

Stakeholders' Conference

Assessment of Bangladesh-India Trade Potentiality Need for Cross-Border Transport Facilitation & Mutual Recognition of Standards

15-16 November 2013, Kolkata, India

Agenda

Friday, November 15, 2013	
1700-1730	Registration
1730-1900	Opening The objective of this session is to present some major findings of Bangladesh-India trade potentiality assessment and to discuss the need for addressing some major non-tariff barriers affecting cross-border trade through bilateral cooperation on trade and transport facilitation.
	Welcome Remarks <i>Pradeep S. Mehta, Secretary General, CUTS International</i>
	Introductory Remarks <i>Mustafizur Rahman, Executive Director, Centre for Policy Dialogue, Dhaka</i> <i>Bipul Chatterjee, Deputy Executive Director, CUTS International</i>
	Opening Remarks <i>S. K. Sinha, Commissioner Customs, Ministry of Finance, Department of Revenue, Government of India</i> <i>Jahangir Bin Alam, Secretary & CEO, India-Bangladesh Chamber of Commerce</i>
	Keynote Address <i>Abida Islam, Deputy High Commissioner, Bangladesh</i>
	Vote of Thanks <i>Keya Ghosh, Director, CUTS Calcutta Resource Centre</i>
1900	Reception & Dinner

Saturday, November 16, 2013	
0900-1100	<p>Technical Session Assessment of Bangladesh-India Trade Potentiality <i>Need for Cross-Border Transport Facilitation & Mutual Recognition of Standards</i> The objective of this session is to identify issues/concerns of cross-border transport facilitation and mutual recognition of standards, particularly those related to Sanitary and Phyto-Sanitary measures.</p>
	<p>Chair's Remarks <i>Muhammad Iqbal Tabish, Secretary General, SAARC Chamber of Commerce and Industry</i></p> <p>Thematic Presentations <i>Khondker Golam Moazzem, Additional Research Director, Centre for Policy Dialogue, Dhaka</i> <i>Prithviraj Nath, Consultant, CUTS International</i> <i>Nilanjan Banik, Consultant, CUTS International</i></p> <p>Designated Commentators <i>Mir Shahabuddin Mohammad, Secretary General, Federation of Bangladesh Chamber of Commerce & Industries</i> <i>K Anabarasu, Deputy Director General, Eastern Region, Bureau of Indian Standards</i> <i>Mahbubul Anam, President, Bangladesh Freight Forwarders Association</i></p>
1100-1130	Break
1130-1330	<p>Panel Discussion Regional Connectivity in South Asia and Its Impact on the Local Economy The objective of this session is to discuss major impediments to better regional connectivity in South Asia, how to address them at political and ground level and what would be the impact on the local economy if they are effectively addressed.</p>
	<p>Chair's Remarks <i>Prabir De, Senior Fellow, Research and Information System for Developing Countries, New Delhi, India</i></p> <p>Designated Panelists <i>Manab Majumdar, Assistant Secretary General, Federation of Indian Chambers of Commerce & Industry</i> <i>Manzur Ahmed, Advisor, Federation of Bangladesh Chamber of Commerce & Industries</i> <i>Pradhan R. K. Sinha, Under Secretary, Ministry of Road Transport & Highways, Government of India</i> <i>Manas Bhattacharya, Senior Consultant, ESCAP South and South-West Asia Office</i> <i>Puspa Sharma, Research Director, South Asia Watch on Trade, Economics and Environment, Kathmandu, Nepal</i> <i>Md. Adnan Jalil, Visiting Fellow, Sustainable Development Policy Institute, Islamabad, Pakistan</i></p>