

MoS to lead Indian delegates to NAM-CoB meet

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MINISTER of State for External Affairs Anand Sharma will lead the Indian delegation to the two-day ministerial meeting of the Coordinating Bureau of the Non-Aligned Movement (NAM-CoB) to be held in Malaysia from May 29.

Malaysia is hosting this meeting as the current Chair of the NAM, to prepare for the 14th NAM summit to be held in Havana on September 15 and 16. The ministerial meeting will focus on "To-

wards a More Dynamic and Cohesive Non-Aligned Movement: Challenges of the 21st Century". Sharma will also participate in the ministerial meeting of the NAM troika countries and the group of former NAM chair countries besides attending the ministerial meeting of the NAM committee on Palestine and the NAM caucus in the UN Security Council, said a spokesperson of the Ministry of External Affairs.

Sharma will hold bilateral meetings with the foreign ministers and other dignitaries from a number of NAM

member countries, for an exchange of views on various issues of mutual interest including NAM, regional, international and UN reform issues, the spokesperson added.

"The forthcoming ministerial meeting in Malaysia and the summit in Cuba will provide useful opportunities to pursue the shared interests of NAM countries by consensus and to further strengthen the non-aligned movement as the collective, serious and pragmatic voice of the developing world on contemporary global issues," he said.

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