

CUTS in Africa



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Key Features of our Work

- **CUTS Vision 2034:** Rule-Based Trade + Regulatory Reforms + Good Governance ➔ Sustainable Development
- Over a decade of successful **partnership** with state and non-state actors in DCs and LDCs
- **South-South** cooperation on the ground
- **Demand driven** activities and expansion
- Highlighting **civil society's engagement** in **niche** areas

What did we achieve?



- Successfully applied ‘Triangular Cooperation’
- Greater space and opportunity for civil society’s engagement in trade and regulatory policy issues
- Contribute to reforming Competition & Consumer regimes across several SSAfrican countries
- Capacity building of negotiators; improved information flow between capitals & Geneva (WTO issues)
- Sound working relations with national Govts & regional authorities
- CSO network on Trade and Economic Policy issues
- Africa Competition Forum



Not interested in ‘transactional’ approach but forging ‘long-term relationships’

What did we achieve?

CUTS is a champion of the development interests of developing countries, and a champion of fair globalisation that creates opportunities for the most marginalised amongst developing countries...WTO has benefitted from the knowledge of the problems and limitations of developing countries.

Valentine S. Rugwabiza

Deputy Director General, WTO



CUTS is the first NGO to have stepped out of its boundaries to work in a poor country in Africa to extend its knowledge and experience on economic policy issues as an 'appropriate technology'. The Zambian Competition Commission has benefited from its association with CUTS, which began in 2000; and commended CUTS for providing assistance to other developing countries in Africa and Asia on the subject of competition policy and law.

George K Lipimile

Executive Director, COMESA Competition Commission

CUTS' success in addressing contemporary development issues, from grassroots to the international policy-making arena, has made it one of the globally-noted organisations, particularly in the areas of trade policy and economic development, competition policy and economic regulation, and consumer policy, governance and human development.

Hanna S. Tetteh

Minister for Foreign Affairs and Regional Integration, Ghana



I wish to recognise the support and assistance that the Ministry has received from other ministries and stakeholders such as the University of Namibia, NEPRU and CUTS in India during the drafting of the Competition Law and the process leading to the establishment of the Competition Commission. I am counting on their continued support to the Commission when so required in future.

Hages G. Geingob

Minister of Trade and Industry, Namibia

Thematic areas

- Trade, Regional Integration & Development
- Competition & Regulation
- Investment policy
- Consumer Welfare & Governance
- Emerging issues: agro-industry, climate change, food security, financial literacy/inclusion, business behaviour

CUTS in Africa

- Locally registered Centres in Lusaka (2000), Nairobi (2003), Accra (2013) & Resident Rep in Abuja (2013)
- Strategic partners in more than 25 countries
- Experienced team members (4-7) at Centres
- Local, Eminent and Active Board
- More than a decade of experience in implementation projects at local, national and regional (multi-country) level
- CUTS Africa at HQ (umbilical chord)

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- **CLIMATE CHANGE & FOOD SECURITY in EAC**

Capacity building of national Govt. & RECs on inter-linkages between Trade, Climate Change & Food Security policies – and reflection in policymaking and implementation

- **STRENGTHENING AGRICULTURAL COOPERATIVES**

Working with farmers, co-operative/out-growers and county officials in Kenya to highlight issues for strengthening agri. co-operatives that can boost agro-industries

- **CONTRIBUTION OF INDIA INVESTMENTS IN AFRICA**

Assessing contribution of Indian Investments on local communities using National Voluntary Guidelines (as a 'reference frame') in Kenya, Uganda and Ethiopia

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AMONG TOP 5 THINK TANKS IN ZAMBIA

Zambia Economic Advocacy Programme (ZEAP) continues to support CUTS Lusaka as one of the Top Five Potential Think Tanks in Zambia. ZEAP support resulted in breaking new grounds and knowledge on the pricing dynamics of sugar in Zambia

