

National Policy Dialogue

Tuesday, February 27, 2018, New Delhi

Creating an Enabling and 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

Proposed 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 Bhupinder Singh Bhalla, Joint Secretary (South Asia/SAARC/Iran), Department of Commerce, Government of India* Sandeep Kumar, Commissioner (Customs & Export Promotion), Central Board of Excise & Customs, Department of Revenue, Government of India Sudhakar Dalela, Joint Secretary (North), Ministry of External Affairs, Government of India*</p>
1100 – 1130	Networking Break
1130 – 1300	<p>Regional Connectivity through the Political Economy and Gender Lens</p> <p><i>Chair:</i> 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><i>Presentation:</i> 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*
1300 – 1400	Lunch

1400 – 1530	<p>Infrastructure Challenges to Connectivity and Possible Solutions</p> <p><i>Chair:</i> B R Sharma, Chairman, Land Port Authority of India, Department of Border Management, Ministry of Home Affairs, Government of India</p> <p><i>Panellists</i></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*
1530 – 1600	<p>Networking Break</p>
1600 – 1730	<p>Procedural Challenges to Connectivity and Possible Solutions</p> <p><i>Chair:</i> Rajat Nag, Former Director General, Asian Development Bank</p> <p><i>Discussants</i></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 • Goutam Ghosh, Additional Director, Federation of Indian Chambers of Commerce & Industry* • Nisha Taneja, Professor, Indian Council for Research on International Economic Relations*
1730 – 1800	<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
1900 – 2200	<p>Reception and Dinner</p>

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