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## BANGLADESH-BHUTAN-INDIA-NEPAL

**Enabling A Political Economy Discourse For Multi-modal Connectivity**

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# Our Approach

- Identify the status, depth and scope for freight transport infrastructure and regulatory inter-operability across key BBIN corridors
- Assess the political economy gaps in creating an enabling discourse for human-centric reforms (e.g. bio-security, jobs and livelihood dimensions )
- Identify key infrastructure, institutional and governance challenges to the evolving and potential multi-modal transport infrastructure (both for trade and tourism)
- Suggest alternative and innovative infrastructure connectivity and digital solutions to real and perceived concerns

## Proposed Corridors for Multi-modal Connectivity (1/2)

- **Kathmandu (Nepal) to Mongla and Chattogram Ports in Bangladesh via India**
- **Kathmandu to Kolkata-Haldia and Vishakhapatnam in India** (alternative inter-modal accessibility for Nepal to India's NW-1 i.e. from Varanasi to Nautanwa, Kaughat to Raxaul and Sahibganj to Biratnagar )

## Proposed Corridors for Multi-modal Connectivity (2/2)

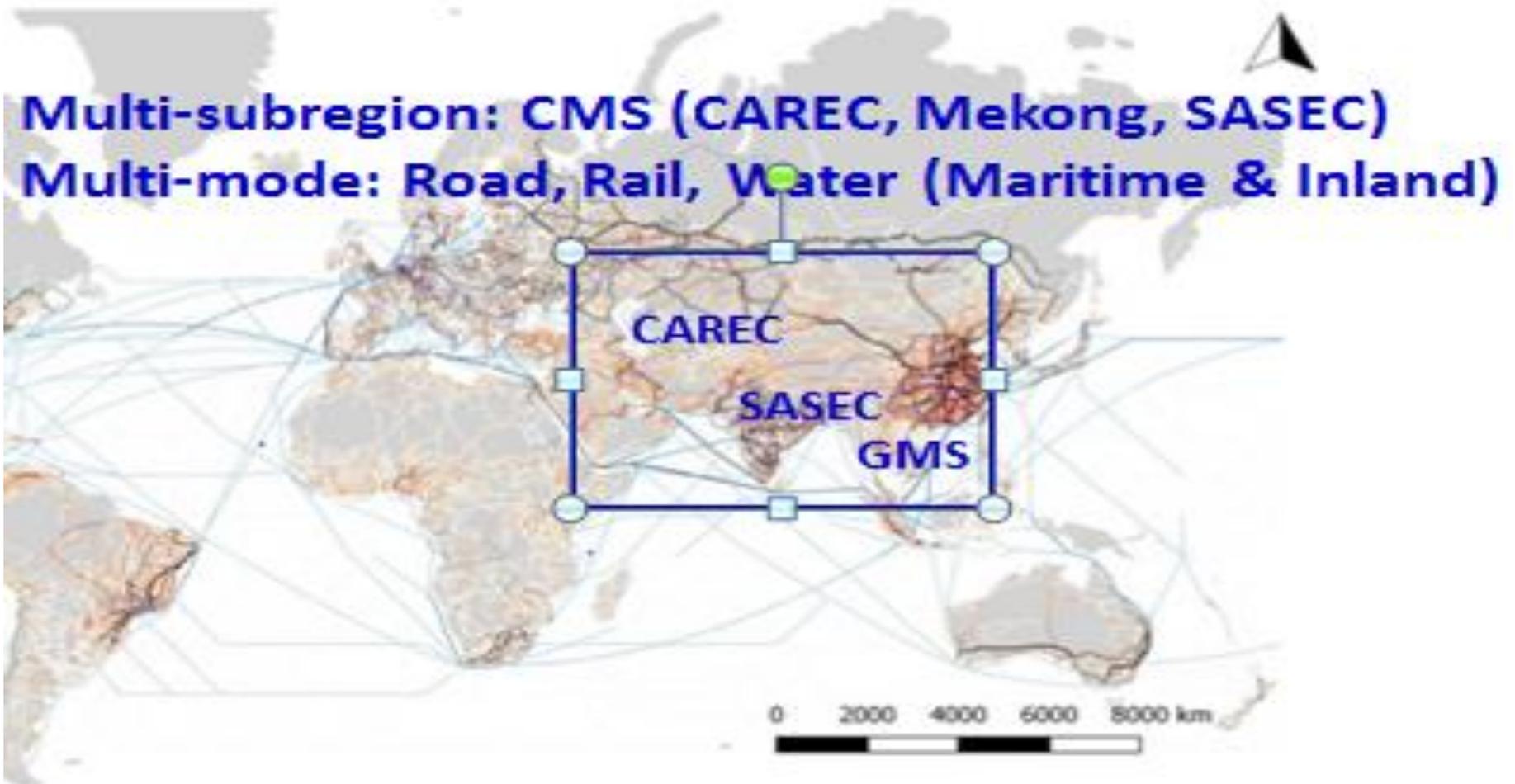
- **Bhutan and Northeast (NE) India to Jogighopa, Assam (India) to Chittagong and Mongla Ports** [multi-modal transport and transit access by road, inland waterways and railways]
- **India to India via Bangladesh** [Kolkata (West Bengal) to Agartala (Tripura) and Karimganj ( Assam) and coastal shipping dimensions for the Northeast region of India]

