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**Public Private Dialogue**  
**on**  
**Promoting Cross-border Tourism in India and Bangladesh through Trans-boundary Waterways**  
**Friday, October 29<sup>th</sup>, 2021 | Time: 10:00 to 14:30 (IST)**  
**The Lily Hotel, Guwahati, India**

**AGENDA**

<b>09:30 – 10:00</b>	<b>Registration and Welcome Tea</b>
<b>10:00 – 11:00</b>	<p><i>Opening Session</i></p> <p><b>Welcome Remarks</b> Saurabh Kumar, Fellow, CUTS International</p> <p><b>Opening Remarks</b> Biswajit Chakraborty, Director, North-East Advisory Council, Federation of Indian Chambers of Commerce and Industry</p> <p><b>Special Address</b> Dipankar Barua, Chairman, FICCI Assam State Council and MD, Landmark Hotels</p>
<b>11:00 – 11:15</b>	<b>Tea/Coffee Break</b>
<b>11:15 – 12:15</b>	<p><i>Session – I - Panel Discussion</i></p> <p><b>Theme:</b> Cross-border tourism and regulations</p> <p><i>This session aims to build consensus among relevant stakeholders to have an inclusive approach for cross-border tourism, cruise operations via transboundary waterways and having compatible and mutually agreed regulations.</i></p> <p><b>Chair</b> Anuradha Goswami, Deputy Director-NE Initiative, Indian Chamber of Commerce</p> <p><b>Panelists</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Mohammad Saiful Hassan, Deputy Director (Research &amp; Planning), (Deputy Secretary), Bangladesh Tourism Board, Bangladesh</li><li>• Kaushik Kumar Borah, Managing Partner, B &amp; R Riverbourne Cruise</li><li>• Mr. Sanjay Thakur, Promoter, East India Travel Co.</li></ul>
<b>12:15 – 12:30</b>	<b>Break</b>
12:30– 13:45	<p><i>Session – II - Panel Discussion</i></p> <p><b>Theme:</b> Cross-border tourism and community concerns</p>

	<p><i>The focus of the session is to bring together the voices of local communities, and women from India and Bangladesh to the front in relation to cross-border tourism and cruise operations.</i></p> <p><b>Chair</b> Sabyasachi Dutta, Executive Director, Asian Confluence</p> <p><b>Panelists</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Chanmiki Lamin, Shnongpdeng Tourism Development Society, Dawki, Meghalaya</li> <li>• Akshay Jyoti Sarma, Assistant Professor, OKD Institute of Social Change and Development</li> <li>• Kamesh Salam, Founder and CEO, South Asia Bamboo Foundation</li> </ul> <p><b>Wrap-up</b> Vinuthna Patibandla, Programme Officer, Oxfam</p> <p><b>Vote of Thanks</b> Saurabh Kumar, Fellow, CUTS International</p>
<b>13:45 – 14:30</b>	<b>Networking Lunch</b>

(All are invited)

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