India’s cross-border connectivity projects, especially in eastern Southern Asia (Bangladesh, Bhutan, India and Nepal, BBIN) has gained considerable traction in recent years. With the hard and soft infrastructure falling in place, India’s Northeastern region will truly become the bridgehead between the South Asian and Southeast Asian neighbourhood.

Ironically, the first cross-border project that India had initiated in the Northeast region, the Kaladan Multi-Modal Transit Transport Project (KMMTP), more than two decades ago, is yet to take off, while some of those planned later have become functional. Not only has there been inordinate delays in completing the KMMTP, but the Arakan Army, an ethnic rebel group, functioning in the same area with its heightened hostility in recent times has put the future of the ambitious project at risk.

Keeping this context in mind, CUTS International and its partners with their project on multi-modal connectivity in the BBIN sub-region has published a Briefing Paper on this topic. It is written by Sreeradha Datta of the Vivekananda International Foundation, New Delhi.

Therefore, this webinar, in an endeavour to put forth the recommendations made in this Briefing Paper will discuss the scope for accelerating diplomatic efforts for the successful implementation of the Kaladan Multi-Modal Transit Transport Project between India and Myanmar.