In recent years, ‘regional infrastructure connectivity’ as a multifaceted concept has broadened and entered into mainstream development discussions. Regional infrastructure connectivity links production clusters in different countries and facilitates cross-border movement of people, goods, services and capital. This connectivity plays a critical role in reducing the cost of doing business and boosting competitiveness, while contributing to the inclusive and sustainable growth associated with productivity and employment opportunities.

To reduce the time and cost of trade and to promote regional connectivity among its member countries, IDB is taking a ‘network-corridor’ approach by supporting the development of Regional Organisation of Islamic Cooperation-Wide Infrastructure Networks and creating Transport-Trade Corridors in different subregions.

This seminar will bring together multilateral development banks, regional cooperation organizations and selected member countries to share experiences and exchange information on best practices to enhance regional connectivity through developing infrastructure networks and regional trade-transport corridors.