

THE U.S.-INDIA RELATIONSHIP: CROSS-SECTOR COLLABORATION TO PROMOTE SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT

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The purpose of this volume is to share the formal contributions from a collaborative workshop between Dickinson College and the Strategic Studies Institute (SSI) entitled, "The U.S.-India Relationship: Cross-Sector Collaboration to Promote Sustainable Development." The workshop took place from March 12-14, 2013. The roster of participants included leading scholars, military officers, government officials, and practitioners from the for-profit and not-for profit sectors from India and the United States.

The workshop participants were asked to address the following overarching questions.

1. Within the context of the U.S.-India Strategic Relationship and in light of the vital national interests shared by both countries, what factors will contribute to the success of cross-sector collaborative initiatives intended to address challenges associated with sustainable development?

2. What implications do those insights have for strategic leaders in different sectors?

These questions were motivated by a set of six, high-level, global developments.

1. Over the past 2 decades, the global system has been characterized by rising interdependence and changing structure, which, in turn, has led to increasing attention in many quarters to sustainability-related dimensions of national security.

2. A range of factors have contributed to the rise of India, the geopolitical and geostrategic importance

of India, the challenges still confronting the leaders of India, and India's national security objectives.

3. Over the past few years, the relationship between India and the United States has become both deeper and broader.

4. Cross-sector collaboration, in the past few years, has become an increasingly more relevant way to tackle complex issues.

5. President Barack Obama has called for meaningful cross-sector collaboration in addressing challenges to U.S. national interests.

6. In the near future, strategic leaders from various sectors will need the skill sets to engage in high-level cross-sector collaboration.

This book has two major Parts. Part I includes the theoretical papers and transcribed comments of workshop participants. It consists of five chapters, each of which reflects an important theme from the workshop. Part II of this volume includes five case studies of cross-sector collaborations that were presented during the workshop by researchers and practitioners.

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