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Up-scaling India-Bangladesh Border Haats

What, Why and How



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Border haats in designated places in the India-Bangladesh border have largely been successful in increasing local livelihood opportunities by fostering better cross-border transactions, facilitating people-to-people contact, reducing informal trade, enhancing border security, strengthening bilateral relationship and nurturing relationship at local level.

Therefore, it is an imperative to take forward these tangible and intangible benefits in multiple dimensions so that they become centres of excellent, celebrating shared prosperity. To facilitate that it is necessary to create awareness among various stakeholders including government officials and media about the opportunities and challenges of border haats.

Keeping this context in the mind, CUTS International and its partners as part of their project on 'Border Haats' has published three Briefing papers discussing the idea of logical evolution of border haats to '[Border Co-prosperity Zone](#)'; scope of border haats in facilitating [women empowerment](#) and on [role of the media in popularising border haats](#).

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This webinar is an endeavour to discuss the recommendations put forth in these papers, particularly specific steps to be taken to take them forward at various levels.

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