Objectives:

The workshop will consider the draft Final Report of the BTILS Update and Enhancement, with a view to:

i. finalizing recommended BTILS Updated and Enhanced Policies and Strategies;
ii. firming up the priority projects for BIMSTEC Connectivity;
iii. agreeing on the recommended Monitoring Framework for Strategies and Projects;
iv. finalizing the recommended Action Plan and Theme of the BIMSTEC Connectivity Program;
and
v. agreeing on the recommended Institutional Arrangements for BIMSTEC Connectivity implementation.

Day 0: 13 July 2014

1830  Cocktails hosted by ADB

Venue: TBD

Day 1: 14 July 2014

1000-1030  Opening Session

Welcome Remarks – Mr. Sanjay Bhattacharyya, Joint Secretary (South), Ministry of External Affairs of India (MEA) (Workshop Chair)

Opening Remarks – Ms. M. Teresa Kho, Country Director, ADB Resident Mission in India (INRM) (Workshop Co-Chair)

Opening Remarks – Mr. Sumith Nakandala, Secretary General, BIMSTEC

Keynote Address – The Honorable Secretary (East) of the Ministry of External Affairs of the Government of India, Mr. Anil Wadhwa
1030-1045 Group Photo and Tea/ Coffee Break

1045-1105 Brief Opening Statements by Heads of Country Delegations

1105-1145 Session 1: BTILS Updated and Enhanced Policies and Strategies

The meeting will firm up the recommended BTILS updated and enhanced policies and strategies. The Chair/Co-Chair will facilitate agreement on the updated BIMSTEC transport and logistics policies and strategies for recommendation to the BIMSTEC Senior Officials and Ministers.

1145-1230 Session 2: Priority BIMSTEC Projects

The list of priority projects (from a BIMSTEC perspective) to be recommended to the Senior Officials and Ministers will be finalized.

1230-1300 Special Session: Dedicated Freight Corporation of India

Presentation by: Mr. H.D. Gujarati, Director - Operations & Business Development, Dedicated Freight Corporation of India (followed by a 15-minute Q&A)

1300-1400 Lunch

1400-1445 Session 3: Monitoring Framework for Strategies and Projects

The meeting will agree on the recommended methodologies by which the agreed policies and strategies could be monitored (using shortlisted projects as indicators).

1445-1530 Session 4: Action Plan and Theme of the BIMSTEC Connectivity Program

The recommended Action Plan and Theme of the BIMSTEC Connectivity Program will be finalized after short deliberations to be led by the Chair/Co-Chair.

1530-1615 Session 5: Institutional Arrangements for BIMSTEC Connectivity Implementation

The meeting will discuss and agree on the recommended Institutional Arrangements for BIMSTEC Connectivity implementation.

1615-1645 Coffee/Tea Break

1645-1715 Consideration of Workshop Summary

The participants will review the summary of workshop proceedings, paragraph by paragraph, with the aim of formally adopting the summary by the end of the session.
1715-1745  **Wrap Up/Closing Session**

The participants will discuss preparations for the presentation of the BTILS Update and Enhancement Report to the BIMSTEC Senior Officials.

The Chair and Co-Chair will summarize the key results, explain the next steps, and conclude day 1 of the Workshop.

**1900**  *Dinner hosted by Ministry of External Affairs of India*

*Venue: TBD*

Day 2: 15 July 2014

1000-1230  **Field Visit**

1230  **Lunch**