



Public Private Dialogue
On
Cross-border Tourism, Cruise Operations and Community Concerns between India and Bangladesh

Thursday, 29th April 2021
Time: 09:30 to 14:30 (IST)
The Lily Hotel, Guwahati, Assam, India
(Virtually from Bangladesh)

Draft Agenda

09:30 – 10:00	Registration and Welcome Tea
10:00 – 11:00	<p>Opening Session</p> <p><i>Theme:</i> <i>How cross-border tourism and cruise operations can be increased, what are gaps in current policies and standard operating procedures and how those gaps can be filled with sustainable interventions?</i></p> <p>Welcome Remarks</p> <p>Saurabh Kumar, Fellow, CUTS International</p> <p>Opening Remarks</p> <p>Surendra Singh, Director, Regional Office (Guwahati) Inland Waterways Authority of India (IWAI)*</p> <p>Special Address</p> <p>Bharat Bushan Dev Choudhury, Director, Inland Water Transport, Government of Assam*</p> <p>Sharmila Khanam, Deputy Director, Bangladesh Inland Water Transport Authority* (virtually from Bangladesh)</p> <p>General discussion and questions by participants</p>
11:00 - 11:15	Tea Break

<p>11:15 - 12:45</p>	<p>Panel Discussion</p> <p><i>Theme:</i> <i>How sustainable and inclusive practices can be implemented with cruise operators in India and Bangladesh with an objective of improving the livelihood options of local communities so that conflicts on access to water resources can be reduced?</i></p> <p>Moderator</p> <p>Arun Roy, Former Chief Engineer, IWAI and Consultant CUTS International</p> <p>Panelists/Interventions:</p> <p>Subimal Bhattacharjee, Director, Jookto, Assam*</p> <p>Ashish Phookan, Managing Director, Assam Bengal Navigation Company*</p> <p>Shanti Doley, Director, Brahmaputra Cruise Private Limited*</p> <p>R. Sushila, Executive Director, Vivada Inland Waterways Limited*</p> <p>Praveen Kumar Rashtogi, Director, M/S Indus River Cruises Private Limited*</p> <p>Raj Singh, Director, M/S Heritage River Cruises Pvt. Ltd*</p> <p>Basant Kumar Singhee, Director, M/S. Eastern Navigation Pvt. Ltd*</p> <p>Shikha Jalan, Director, M/S. River Waterlink Pvt. Ltd*</p> <p>Shobhit Chepe, TROSA Lead (Consultant), Oxfam India*</p> <p>Cruise operator/stakeholders from Bangladesh*</p> <p>General discussion and questions by participants</p>
<p>12:45 - 13:00</p>	<p>Wrap-up</p> <p>Srijata Deb, Research Associate, CUTS International</p> <p>Vote of Thanks</p> <p>Saurabh Kumar, Fellow, CUTS International</p> <p>Enamul Mazid Khan Siddique, Head of Climate Justice and Natural Resource Rights, Oxfam Bangladesh* (virtually from Bangladesh)</p>
<p>13:00 – 14:30</p>	<p>Networking Lunch</p>

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