

PROJECT INCEPTION WEBINAR-III

Bangladesh, Bhutan, India, Nepal

Infrastructure and Development Needs for Multi-Modal Connectivity

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It is frequently a most reiterated fact that South Asia is one of the least integrated and the least connected region in the world. However, of late, political will for infrastructure and regulatory coherence for seamless connectivity, across standalone as well as inter-operable infrastructural nodes, is particularly anchored through the Bangladesh, Bhutan, India and Nepal (BBIN) group of countries.

A seamlessly connected BBIN sub-region is getting more and more important for greater intra and inter-regional connectivity in South Asia and with Southeast Asia, respectively. It will even be more essential in a post Covid world. However, supporting connectivity efforts of multi-modal dimensions in the sub-region will require clear understanding of ground level challenges to both physical and digital infrastructure, policy and regulatory coherence.

In that context, CUTS International and its partners seek to solicit discussions that can further shape an informed political economy discourse for multi-modal connectivity in the sub-region.

While the previous two Webinars discussed project's goals, objectives and expected outcomes as well as the scope of comparative learnings, this Webinar will discuss how multi-modal connectivity could help BBIN countries address the pandemic exposed supply chain deficiencies and in future insulate them from a resultant economic crisis. Furthermore, the imperative for BBIN countries to consider multi-modal connectivity as a development necessity, particularly for the revival of jobs and livelihood opportunities will also be discussed.

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