

## PUBLICATIONS

### Research Reports

- Services and Investment Liberalisation and Domestic Regulation: Case Study for Kenya
- Understanding Supply-side Capacity and Export Response: Diagnostic Study in Three Selected Commonwealth Developing Countries
- Changing Global Order: Eastern African Perspective
- EPAs and Services in 2008 and Beyond – What Challenges Lie Ahead for ACP?
- Regulation in Kenya's Electricity and Telecom Sectors

### Monograph/Briefs

- Beyond Rhetoric: Ensuring EPAs Deliver on Development
- Bridging the Gap: Towards a Conducive Policy Framework for Socio-Economic Development in Kenya
- Bridging the Gap: The Road Back to Peace and Economic Growth
- Going Regional
- Ready for Business
- Hoping for a Better Season

### Newsletters

#### Tradequity

A quarterly newsletter which covers news on economic and trade issues in the context of World Trade Organisation (WTO) relevant for Africa.

#### Regional Co-operation and Development Monitor

This quarterly e-newsletter aims to bring out stories and resources from across the continent, relevant for trade and development. The newsletter also presents activities of CUTS in the continent pertaining to the Centre's programmatic areas.

## PARTNERS IN DEVELOPMENT

- Department for International Development (DFID);
- Canadian International Development Agency (CIDA);
- Friedrich Ebert Stiftung (FES);
- Deutsche Gesellschaft für Technische Zusammenarbeit (GTZ);
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# CUTS Africa Resource Centre, Nairobi

*To function as a resource, co-ordination  
as well as networking Centre to promote  
South-South co-operation for sustainable,  
people-centred economic development*



## BACKGROUND

Consumer Unity & Trust Society (CUTS International) has been working out of its offices in India, since 1983. It started off as a consumer rights group working on local issues but has graduated over the years into an international civil society organisation (CSO) having implemented projects combining research, policy advocacy and capacity building in various parts of the world including Asia and Africa.

A decision to establish an office in Nairobi, Kenya was inspired by a regional project on competition policy that CUTS implemented in four countries of eastern and southern Africa. The establishment of CUTS Africa Resource Centre (CUTS ARC) in Nairobi in 2003 was also expected to further consolidate and expand CUTS activities on international trade, competition policy, sectoral regulation and consumer protection in the region. This Centre was conceived to enable sharing lessons and expertise on these issues between Asia and eastern Africa, given Nairobi's strategic location and visibility in the international circuit.



## ABOUT THE CENTRE

ARC, Nairobi, was established to motivate east African CSOs to work on consumer protection, trade and development, competition policy and regulatory issues. It has also been envisaged to function as a resource centre for research, analysis, advocacy, networking and capacity building activities conducted by CUTS International in the region. ARC, Nairobi, works closely with partner institutions in Burundi, Ethiopia, Kenya, Rwanda, Sudan, Tanzania and Uganda, among others. ARC, Nairobi also aims at facilitating a close and beneficial relationship between CSOs and like-minded organisations in the two developing regions of eastern Africa and south Asia.

## OBJECTIVES

- Act as a resource centre for information on trade and development, competition policy, consumer protection, investment policy and regulatory issues;
- Build local and national capacities of multiple stakeholders on various elements of trade and sustainable development;
- Undertake research-based-advocacy and capacity building at the national, regional and international levels; and
- Promote greater South-South civil society co-operation on trade and sustainable development.

## ACTIVITIES

- Policy Research
- Capacity Building and Advocacy
- Co-ordination and Networking
- Information Dissemination and Outreach

## PROGRAMME AREAS

- Trade & Development
- Consumer Education & Awareness
- Competition Policy and Law
- Economic Regulation



## PROJECTS

- **Fostering Equity and Accountability in the Trading System**  
Addressing a core issue of raising awareness among civil society for better coherence between development and trade policies in eastern and southern Africa.
- **Comparative Study of Competition Regimes in Seven Countries of the Commonwealth (7Up)**  
Assessing the national and regional dimensions of competition policy in four countries of the region involving research, advocacy and capacity building.
- **Understanding Supply-side Capacity and Export Response: Diagnostic Studies in Kenya, Uganda and Zambia**  
Examining factors determining export competitiveness in select sectors in these countries and draw lessons thereof.
- **Research Project on Competition Policy and Regulations in the Energy Sector in Kenya**  
Assess overlaps in institutional and regulatory frameworks between the competition and energy regulator, and suggest measures for effective cooperation between them.
- **Building an Inclusive East African Community**  
Support a range of CSOs in Kenya, Rwanda, Tanzania, Uganda and Burundi to examine the implications of external trade policies in the context of welfare and livelihoods, and provide a better understanding of challenges and opportunities *vis-a-vis* trade integration.
- **Economic Roundtables/Public Forum**  
Debate topical social and economic issues in Kenya relevant for national development, growth and welfare.