Stakeholders’ Conference

Assessment of Bangladesh-India Trade Potentiality
Need for Cross-Border Transport Facilitation & Mutual Recognition of Standards

15-16 November 2013, Kolkata, India

**Agenda**

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| 1730-1900 | **Opening**  
The objective of this session is to present some major findings of Bangladesh-India trade potentiality assessment and to discuss the need for addressing some major non-tariff barriers affecting cross-border trade through bilateral cooperation on trade and transport facilitation. |
|         | **Welcome Remarks**  
*Pradeep S. Mehta, Secretary General, CUTS International* |
|         | **Introductory Remarks**  
*Mustafizur Rahman, Executive Director, Centre for Policy Dialogue, Dhaka  
Bipul Chatterjee, Deputy Executive Director, CUTS International* |
|         | **Opening Remarks**  
*S. K. Sinha, Commissioner Customs, Ministry of Finance, Department of Revenue, Government of India  
Jahangir Bin Alam, Secretary & CEO, India-Bangladesh Chamber of Commerce* |
|         | **Keynote Address**  
*Abida Islam, Deputy High Commissioner, Bangladesh* |
|         | **Vote of Thanks**  
*Keya Ghosh, Director, CUTS Calcutta Resource Centre* |
| 1900    | **Reception & Dinner** |
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| 0900-1100 | **Technical Session**  
Assessment of Bangladesh-India Trade Potentiality  
*Need for Cross-Border Transport Facilitation & Mutual Recognition of Standards*  
The objective of this session is to identify issues/concerns of cross-border transport facilitation and mutual recognition of standards, particularly those related to Sanitary and Phyto-Sanitary measures. |
|         | **Chair’s Remarks**  
Muhammad Iqbal Tabish, Secretary General, SAARC Chamber of Commerce and Industry |
|         | **Thematic Presentations**  
Khondker Golam Moazzem, Additional Research Director, Centre for Policy Dialogue, Dhaka  
Prithviraj Nath, Consultant, CUTS International  
Nilanjan Banik, Consultant, CUTS International |
|         | **Designated Commentators**  
Mir Shahabuddin Mohammad, Secretary General, Federation of Bangladesh Chamber of Commerce & Industries  
K Anabarasu, Deputy Director General, Eastern Region, Bureau of Indian Standards  
Mahbubul Anam, President, Bangladesh Freight Forwarders Association |
| 1100-1130 | Break |
| 1130-1330 | **Panel Discussion**  
Regional Connectivity in South Asia and Its Impact on the Local Economy  
The objective of this session is to discuss major impediments to better regional connectivity in South Asia, how to address them at political and ground level and what would be the impact on the local economy if they are effectively addressed. |
|         | **Chair’s Remarks**  
Prabir De, Senior Fellow, Research and Information System for Developing Countries, New Delhi, India |
|         | **Designated Panelists**  
Manab Majumdar, Assistant Secretary General, Federation of Indian Chambers of Commerce & Industry  
Manzur Ahmed, Advisor, Federation of Bangladesh Chamber of Commerce & Industries  
Pradhan R. K. Sinha, Under Secretary, Ministry of Road Transport & Highways, Government of India  
Manas Bhattacharya, Senior Consultant, ESCAP South and South-West Asia Office  
Puspa Sharma, Research Director, South Asia Watch on Trade, Economics and Environment, Kathmandu, Nepal  
Md. Adnan Jalil, Visiting Fellow, Sustainable Development Policy Institute, Islamabad, Pakistan |