# Implementation Roadmap

- Identify existing and potential infrastructure nodes for field surveys in consultation with **Partners** as well as **ADB**, **WBG** and **JICA**
- Develop *(as well as provide interface between)* Questionnaires and Stakeholder Engagement Performance Index (SEPI)
- Undertake trade profiling exercise with an aim to understand the welfare impacts of enhanced connectivity on farmers, small traders, villagers particularly women *(by understanding the challenges and scope for developing inclusive infrastructure access for communities (for example, the ArthGanga project))*

# Scope for Collaborative Linkages (ADB)

Learning from Strategic Transport Planning



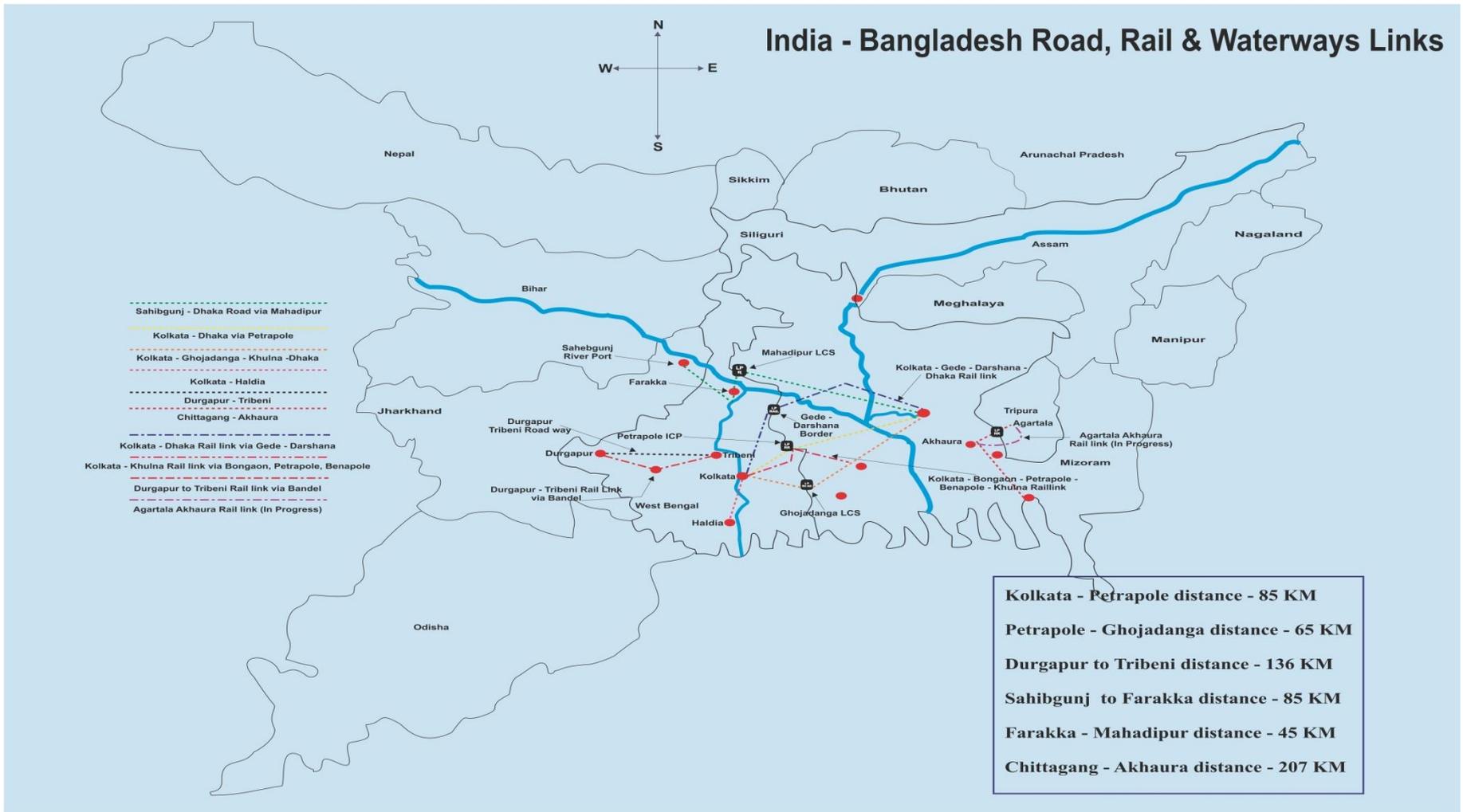
# Scope for Collaborative Linkages (JICA)