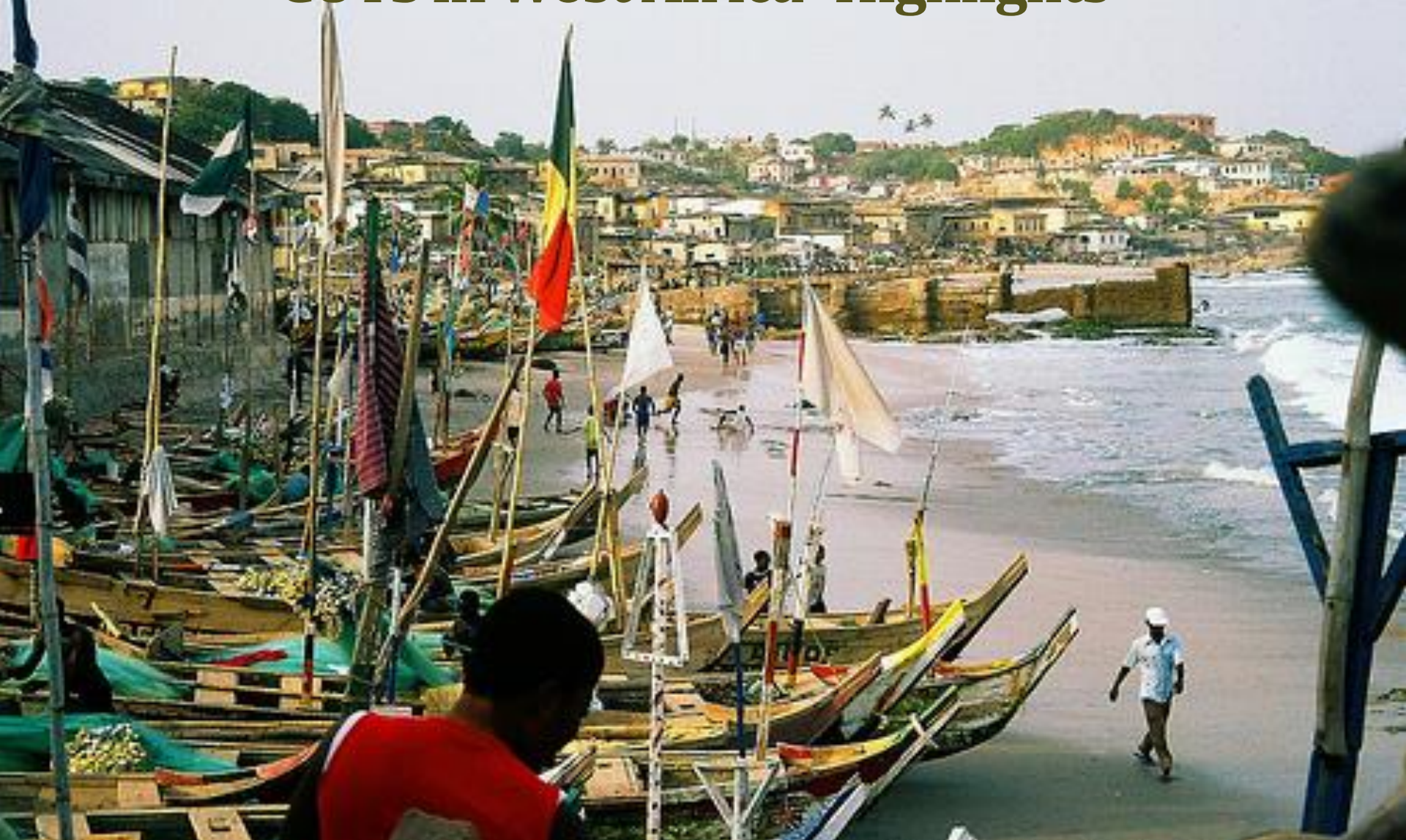
CONSUMER MANIFESTO

Launching of a flagship CUTS Consumer Manifesto which contains key consumer demands ahead of presidential election

CROSS-BORDER TRADERS' CHARTER

Working with World Bank to implement this charter to help cross-border traders, especially women traders

CUTS in West Africa- Highlights



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CUTS ACCRA CELEBRATED ITS FIRST YEAR

The Centre celebrated its one year anniversary. The Centre has become a key contact point for the Ministry of Trade and Industry

PARTNERSHIP WITH THE ECOWAS COMMISSION

Working relationship as a knowledge and capacity building provider. Memorandum of understanding between the two is being signed. Permanent resident representative in Abuja, Nigeria

