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Connectivity and Trade Facilitation in the Bay of Bengal Region
Role of the BBIN Motor Vehicles Agreement

Tuesday, August 13, 2019, at India International Centre, New Delhi

Draft Agenda

09:30 – 10:00	Registration
10:00 – 10:30	Welcome Remarks and Presentation of Key Findings Bipul Chatterjee, Executive Director, CUTS International
10:30 – 11:00	Break
11:00 – 13:00	<p>Panel Discussion</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • BBIN Motor Vehicles Agreement can be a game-changing initiative, which will help free cargo and passenger movements across these countries in the BBIN sub-region. Which one is more important? Overall opportunity enhancement for better market access and huge consumer gain or country-specific short-term loss of business? • What would be three major steps needed to be taken by the government of the respective country to implement this Agreement by addressing immediate challenges including socio-political issues, mistrust, and vested interest, which are identified as possible obstacles for its successful implementation? • Is the BBIN Motor Vehicles Agreement a precursor to set the stage for multi-modal connectivity in this sub-region? • How can it be leveraged to enhance connectivity between these countries with the growth poles of Southeast Asia? <p>Moderator – Bhupinder Singh Bhalla, Additional Secretary, Foreign Trade (South Asia/SAARC/Iran), Department of Commerce, Ministry of Commerce and Industry, Government of India</p> <p>Panellists:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Amitabh Kumar, Commissioner, (Customs & Export Promotion), Central Board of Excise & Customs, Department of Revenue, Ministry of Finance, Government of India • Vikram Doraiswami, Joint Secretary, Bangladesh & Myanmar Division and Indo-Pacific Division, Ministry of External Affairs,

	<p>Government of India</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Piyush Srivastava, Joint Secretary, Northern Division (Nepal & Bhutan), Ministry of External Affairs, Government of India • Kailash Kumar Aggarwal, Joint Secretary (Sagarmala), Ministry of Shipping, Government of India • Abhay Damle, Joint Secretary, ((Transport/RS/Coord. /IC.), Ministry of Road Transport & Highways, Government of India • A D James, Consultant, Asian Development Bank • Shankar Shinde, Vice Chairman, Federation of Freight Forwarders' Associations in India • Manish Mohan, Regional Director-International, South & Central Asia, Confederation of Indian Industry • Sreeradha Dutta, Centre Head, Neighbourhood Studies & Senior Fellow, Vivekananda International Foundation • Nisha Taneja, Indian Council for Research on International Economic Relations <p>Conclusion and Way Forward: Bipul Chatterjee, Executive Director, CUTS International</p>
13:00	Lunch