

## Multi-Stakeholder Dialogue

On

### Promoting Cross-border Trade through Trans-boundary Waterways between Bangladesh, Bhutan and India

Wednesday, September 29<sup>th</sup>, 2021

Time: 09:30 to 14:30 (IST)

The Lily Hotel, Guwahati, India

(Also virtually on Zoom)

### Agenda

<b>09:00 - 09:30</b>	<b>Registration and Welcome Tea</b>
<b>09:30 - 10:30</b>	<p><i>Opening Session</i></p> <p><b>Welcome Remarks</b> Bipul Chatterjee, Executive Director, CUTS International Biswajit Chakraborty, Director, North-East Advisory Council, Federation of Indian Chambers of Commerce and Industry</p> <p><b>Special Address</b> Shah Mohammad Tanvir Monsur, Bangladesh Assistant High Commissioner, Guwahati, Assam</p>
<b>10:30 - 10:45</b>	<b>Tea/Coffee Break</b>
<b>10:45 - 12:15</b>	<p><i>Session - I - Panel Discussion</i></p> <p><b><u>Theme:</u></b> Reviving Transboundary Waterways for Cross Border Trade</p> <p><i>This session aims to build consensus among the government authorities of Bangladesh, Bhutan and India and international institutions to have an inclusive approach for cross-border trade via trans-boundary waterways, thereby contributing to sub-regional cooperation.</i></p> <p><b>Chair</b> Subimal Bhattacharjee, Director, Jookto</p> <p><b>Panelists</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Samudra Gupta Kashyap, State Information Commissioner, Government of Assam</li> <li>• Mohammad Rafiqul Islam, Director, Marine Safety and Traffic, Bangladesh Inland Water Transport Authority</li> <li>• Archana Chatterjee, Programme Manager, International Union for Conservation of Nature</li> <li>• Ashutosh Gautam, Member (Technical, Traffic &amp; Logistics), Inland Waterways Authority of India</li> </ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Surendra Singh, Director, Inland Waterways Authority of India, Guwahati</li> <li>• Abhijit Ghosh, Assistant Professor, Mahatma Gandhi College, West Bengal</li> </ul>
<b>12:15 - 13:45</b>	<p><b>Session – II - Panel Discussion</b></p> <p><b>Theme:</b> Engaging the Private Sector, Community-based and Youth Organisations for Inclusive Trade</p> <p><i>This session aims to enhance buy-in for the private sector, and local communities in Bangladesh, Bhutan and India for using waterways as an alternate mode of transportation.</i></p> <p><b>Chair</b> Captain Rakesh Singh, Secretary, Indian Coastal Ship Owner’s Association</p> <p><b>Panelists</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Mayuri Phukan, Youth Basin Ambassador, Oxfam</li> <li>• Avli Verma, Researcher, Manthan Adhyayan Kendra</li> <li>• Atowar Rahman, President, Dhubri Waterways International Traders Association</li> <li>• Trinity Saioo, Assistant General Secretary, Hills Curcumin &amp; Spice Producer Society</li> <li>• Dipak Gyawali, Former Minister of Water Resources of Nepal, and Chair, Nepal Water Conservation Foundation (Virtually)</li> <li>• Shanta Soheli Moyna, Natural Resource Specialist, Climate Justice and Natural Resource Rights, Oxfam, Bangladesh (Virtually)</li> </ul>
<b>13:45 - 14:00</b>	<p><b>Concluding Session</b></p> <p><b>Wrap-up</b> Shobhit Chepe, Consultant – Advocacy Coordinator, Oxfam</p> <p><b>Vote of Thanks</b> Saurabh Kumar, Fellow, CUTS International</p>
<b>14:00– 14:30</b>	<b>Networking Lunch</b>