

National Policy Dialogue

Tuesday, February 27, 2018, New Delhi

Creating an Enabling & Inclusive Policy and Political Economy Discourse for Trade, Transport and Transit Facilitation in and among Bangladesh, Bhutan, India, Nepal and Myanmar

Facilitating implementation and stakeholder buy-in in the Bay of Bengal Region

Agenda

0930 - 1000	Registration
1000 - 1100	<p>Welcome and Introduction Bipul Chatterjee, Executive Director, CUTS International</p> <p>Welcome Remarks Duncan Overfield, Senior Regional Economic Adviser, Asia Regional Team, Department for International Development, UK</p> <p>Special Address</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sandeep Kumar, Commissioner (Customs & Export Promotion), Central Board of Excise & Customs, Department of Revenue, Government of India • Ravinder Goyal, Advisor, Transport, NITI Aayog • Chad R. Norberg, Trade and Technology Unit Chief, Embassy of the United States of America
1100 - 1130	Networking Break
1130 - 1300	<p>Regional Connectivity through the Political Economy and Gender Lens</p> <p>Chair: M P Bezbaruah, Former Member, North Eastern Council, Ministry of the Development of North East Region, Government of India</p> <p>Key Research Findings and Trends with Focus on India</p> <p>Presentation: Prithviraj Nath, Associate Director, CUTS International</p> <p>Panellists:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mandakini Kaul, Senior Regional Cooperation Officer (South Asia), The World Bank • Diya Nag, Senior Program Officer, The Asia Foundation • Sabyasachi Dutta, Founder Director, Asian Conference • Subir Bhowmick, South Asia Correspondent and Senior Editor, BD News 24* • Nilanjan Banik, Professor, Bennett University
1300 - 1400	Lunch

<p>1400 – 1530</p>	<p>Infrastructure Challenges to Connectivity and Possible Solutions</p> <p>Chair: B R Sharma, Chairman, Land Port Authority of India, Department of Border Management, Ministry of Home Affairs, Government of India</p> <p>Panellists</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A D James, Deputy Secretary, Ministry of Road Transport and Highways, Government of India • Soumya Chattopadhyay, Consultant, Regional Cooperation, Asian Development Bank • Pritam Banerjee, Senior Director, Corporate Public Policy (South Asia), DHL Limited* • Paresh Agarwal, General Manager (International Marketing), Container Corporation of India Ltd. • Sandeep Raj Jain, Economic Affairs Officer, United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific
<p>1530 – 1600</p>	<p>Networking Break</p>
<p>1600 – 1730</p>	<p>Procedural Challenges to Connectivity and Possible Solutions</p> <p>Chair: Rajat Nag, Former Director General, Asian Development Bank</p> <p>Discussants</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hardeep Batra, Additional Commissioner, WCO Cell, Central Board of Excise & Customs, Department of Revenue, Government of India* • Anurag Sharma, Deputy Secretary, FT (South Asia/SAARC/Iran), Department of Commerce, Government of India • Shankar Shinde, President, Indian Institute of Freight Forwarders • Debasish Dutta, Chairman, Federation of Freight Forwarders Association in India*
<p>1730 – 1800</p>	<p>Way Forward</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Duncan Overfield, Senior Regional Economic Adviser, Asia Regional Team, Department for International Development, UK • Bipul Chatterjee, Executive Director, CUTS International
<p>1900 – 2200</p>	<p>Reception and Dinner</p>

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