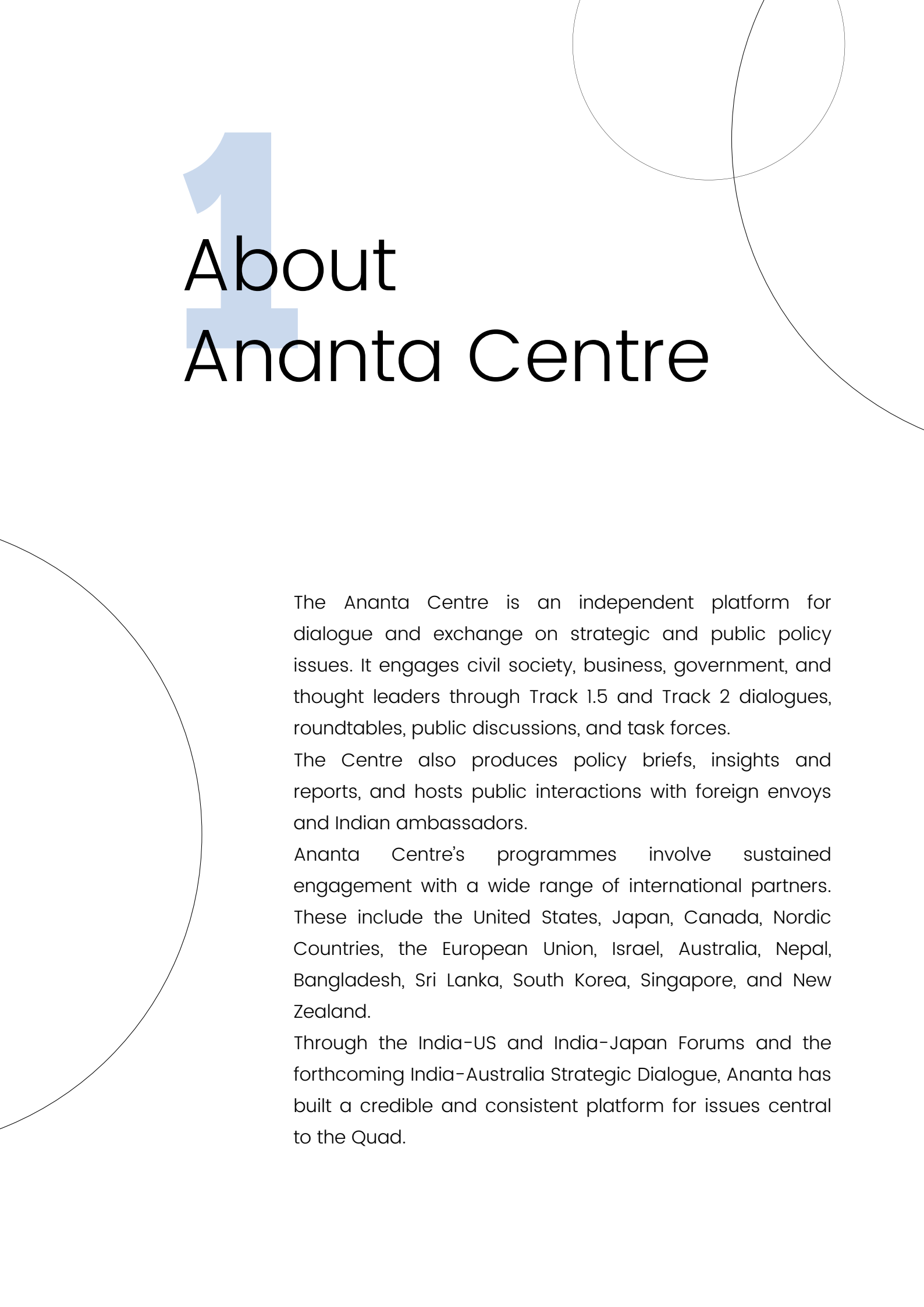




PORTS OF THE FUTURE PARTNERSHIP

A QUAD Initiative

Organised by the Ananta Centre in collaboration with the Ministry of Ports, Shipping and Waterways (MoPSW) and the Ministry of External Affairs (MEA)



1 About Ananta Centre

The Ananta Centre is an independent platform for dialogue and exchange on strategic and public policy issues. It engages civil society, business, government, and thought leaders through Track 1.5 and Track 2 dialogues, roundtables, public discussions, and task forces.

