

# Role of Bhutan and Nepal in multi-modal connectivity in the BBIN sub-region

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The BBIN sub-region is experiencing a huge boost in multi-modal connectivity initiatives in recent years. Strengthening and integrating various modes of transportation bring immense economic potential for the sub-region. As landlocked countries it is important for Bhutan and Nepal to integrate various modes of transportation to do trade as well as enhance people-to-people contact within and beyond their neighbours in a time- and cost-effective manner.

The on-going development of multi-modal transport connectivity in the BBIN sub-region particularly those between India and Bangladesh present an opportunity for Bhutan and Nepal to enhance access and affordability for the movement of their goods and people. Similarly, the aviation sector has an important role to play as there is a limited scope for developing rail and inland waterways transport networks in these countries due to their distinct geographical features.

Give this context, this webinar will deliberate on two CUTS publications:

- [Emerging Multimodal Connectivity in the BBIN sub-region: Possibilities for Competitive Linkages and Potential Benefits to Bhutan](#)
- [Aviation Logistics in the BBIN Sub-region: Pathways for greater resilience](#)

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