













WEBINAR INVITATION

Bangladesh, Bhutan, India, Nepal **Enabling a Political Economy Discourse for Multi-Modal Connectivity (M-CONNECT)**





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It is frequently the most reiterated fact that South Asia is one of the least integrated and the least connected region in the world. However, of late, political will for infrastructure and regulatory coherence for seamless connectivity, across standalone as well as inter-operable infrastructural nodes, is particularly anchored through the Bangladesh, Bhutan, India and Nepal (BBIN) group of countries.

A seamlessly connected BBIN sub-region is getting more and more important for greater intra and inter-regional connectivity in South Asia and with Southeast Asia, respectively. However, supporting connectivity efforts of multi-modal dimensions in the sub-region will require clear understanding of ground level challenges to both physical and digital infrastructure, policy and regulatory coherence.

It is also important to shed light on the conditions and factors responsible for successful regional/sub regional/bilateral intermodal and multimodal connectivity initiatives in Central, South and Southeast Asian countries.

In that context, CUTS International and its partners seek to solicit discussions that can further shape an informed political economy discourse for multi-modal connectivity in the sub-region. It will also seek to discuss why and how multi-modal connectivity can be better presented as a development necessity in the BBIN sub-region, particularly, in a post-COVID world.

The first and inaugural webinar will provide a glimpse into the project's goal, objectives and expected outcome. It will be followed by two more webinars, which will be held on 14th July and 21st July, 2020.

> The webinar will be organised through Zoom platform. The meeting link will be shared to the registered participants only.

> > To register: https://bit.ly/2NJbkje