





Project Inception & Partners Training Event

Border Haats between India and Bangladesh as a tool to reduce informal cross-border trade between the two countries 12 – 13 January 2019, Agartala, Tripura, India

<u>Agenda</u>

Day - 1 (12/01/2019)	
09:30 - 10:00	Registration
10:00 - 10:30 (Opening Session)	 Welcome Address and Introduction to the Project By Bipul Chatterjee, Executive Director, CUTS International Keynote Address: H E Kiriti Chakma, Assistant High Commissioner, Bangladesh Assistant High Commission at Agartala Special Address (s): Mohit Sippy, Senior Programme and Policy Manager, Asia Regional at Department for International Development (DFID) Swapna Debnath, Additional Director, Department of Industries and Commerce, Govt of Tripura Monoj kumar Roy, Former additional Secretary, Ministry of Commerce, Government of Bangladesh
10:30 - 10:45	Tea Break
10:45 – 13:00 Technical Session - I	 Introducing of Project Advisory Committee (PAC) & State Level Mentors (SLM) Project Activities and Expected Outcome, By Bratindra Bhattacharya, Director, CUTS Remarks by: PAC & SLM & Discussion on View Point Papers Moderator: Udai S Mehta, Deputy Executive Director, CUTS
13:00 - 14:00	Lunch

14:00 – 17:00 Technical Session – II	Partner's view and implementation strategy of the project By Representative of Unnayan Shamannay Introduction of CUTS research team for the project By Bratindra Bhattacharya, Director, CUTS Interactive Session • Experience sharing • Finalisation of scoping visit • Literature review • Methodology • Monitoring & evaluation • Dissemination. Chair: Bipul Chatterjee, Executive Director, CUTS International Panelists: • Representative, CUTS • Representative, Unnayan Shamannay • PAC Members • SLM Members Open floor discussion and conclusion	
17:00 - 17:30 Concluding Session	 Concluding Remarks: Bipul Chatterjee, Executive Director, CUTS International Mohit Sippy, Senior Programme and Policy Manager, Asia Regional at Department for International Development (DFID) Nazneen Ahmed, PhD, Senior Research Fellow, Bangladesh Institute of Development Studies (BIDS) 	
17:30 - 17:45	Vote of Thanks and Tea	
	Day - 2 (13/01/2019)	
09:00 – 12:00 (Introduction with Border Haat)	Initial round of exposure visits to Kamalasagar – Kasba Border haat, Sepahijala District Bishramganj, Tripura	
13:00	Lunch and Departure	