



**BAY OF BENGAL INITIATIVE FOR MULTI-SECTORAL  
TECHNICAL AND ECONOMIC COOPERATION (BIMSTEC)**



**SIXTEENTH BIMSTEC MINISTERIAL MEETING**

**DRAFT PROGRAMME**

29 AUGUST 2018, Kathmandu, Nepal

<b>Tuesday, 28 August 2018</b>	
	Arrival of Ministers for Foreign/External Affairs in Kathmandu
18:30-20:30	Welcome Dinner by the Hon'ble Minister for Foreign Affairs of Nepal in honour of the Heads of Delegation of BIMSTEC Member States
<b>Wednesday, 29 August 2018</b>	
09:15-09:30	Arrival of the Heads of Delegations and Delegates at the Conference Hall
09:30-09:45	Opening and Welcome Remarks by Hon'ble Mr. Pradeep Kumar Gyawali, Minister for Foreign Affairs of Nepal
09:45-09:50	Election of the Chairperson of the Meeting and Adoption of the Agenda
09:50-11:00	Statements by the Leaders of the Delegations: Bangladesh Bhutan India Myanmar Nepal Sri Lanka Thailand
11:00-11:10	Reports by the Secretary General of BIMSTEC
11:10-11:20	Tea break
11:20-11:30	Briefing on the preparations for the Fourth BIMSTEC Summit
11:30-11:50	Consideration of the Reports of the Special and 19 <sup>th</sup> Senior Officials' Meeting (SOM)
11:50-12:30	Finalization of the BIMSTEC Convention/MoU ready for signature
12:30-14:00	Lunch break
14:00-14:30	Finalization of the Draft Kathmandu Declaration of the Fourth BIMSTEC Summit

14:30-14:35	Any Other Matters
14:35-15:05	Adoption of the Report of the 16 <sup>th</sup> BIMSTEC Ministerial Meeting
15:05-15:10	Handover of the Chairmanship of BIMSTEC Ministerial Meeting
15:10-15:20	Closing Remarks by the Hon'ble Minister for Foreign Affairs of Nepal and closure of the Ministerial Meeting