The Centre also produces policy briefs, insights and reports, and hosts public interactions with foreign envoys and Indian ambassadors.

Ananta Centre's programmes involve sustained engagement with a wide range of international partners. These include the United States, Japan, Canada, Nordic Countries, the European Union, Israel, Australia, Nepal, Bangladesh, Sri Lanka, South Korea, Singapore, and New Zealand.

Through the India-US and India-Japan Forums and the forthcoming India-Australia Strategic Dialogue, Ananta has built a credible and consistent platform for issues central to the Quad.



The Conference and Its Objectives

The Quad Ports of the Future Partnership is a collaborative initiative launched by the Quad—comprising Australia, India, Japan, and the United States—aimed at promoting resilient port infrastructure development across the Indo-Pacific region. This initiative seeks to harness the Quad's collective expertise to coordinate, exchange information, share best practices, and mobilize both government and private sector investments in quality port infrastructure.

In essence, the partnership is a strategic move to bolster maritime connectivity, logistics resilience, and quality infrastructure in the Indo-Pacific, leveraging the Quad's combined resources and institutional expertise

Dates & Venue

Date:

29th and 30th October, 2025

Venue:

Bombay Exhibition Center,
Goregaon, Mumbai

3 Participants

The Quad Ports of the Future Conference will convene a high-level and diverse group of stakeholders, including:

- **Senior Representatives** from partner nations engaged in the Indo-Pacific maritime domain.
- **Private sector leaders** from:
 1. Shipbuilding and logistics
 2. Sub-sea cables and digital infrastructure
 3. Port operations and management
 4. Cybersecurity and Artificial Intelligence solutions
- **Maritime domain experts and academia** – providing research insights, innovation perspectives, and policy recommendations.

4 Themes

- **Ports as key development anchors in the Indo-Pacific**

Examining how Quad ports can serve as resilient hubs for global trade corridors, while supporting critical supply chains and advancing the IndoPacific vision.

- **Infrastructure and Investment – Quad's pathways in the Indo-Pacific**

Exploring models for joint financing and public-private partnerships to modernize ports, enhance connectivity, and attract global investment.

- **Digital Infrastructure and Next-Gen Tech**

Driving digital resilience in maritime trade by securing cyber networks and undersea cables, piloting next-gen technologies, enabling smart logistics, and fostering collaborative R&D for future-ready, efficient, and secure port

- **Closed-door G2G roundtable**

Quad partners discuss ways, and means, to synergize their efforts and build quality port infrastructure in the Indo-Pacific.

- **Shipping and Shipbuilding**

Discussing strategies to strengthen civil and defense shipbuilding, pilot digital technologies, and build a skilled maritime workforce for future-ready ports.

- **Logistics & Multimodal Connectivity – Future ready Last-Mile operations**

Exploring innovative logistics and multimodal connectivity solutions to create seamless, technology-enabled last-mile operations, strengthening port efficiency and competitiveness in building future-ready, integrated maritime trade and transport ecosystems.

5 Intended Outcomes

The Quad Ports of the Future Conference is designed not only as a platform for dialogue but as a mechanism to generate tangible, actionable results. The intended outcomes include:

- **Engagement of the highest-caliber stakeholders** – bringing together senior officials, industry leaders, and domain experts to ensure discussions are informed by both policy vision and technical expertise.
- **Actionable recommendations for policymakers** – consolidating insights into a set of strategic proposals that can guide Quad nations and partner countries in shaping resilient and technologically advanced port ecosystems.
- **Strengthening of public-private collaboration** – fostering new channels of cooperation between government bodies, industry and academia to accelerate innovation and implementation.
- **Regional frameworks for cooperation** – advancing the Quad's commitment to shared standards, interoperability and knowledge-exchange mechanisms in maritime infrastructure and management.
- **Roadmap for future initiatives** – establishing next steps for collaborative projects in areas such as logistics modernization, cybersecurity, AI-driven port management and maritime domain awareness.
- **Produce a Joint Statement / Outcome Report** – capturing key recommendations, shared commitments, and a forward-looking roadmap for cooperation among Quad partners and regional stakeholders.

Together, these outcomes will provide a forward-looking blueprint to support resilient maritime trade, infrastructure and deeper Quad cooperation in the Indo-Pacific.