy in the world, is a person of distinguished background, is resourceful and has a record of success.

We believe that there is much to gain from the knowledge, experience and wisdom of the Heads of Mission, in a non-partisan manner on issues of vital importance which influence citizens' well being, growth, employment, peace and prosperity.

Advisors

Former Foreign Secretaries
Ambassador Lalit Mansingh & Ambassador Kanwal Sibal

Promoters

Mr. Man Mohan Bhagat, Convenor
Ms. Geeti Bhagat, CEO



Ambassadors Forum India (AFI)

A not-for-profit entity, Ambassadors Forum India was established in the year 2012.

Since its inception the promoters have been organising events on an ad hoc basis involving serving foreign Ambassadors, heads of multilateral agencies and high level decision makers.

From time to time AFI collaborates with Indian and International entities and personalities consistent with its objectives.

Encouraged by the success and stakeholders asking for more to be done, it has been decided to institutionalise AFI to operate with a Secretariat headed by a Secretary General and organise regular events.

Membership is now open to distinguished citizens, diplomats, corporates and institutions to participate in its management, planning of meaningful programmes and their implementation.

AFI a unique institution: AFI's laudable mission, its focus on promoting bilateral relations and activities are different from any other organisation operating in India.

Photo Gallery



Mr. G M Rao, Chairman, GMR Group (front row middle) at the AFI event hosted by him for Ambassadors visit to DIAL



A group at AFI Farewell Reception for Slovenian Ambassador, Ms. Darja Bavdaz-Kuret (5th from right front row) at Convenor's residence



Photo Gallery



Above 2 photographs: AFI meeting with Dr. Mahesh Sharma, Minister of State (IC), Ministry of Culture & Tourism at Transport Bhawan, in Chair in top photograph.



A group at the Welcome Reception for the US Embassy DCM, Ms. MaryKay Carlson (3rd from right) and Mr. Aubrey Carlson (2nd from left) at Convenor's residence

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Dinner hosted in honour of
Ambassadors Forum Reception to meet External Affairs Minister Salman Khurshid
(2nd row middle) at the Claridges Hotel.



Dinner hosted by the Canadian High Commissioner Stewart Beck (front row 4th from left) & wife Brenda Beck
(front row second from right) at their residence in honour of Mr. Montek Singh Ahluwalia,
Chairman, Planning Commission (front row centre).



Some programmes and projects

1. **Meet the Leader:** Events with Indian Cabinet Ministers, dignitaries, top Business Leaders and Industrialists from India and other countries.
2. **Panel discussions and lectures:** By Heads of Diplomatic and Multilateral Missions, current and former Foreign Secretaries, Secretaries to various Ministries, Think Tanks and Eminent Personalities on subjects of interest to Diplomats and Members.
3. **With Embassies:** Offer to arrange programmes and projects consistent with the Embassy's priorities in bilateral relations with India.
4. **Monthly:** A Reception with an Ambassador or a distinguished personality as guest speaker. A Women's programme.
5. **Delegations abroad:** For Business, tourism and participation in national events consisting of members, women entrepreneurs and sports persons.
6. **With Multilateral Missions:** Organise programmes to create awareness of their activities and contribution being made by the multilateral agencies in humanitarian fields and development of India.
7. **In collaboration:** Organize activities of mutual interest in cooperation with other entities e.g. Institute of Foreign Affairs; Institute of Social Sciences; Institute of Directors and eminent citizens.
8. **Showcase talent among diplomats and members:** Many diplomats, members and their spouses are writers, have special interests and expertise e.g. are painters, singers, photographers, collectors of antiques and art and more. To showcase talent and collections, organise appropriate programmes and exhibitions.
9. **Welcome to Ambassadors batch of last year:** A welcome Reception for the Heads of Mission, who have presented their credentials in 2016.
10. **Awards of Excellence:** To Embassies and Multilateral Missions for outstanding initiatives and achievements during 2017 based on self nomination against defined criteria and judged by an eminent jury. Awards to be given in early 2018 at a befitting ceremony.

Bilateral Affairs Journal

A quarterly journal in print and electronic editions with contributions by Indian and international authors, serving and retired diplomats on bilateral and multilateral aspects in general and on specific sectors and issues.

