

**Consultation meeting with Project Advisory Committee & Policy Experts**

**Creating an Enabling and Inclusive Policy and Political Economy Discourse for Trade, Transport and Transit Facilitation in and among Bangladesh, Bhutan, India, Nepal**  
*Facilitating implementation and stakeholder buy-in in the Bay of Bengal Region*

**Wednesday, 14<sup>th</sup> November, 2018, Regency Hall, Hotel HHI, Kolkata**

**Programme Agenda**

<b>09:30 - 10:00</b>	<b>Registration</b>
<b>10:00 - 10:30 (Opening Session)</b>	<p><b>Welcome Address and Introduction to the Theme</b> by Bipul Chatterjee, Executive Director, CUTS International</p> <p><b>Special Address (s)</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Eaknarayan Aryal, Consul General, Consulate General of Nepal, Kolkata</li> <li>• Masayuki Taga, Consul General, Consulate General of Japan, Kolkata</li> </ul>
<b>10:30 - 11:00</b>	<b>Tea Break</b>
<b>11:00 - 13:00 (Presentation)</b>	<p><b><i>Creating an Enabling and Inclusive Policy and Political Economy Discourse for Trade, Transport and Transit Facilitation in and among Bangladesh, Bhutan, India, Nepal - Facilitating implementation and stakeholder buy-in in this region: Research Findings</i></b></p> <p><b>Presentation by</b> Debolina Mukherjee, Policy Analyst, CUTS International</p> <p><b>Chair:</b> Atiur Rahman, Chairman, Unnayan Shamannay, Dhaka, Bangladesh</p> <p><b>Panelists:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Satish K Reddy, Consultant - Regional Cooperation and Trade Facilitation, Asian Development Bank</li> <li>• Dr. Nazneen Ahmed, Senior Research Fellow, BIDS, Bangladesh</li> <li>• Rajan Sharma, Past President, Nepal Freight Forwarders Association</li> <li>• Pritam Banerjee, Logistics Sector Specialist, Asian Development Bank</li> <li>• Sujeev Shakya, Chairman, Nepal Economic Forum</li> <li>• A K Enamul Haque, Emeritus fellow, Unnayan Shamannay</li> <li>• Pushpa Chhetri, Head, BMC, Bhutan</li> <li>• Binoda Kumar Mishra, Director, Centre for Studies in International Relations and development (CSIRD)</li> </ul> <p><b>Floor Discussion</b></p>
<b>13:00 - 14:00</b>	<b>Lunch</b>

<p><b>14:00 - 16:00</b></p>	<p><b>Multi-modal Connectivity - Possible challenges for implementing and Suitable Solution - Aim to Strengthening Regional Value Chains for Consumer Gain in Bay of Bengal sub region.</b></p> <p><b>Presentation by</b> Pritam Banerjee, Logistics Sector Specialist, Asian Development Bank</p> <p><b>Chair:</b> Satish K Reddy, Consultant - Regional Cooperation and Trade Facilitation, Asian Development Bank</p> <p><b>Panelists:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Anindita Sen Gupta, Additional DGFT, Ministry of Commerce and Industry, Govt of India</li> <li>• Ajitava Raychaudhuri, Professor and Coordinator for Advance Studies, Jadavpur University</li> <li>• A K Enamul Haque, Emeritus Fellow, Unnayan Shamannay</li> <li>• Monoj Kumar Roy, Former Additional Secretary (FTA), Ministry of Commerce, Govt of Bangladesh</li> <li>• L K Rajak, Director (I/C), Inland Waterways Authority of India*</li> <li>• N S Nigam, Managing Director, West Bengal Transport Corporation</li> <li>• Sudip Dey, Vice President, Calcutta Customs House Agent Association</li> <li>• R B Rauniar, Managing Director, Interstate Multi Modal Transport, Nepal</li> <li>• R. Sushila, Executive Director, Vivada Inland Waterways Ltd</li> </ul> <p><b>Floor Discussion</b></p>
<p><b>16:00 - 16:20</b></p>	<p><b>Tea Break</b></p>
<p><b>16:20 - 17:00</b></p>	<p><b>Conclusion and Way Forward</b></p>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Sujeev Shakya, Chairman, Nepal Economic Forum</li> <li>• Bipul Chatterjee, Executive Director, CUTS International</li> </ul>
<p><b>17:00</b></p>	<p><b>Vote of Thanks - Bratindra Bhattacharya, Director, CUTS International</b></p>

\* Speakers to be confirmed