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**Bay of Bengal Initiative for Multi-Sectoral, Technical, and Economic Cooperation
(BIMSTEC) Transport Infrastructure and Logistics Study (BTILS)
Update and Enhancement
Finalization Workshop
Delhi, India
14-15 July 2014**

**Provisional Annotated Agenda
(as of 11 July 2014)**

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



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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.



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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