**Tentative Agenda**

**Indo-Bangla Trade: Focus on the North East**
**Stakeholder Consultation**
**Pragya Bhawan, Agartala, 20 June 2010**

1030-1100  
**Registration**

1100-1200  
**Introductory Session**

*Welcome Speech:*
Siddhartha Mitra, Convener of the Indian segment, “Sub-Regional Independent Taskforce on Connectivity and Cooperation” & Head, CUTS Centre for International Trade, Economics and Environment (CUTS CITEE)

M.L Debnath, President, Tripura Chamber of Commerce
Matlub Ahmad, President, Indo Bangla Chamber of Commerce
L.K Gupta, Principal Secretary, Industry and Commerce & IT, Government of Tripura

**Address by Guest of honour:**
Dr. S. K. Panda, Chief Secretary, Government of Tripura

**Address by Special Guest:**
Jitendra Chowdhury, Hon’ble Commerce Minister, Government of Tripura

**Address by Chief Guest:**
Manik Sarkar, Hon’ble Chief Minister, Government of Tripura

1200-1215  
**Tea Break**

1215-1315  
**Reviewing recent developments in Trade and Investment involving India, Bangladesh, Nepal and Bhutan**

*Overview:* Siddhartha Mitra (chair)

*Presentation: Socio-Economic Benefits from Border Haats*
Jayanta Bhattacharya, Principal Correspondent, The Press Trust of India

*Discussants:*
Salahuddin Baful Senior Reporter, The Daily Inqilab, Bangladesh
Sanjib Deb, Chief of Bureau, NE Bangla, Agartala
Ruhul Ameen Rasel, The Bangladesh Pratidin, Dhaka, Bangladesh
1315-1400  Open house discussion

1400-1445  Lunch

1445-1545  Way forward for International Trade and Investment in the Indo-Bangla region
Chair: Siddhartha Mitra
Speaker: Anil Saraf, Director, Federation of Industries Commerce of North Eastern Region (FINER)
Discussants:
Matlub Ahmad
Sanjib Deb
Salahuddin Bablu Senior Reporter, The Daily Inqilab, Bangladesh
Jamal Uddin, Daily Ittefaq
Zahidur Rahamn, PROBE News

1545-1630  Open House Discussion

1630-1645  Tea/coffee

1645-1730  Way Forward: Future Role of Sub-Regional Independent Taskforce on Connectivity and Cooperation
Panel Discussion:
Siddhartha Mitra
Motlub Ahmad
Anil Saraf
M.L Debnath
Sanjib Deb

1730-1800  Vote of Thanks
Anutosh Biswas, Programme Officer, CUTS CITEE