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L-R: Claude Maniscalco Dir Tourism St Tropez, Veronique Ziegler wife of French Ambassador (3rd), Ambassador Alexandre Ziegler (centre), Henri Prevost-Allard, Dy Mayor of St Tropez (4th), Ms. Geeti Bhagat AFI CEO & India Representative of St. Tropez (5th) in front of Maharaja Ranjit Singh's bust for installation in St. Tropez



Participants at a session with Mr. Shiv Kherra, renowned Management Guru and Motivator organised at the French Embassy



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After a meeting L-R: Noble Laureate Mr. Kailash Satyarthi, Ms. Geeti Bhagat, CEO and Mr. Man Mohan Bhagat, Convenor, AFI



Group at IHC cosponsored event with IAFA, AFI Convenor M M Bhagat is seated second from left in the front row

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At a joint event L-R: Mr. Ike Sinha, Country Director, U4G, Ms. Nirupama Rao, Former Ambassador of India to USA, Ms. Geeti Bhagat, CEO, AFI, Ms. Lovita Morang, Documentary Filmmaker "Discovery of Rhododendron Forest"

Farewell Reception for
the Portuguese Ambassador
at the Bhagat residence

Right photograph L-R:
Ambassador of Iraq Mr Ahmad Berwari,
Jorge Oliveira jr, Maria Martorell,
Ambassador Jorge Roza de Oliveira



Below photograph L-R:
Ms. Kiran Mehra-Kerpelman, UNIC,
Mrs. Nadia Jalfi,
Ambassador of Spain Mr. Gustavo de Aristegui,
Mr. Jess Dutton, Canadian DCM





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Above 2 photographs: AFI meeting with Minister of Urban Development Mr. Kamal Nath at the Leela Palace



Group at a joint event to welcome Unite4:Good Chairman Mr. Anthony Melikhov (middle) and his wife Marina Melikhov on his left

Ways to be associated with AFI is to become:

HONORARY MEMBER

All Heads of Embassies, Multilateral Missions, Diplomats
and Senior Government of India officials



MEMBER

Distinguished citizens and entities .

COLLABORATOR

Sponsor and collaborate in organizing meaningful high profile events and projects.

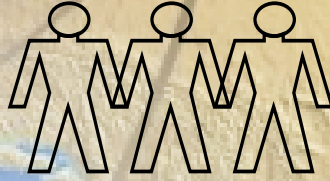
SUPPORTER

Ministries, Embassies and Multilateral agencies which agree with the AFI's
objectives and beliefs.