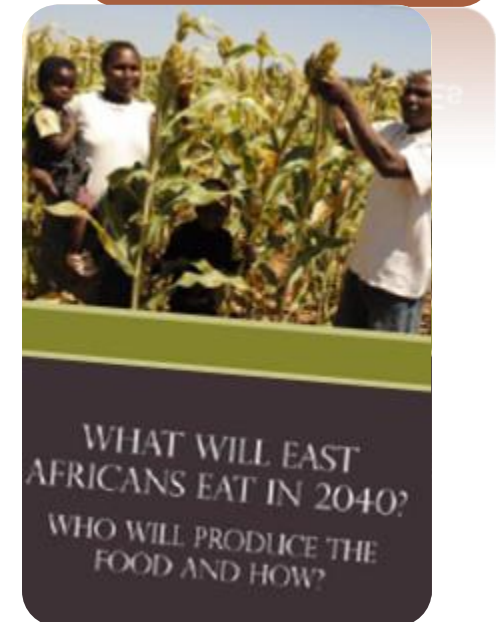
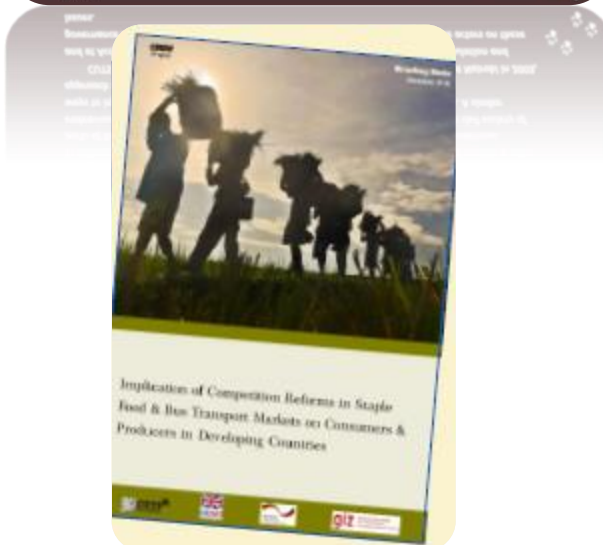
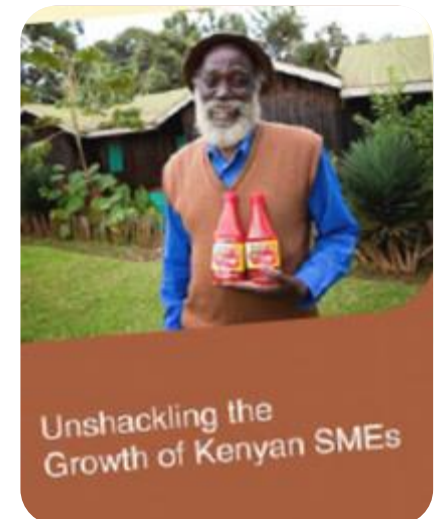
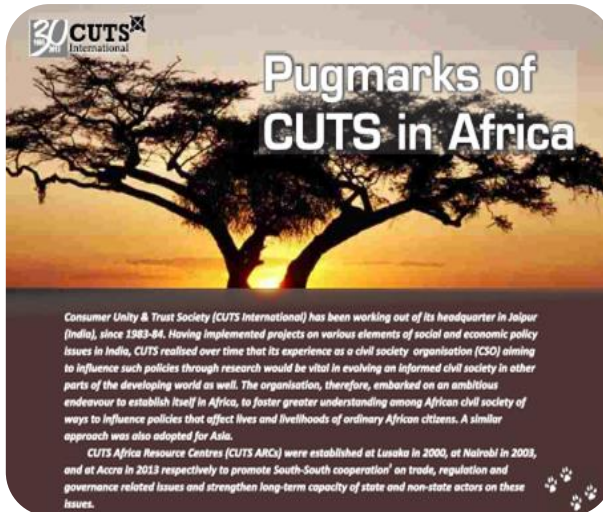
QUARTERLY POLICY ROUND TABLE

Bringing key stakeholders together to discuss issues in the realm of consumer welfare, competition/regulation and trade pertaining to Ghana/ ECOWAS region

Partners in development



Some Publications



Our Teams



Me daa si !



Zikomo!

Asante Sana!