

Ganga Basin Policy Dialogue

Expanding Tradable Benefits of Trans-boundary Water: Promoting Navigational Usage of Inland Waterways in Ganga and Brahmaputra Basins

Hotel Greenwich Village, Kathmandu, Nepal on Friday, 14th July, 2017

Tentative Agenda

09:30 - 10:00 Registration with Tea/Coffee

10:00 - 10:15 Welcome and Objective of the Meeting

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Representative, The Asia Foundation

10:15 - 11:00 Policy discourse in Bangladesh
Presentation by Unnayan Shamannay

11:00 - 11:15 Tea Break

11:15 - 12:00 Policy discourse in India
Presentation by CUTS International

12:00 - 12:45 Policy discourse in Nepal
Presentation by South Asia Watch on Trade, Economics and Environment (SAWTEE)

12:45 - 13:30 Lunch Break

13:30 – 14:30 Policy Circle Discussions

Participants will be divided into three policy circles for discussion on upper and lower riparian aspects (led by CUTS, SAWTEE & UnSy representatives):

1) Policy Circle for government stakeholders (ministry, departments, state and national level)

2) Policy Circle for non-government stakeholders (academia, NGOs, CSOs, community representatives)

3) Policy Circle for private sector stakeholders (logistic, construction, trade, tourism companies)

These policy circles will deliberate on policy discourse as described in previous presentations and select topics of trans-boundary cooperation at individual level.

14:30 – 15:30 Report back on emerging opportunities and challenges in the Ganga basin

Based on the presentations and policy circle discussions, participants will have to plot their opinions on a map to showcase the emerging opportunities and challenges in the Ganga basin.

15:30 – 15:45 Tea Break

15:45 – 16:45 Wrap-Up and Takeaways

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