Signifying the Impacts of Infrastructure Projects



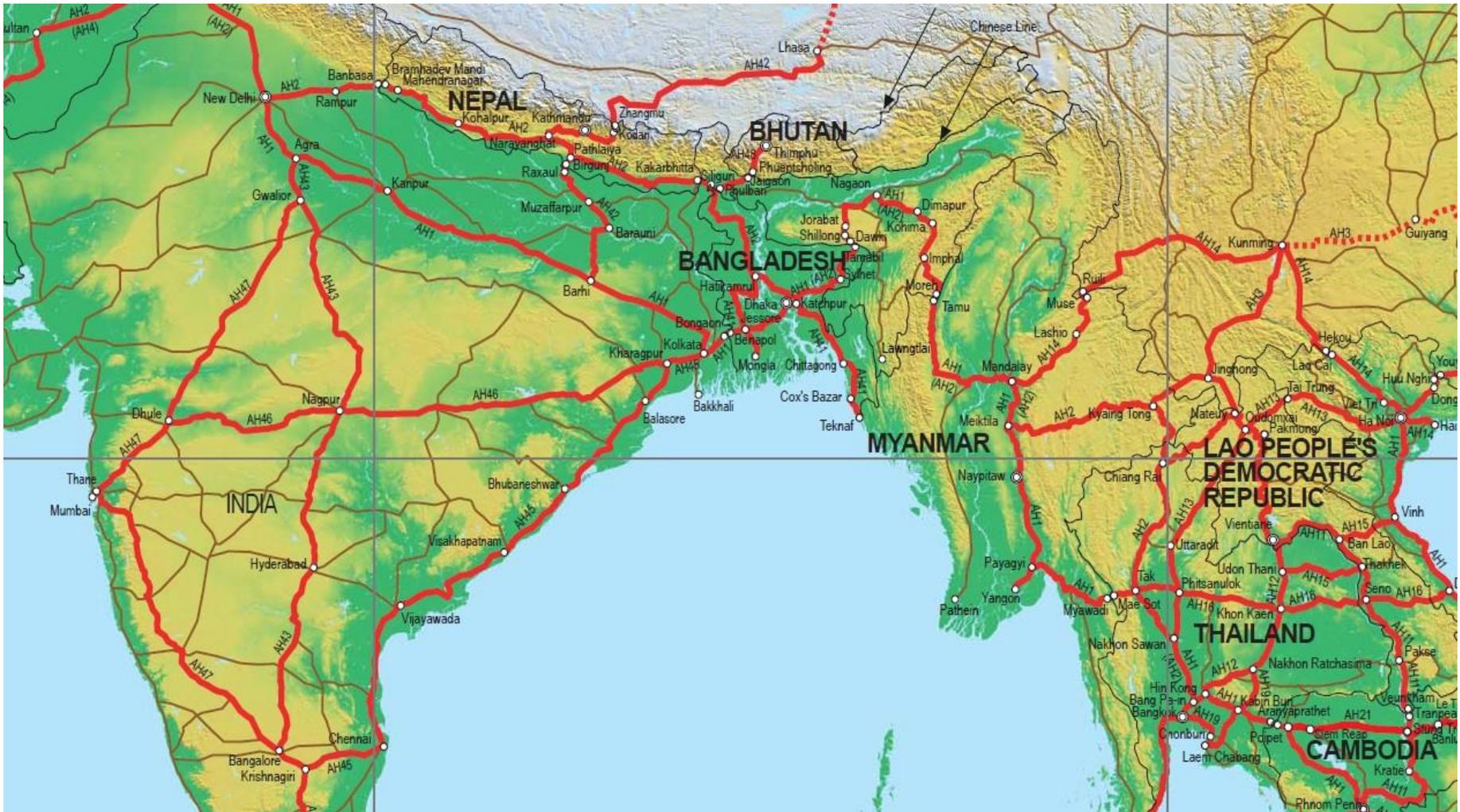
# Scope for Collaborative Linkages (WBG)

## Towards a Competitive Landscape Linkages



# Scope for Collaborative Linkages (UNESCAP)

Understanding Asian Highway Routes and BBIN Connectivity



# Linkages with Other Initiatives

Explore BBIN Plus Linkages (particularly with a focus on Southeast Asia)

- **In the present and future context of bilateral, regional as well as inter-governmental initiatives (for example, the Asian Highway Network, Trans-Asian Railway Network, Dry Ports of international importance)**
- **Explore synergies with initiatives such as WTO Trade Facilitation Agreement and the UN Sustainable Development Goals**

**Thank You**