Some participants at various events

Organised by Ambassadors Forum India

1. **Angola** - H.E. Mr. Manuel Eduardo Bravo
2. **Bangladesh** - H.E. Tariq A. Karim
3. **Belgium** - H.E. Mr. Pierre Vaesen
4. **Brazil** - H.E. Mr. Carlos Duarte
5. **Brunei** - H.E. Mr. Dato Paduka Sidek Ali
6. **Canada** - H.E. Mr. Stewart Beck
7. **Czech Republic** - H.E. Mr. Miloslav Stasek
8. **Denmark** - H.E. Mr. Freddy Svane
9. **Egypt** - H.E. Mr. Khaled El-Bakly
10. **European Union** - H.E. Mr. Joao Gomes Cravinho
11. **France** - H.E. Mr. Francois Richier
12. **Germany** - H.E. Mr. Michael Steiner
13. **Iceland** - H.E. Mr. Gudmundur Eiriksson
14. **Indonesia** - H.E. Mr. Rizali Wilmar Indrakesuma
15. **Israel** - H.E. Mr. Alon Ushpiz
16. **Italy** - H.E. Mr. Daniel Mancini
17. **Kazakhstan** - H.E. Mr. Doulat Kuanyshev
18. **Mexico** - H.E. Mr. Jaime Nualart Sanchez
19. **New Zealand** - H.E. Ms. Jan Henderson
20. **Pakistan** - H.E. Mr. Sakman Bashir
21. **Portugal** - H.E. Mr. Jorge Roza de Oliveira
22. **Philippines** - H.E. Mr. Benito Valeriano
23. **Slovakia** - H.E. Mr. Marian Tomasik
24. **Slovenia** - H.E. Mrs. Darja Bavdaz-Kuret
25. **Spain** - H.E. Mr. Gustavo de Aristegui
26. **South Africa** - H.E. Rev. Harris Majeke
27. **Sri Lanka** - H.E. Mr. Prasad Kariyawasam
28. **Sweden** - H.E. Mr. Harald Sandberg
29. **Suriname** - H.E. Mrs. Aashna W. Radha Kanhai
30. **The Netherlands** - H.E. Mr. Alphonsus Stoelinga
31. **Trinidad & Tobago** - H.E. Mr. Chandradath Singh
32. **Turkey** - H.E. Dr. Burak Akcapar
33. **Uruguay** - H.E. Mr. Cesar Ferrer
34. **AARDO** - H.E. Eng. Wassfi Hassan El Sreihin
35. **Aditya Birla Group** - Dr. V. Rangaraj
36. **AIES** - Dr. Herbert Traxl
37. **Andrade Gutierrez** - Mr. Anupam Prakash
38. **AyiBo Solutions** - Mr. Sanjay Lodha
39. **Brookings Institute** - Mr. Subir Gokarn
40. **Chinese Embassy** - Mr. Deng Xijuan, DCM
41. **Canadian H C** - Mrs. Brenda Beck, wife of CHC
42. **CTBF Canada** - Mr. Harjeet Baja
43. **Eawater** - Mr. H. Subramaniam
44. **ETI Dynamics** - Mr. Sanmit Ahuja
45. **Former Foreign Secy.** - Amb. Kanwal Sibal
46. **Former Foreign Secy.** - Amb. Lalit Mansingh
47. **Former Under Secretary, UN** - Mr. Chinmaya Gharekhan
48. **German Embassy** - Mr. Cord Meier-Klodt, DCM
49. **German Embassy** - Mr. Jose Schulz, Minister Counsellor
50. **GMR Airports** - Mr. Rommel Valles
51. **IDSA** - Ms. Chavi Hemanth
52. **IMF** - Mr. Thomas Richardson
53. **ISTP Canada** - Mr. Bharat Rudra
54. **ITC Heritage Hotel** - Mr. Sanjay Kirpal
55. **Jagriti Communications** - Mrs. Savita Wakhlu
56. **Lanco Group** - Mr. G. Venkatesh Babu
57. **Mantec** - Mr. Arvinder S. Brara
58. **MEFCOM** - Mr. Vijay Mehta
59. **Melting Pot** - Mrs. Shefalika Lodha
60. **Mercedes Benz** - Mr. Ravi Talwar
61. **Ministry Parliamentary Affairs** - Mr. D. D. Verma, Secretary
62. **M.K. Sanghi Group** - Mr. Mahendra Sanghi
63. **Norwegian Embassy** - Mr. Sigvald Tomin Hauge, DCM
64. **Russian Embassy** - Mr. Denis Alipov, DCM
65. **Scotia Bank** - Mr. Sanjeev Mittal
66. **Shapoorji Pallonji** - Mr. K.C.Mehra
67. **Swedish Embassy** - Mr. Daniel Wolven, DCM
68. **Tata** - Mr. Bharat Wakhlu
69. **TV 99** - Mr. Moses Manoharan
70. **UNDP** - Ms. Lise Grande
71. **UNIC** - Ms. Kiran Mehra-Kerpelman
72. **Unite4:Good** - Mr. Anthony Melikhov
73. **URS** - Mr. Roy Marrett
74. **URS** - Mr. Srinivas Krishnaswamy
75. **WHO** - Dr. Mrs. Nata Menabde
76. **Former Secy MEA** - Amb. Surendra Kumar
77. **Amity** - Dr. Ajit Kumar Nagpal
78. **BJP, Bharat Niti** - Ms. Parull Mahaajan
79. **CII** - Ms. Subha Rajan
80. **Corpmatic** - Mr. Malvinder Singh Rikhy
81. **Design Studio** - Ms. Shabnam Akram
82. **Eminent Dancer** - Mrs. Shovana Narayan
83. **FIFA** - Mr. Shaji Prabhakaran
84. **Franzen Partners** - Drs. Marianne Franzen
85. **Guidant** - Mrs. Shubre Prakash
86. **Guidant** - Mr. Rohit Datta
87. **IILM** - Dr. Bhaskar Chatterjee
88. **Krishna Hydro** - Mr. Dalip Dua
89. **Media** - Mr. Chetan Sharma
90. **Nangia & Co.** - Mr. Rakesh Nangia
91. **Public Diplomat** - Mrs. Ratan Kaul
92. **Shahnaz Group** - Mrs. Shahnaz Husain
93. **Sheffield Haworth** - Mr. Deepak Verma
94. **TIARA** - Dr. M. V. Krishna Kumar
95. **Treo Mining Corp** - Mr. Thomas Varghese
96. **Unite4:Good** - Mr. Ike Sinha
97. **VTY** - Ms. Neeta Raheja
98. **Yes Bank** - Ms. Preeti Sinha
99. **Le Meridien** - Ms. Meena Bhatia
100. **Autometers Alliance** - Mr. Sajal Gupta



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