

# Country Consultation of India Meeting on CoPSA

New Delhi, May 19, 2012

Consumer Unity & Trust Society (CUTS) organised a consultation meeting of core members of Community of Practice on Social Accountability (CoPSA) from India at CUTS Delhi Resource Centre, New Delhi on May 19, 2012. This meeting was organised with the objective of acquiring suggestions from the stalwarts working in the area of social accountability (SAc) on possible action plan for moving ahead and using it for the advantage of maximum practitioners. The participants from The Asia Foundation, SAMBANDH, Centre for Civil Society, Participatory Research in Asia (PRIA) and Transparency International took part in the meeting along with the participants from CUTS.

George Cheriyan, Director, CUTS chaired the meeting and presented an overview of the intervention and took participants through the journey of CoPSA till now and the activities planned for future. He asked participants to provide their suggestions to move head and maximum benefits which can be acquired by the community of SAc tools.

## Suggestions on Country Action Plan

Facebook: Creating a page for 'Accountability Solutions' on the Facebook and linking it to the website of CoPSA to make convenient for users of Facebook to access the CoPSA website. This will help in popularising the web portal among practitioners within a short span of time.

Governance Network: Bringing all the people having hands on experience to exchange their learnings to enhance the concept and use of SAc. The Governance Network will include people and organisations from every state. The core members will be providing the list available with them to the regional anchor so they can be added in the governance network through CoPSA or Yahoo group.

List of Resource persons/organisations: Putting the list of organisations/resource persons with the description about their activities and their coordinates can be very useful so that anyone can get in touch with them and seek help.

Ask your query: In 'Ask your query' section, the queries raised by users will be simultaneously sent to all resource persons through emails and if anyone interested can answer these.

Publication in regional languages: Transforming publications in regional languages to enhance the outreach to the local level. This will help showcasing practices and faster spread of SAc approaches.

Collaboration with institutes: CoPSA will also try to collaborate with various development institutes from where students can be interested in doing work related to SAc. They can be placed as interns in the organisations working in the area of SAc. The other organisations like PRIA who is having a course on SAc can also provide help by linking their alumni to CoPSA for constructive engagement with CoPSA.

Online course on SA and certification: CoPSA can provide the certificate of appreciation to contributors. It can also start some online course on SAc tools and provide certificate to the

students trained through the course. The experienced practitioners will work as guide for the students enrolled. This will motivate and bring new people in the purview of SAc and also create some market value for them. Later on they can also work as resource person after having experiences.

### List of Participants

<b>Sr.</b>	<b>Name</b>	<b>Organisation</b>
1.	Bibhu Kalyan Mohanty	Sambandh, Bhubneshwar
2.	Mandakini Devasher Surie	The Asia Foundation, New Delhi
3.	Akanksha Bapna	Centre for Civil Society, New Delhi
4.	Alok Pandey	Participatory Research in Asia (PRIA) New Delhi
5.	Ashish Agarwal	Transparency International, New Delhi
6.	George Cheriyan	CUTS International, Jaipur
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