

## "Indo-Nepal Dialogue on Trade Facilitation and Commercial Access through Raxaul-Birgunj: Stakeholders Perspective"

16 April 2015, Hotel Makalu, Birgunj, Nepal



### AGENDA

0900-1000	<b>Registration</b>
1000-1045	<p><b>Welcome Remarks</b>  <i>S.M.Akhter, Consul (Economic), Consulate General of India, Birgunj</i>  <i>Omprakash Sharma, Acting President, Birgunj Chamber of Commerce and Industry</i>  <i>Lok Raj Baral, Professor &amp; Executive Chairman, Nepal Center for Contemporary Studies</i>  <i>Prithviraj Nath, Policy Analyst &amp; Centre Head, Calcutta Resource Centre, CUTS International</i></p> <p><b>Address by the Guest of Honour</b>  <i>Anuj Bhandari, Assistant Chief District Officer, Parsa District, Nepal</i></p> <p><b>Key Note Address by the Chief Guest</b>  <i>Anju Ranjan, Consul General, India, Birgunj</i></p>
1045-1100	<b>Break for Group Photo and Tea/Coffee</b>
1100-1200	<p><b>Session 1: India-Nepal Trade through Raxaul-Birgunj Border: Issues and Challenges</b>  <i>Chair: S.M.Akhter, Consul (Economic), Consulate General of India, Birgunj</i>  <i>Panellists:</i>  <i>Prithviraj Nath, Policy Analyst &amp; Centre Head, Calcutta Resource Centre, CUTS International</i>  <i>Shriprakash Rao, Consultant, CUTS International</i>  <i>Gopal Shrestha, Acting Chief Customs Officer, Department of Customs, Birgunj</i>  <i>Sudheer Kumar, Superintendent, Land Custom Station, Raxaul</i>  <i>A.K.Sinha, Associate Professor, Department of Botany, KCTC College Raxaul</i></p>
1205-1305	<p><b>Session 2: Leveraging Open Border to create Borderless Economy: Challenges and Prospects</b>  <i>Chair: Lok Raj Baral, Professor &amp; Executive Chairman, Nepal Center for Contemporary Studies</i>  <i>Co-Chair: S.M.Akhter, Consul (Economic), Consulate General of India, Birgunj</i>  <i>Panellists:</i>  <i>Jagdish Prasad Agrawal, Chairman, Nimbus Group</i>  <i>Pawan Tiwari, Editor, Lok Times Daily, Parsa, Nepal</i>  <i>Ashok Temani, Former President, Birgunj Chamber of Commerce &amp; Industry</i></p>
1305-1325	<b>Open Floor</b>
1325-1330	<p><b>Vote of Thanks</b>  <i>Prashant Sharma, Programme Officer, Centre for International Trade, Economics &amp; Environment, CUTS International</i></p>
1330	<b>Lunch</b>