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Our Centres

Established in 1983-84 as a rural development communication initiative, Consumer Unity & Trust Society (CUTS) is now at the cutting edge of the consumer movement in India as well as across the globe and has become a leading Southern voice on trade, regulation and governance.

Today, CUTS International, with a staff of around 150, operates out of:

- Three programme centres in Jaipur (CUTS Centre for International Trade, Economics & Environment, CUTS Centre for Consumer Action, Research & Training and CUTS Centre for Competition, Investment and Economic Regulation), one in Chittorgarh (CUTS Centre for Human Development);
- An advocacy Centre in New Delhi, and a Centre in Calcutta (focussing on Consumer Safety and Grassroots Economic Development), India; and
- Five affiliated centres in Lusaka, Zambia; Nairobi, Kenya; Accra, Ghana; Hanoi, Vietnam; Geneva, Switzerland; and Washington DC (USA)

The organisation elects its Board/Executive Committee every fourth year, while the Secretary-General heads the Secretariat. The organisation is accredited by Credibility Alliance and affiliated with the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD) and several other inter-governmental and non-governmental organisations.

CUTS International's vision is 'Consumer Sovereignty' and mission is 'Consumer Sovereignty in the Framework of Social Justice, Economic Equality and Environmental Balance, Within and Across Borders'. In all its work, it follows the method of research-based advocacy and connects the grassroots with the national and international policymaking processes.

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From the President



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During the past two years, the Covid 19 pandemic has taken a terrible toll throughout the world. The crisis has now been compounded by the ongoing war between Russia and Ukraine that has taken world politics and the global economy and markets by storm.

During this difficult period, the mode of work has had to be changed, mostly depending on virtual rather than in-person meetings. This has been quite challenging. Despite this, CUTS continued to deliver on its mandate; influencing policy through evidence-based advocacy, and most importantly, learning lessons to further develop its work in the future. The forthcoming year will hopefully be a very productive year for CUTS.

As a public policy think tank undertaking action research, CUTS has been active over the years in India as well as several other countries around the world. It has focussed on issues of social justice, economic equality and environmental balance within and across borders. I am confident that the organisation will also play a vital role in the future. I sincerely applaud the able leadership of Pradeep S Mehta, Secretary General, CUTS, for cultivating the organisation since its inception along with a dedicated and professional team.

From the Secretary General



Pradeep S Mehta

Secretary General
CUTS International

As the year 2021 has ended, it is time to anticipate the significant events, lessons learnt, and experiences of the previous year. A common thread that runs through our experiences at the personal, national, and global level is the COVID-19 pandemic. Due to the inception of COVID-19 in late 2019 and 2020, the pandemic in 2021 was not a new surprise, along with the suffering and losses that it brought were unprecedented.

Amid the pandemic, three significant events took place in the world. Several important defence deals were signed between India, the US and Russia to boost her security needs.

The leaders of the Quad – India, Australia, Japan and the US – met at the White House in September 2021 after the US withdrew from Afghanistan and saw the country fall back into the hands of the Taliban. The meeting was significant as it was being seen as a counterweight to China, flexing its muscles in the Indo-Pacific region.

The COP26 summit held in Glasgow in November 2021 pledged to accelerate the fight against rising temperatures. But commitments fall short of what scientists say is needed to contain dangerous rises.

Many things happened throughout the year on the domestic front too. The year witnessed the grand inauguration of the revamped Kashi Vishwanath temple complex by Prime Minister Narendra Modi.

The Narendra Modi government has given a huge push to infrastructure projects in the country and it is quite evident from the Zojila Tunnel being constructed in Jammu and Kashmir. This key infra project will be India's longest road tunnel and Asia's longest bi-directional tunnel.

India achieved the significant milestone of administering over 100 crore (One billion) COVID-19 vaccines on October 21, 2021.

As I reflect on 2021, I see both accomplishments and milestones that CUTS have achieved while continuing its agenda. In both situations, I am convinced that more intensive and extensive work is to be done by CUTS and other like-minded groups, particularly for seeking solutions to the myriad problems that the world, in general, and India, in particular, face.

Since its inception, CUTS has chosen to engage with pressing economic issues through three core pillars of Consumer Welfare e Rules-based Trade, Effective Regulation, and Good Governance. All three areas are geared to address social, economic, and environmental challenges and dimensions of 'Sustainable Development' through various tools and their application for 'Consumer Empowerment.'

Our initiative has provided sustainable self-employment to 15 persons with disabilities who served 245,000 meals in Chittorgarh under Community Kitchen Programme, 'Indira Rasoi'. The Government of Rajasthan honoured our best community kitchen service and gave a Certificate of Appreciation and memento to the organisation.

CUTS study on 'Sustainable Consumption and Production (SDG12): A Consumer Perspective' helped streamline existing policies and established the need for dedicated efforts to support SCP from a consumer perspective to achieve the targets by 2030. Arif Muhammad Khan, Governor of Kerala, released it at Raj Bhavan, Kerala.

CUTS International, along with Friedrich-Ebert-Stiftung (FES) had some exciting and insightful discussions with key stakeholders from the EV Ecosystem and released it in the form of a series of podcasts.

The increasing adoption of digital technologies has helped businesses, especially Micro, Small and Medium-sized Enterprises (MSMEs), improve their processes, access newer markets, and expose them to increased cyber threats. The organisation has successfully created awareness on cyber security risks among select MSMEs in Eastern India.

Through a series of multi-stakeholder dialogues and webinars, CUTS built consensus and secured stakeholder buy-in for inclusive cross-border trade and tourism in the transboundary waterways between India and Bangladesh.

As the world tackles the Omicron variant, the glaring inequities in global vaccine access remain stark. Ramping up global vaccine manufacturing and distribution capacity remains of paramount importance. A year since India proposed a waiver of obligations under the WTO Agreement on Trade-Related Aspects of Intellectual Property Rights (TRIPs), there has been little progress in expediting and expanding the production of COVID-19 vaccines in developing countries and LDCs. In this light, we also wrote an article titled "Arriving at an equitable response to the pandemic" published by the Economic Times on December 11, 2021.

Through dialogue and engagement with the government and all stakeholders, CUTS Accra proposed a review of the sanitation laws in the country. Key among the proposal is a ban on single-use plastics, which is under consideration by the Government of Ghana.

Under the Green Action Week programme, the organisation successfully hosted a kitchen demo at Rhodes Park School, Zambia. A recipe booklet was developed to showcase the importance of nutritious meals to improve diets.

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In short, our footprint of interventions is from grassroots to international level on a wide bandwidth. This gives us a unique edge in bridging gaps between grassroots concerns and higher-level thinking, which is crucial for better adopting and implementing policies and regulations for people's welfare.

We, at CUTS International, achieved our pledges against all the probabilities, influenced the policy through evidence-based advocacy, and most importantly, learnt lessons to scale up our work in the future. However, our ways of working have been changed to virtual meetings rather than face-to-face; we advocated and put forth our viewpoints to make this world a better place to live in.

I am grateful to all partner organisations, development partners, individuals and institutions, experts, media and academia, government departments, and private groups for providing their support. Equally important have been the efforts of my colleagues who collectively contributed towards making CUTS an internationally recognised organisation and maintained our reputation of being an effective outcome-oriented organisation. I am sure that they will continue to work with us diligently in our future endeavours too.



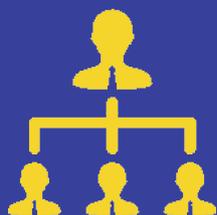
About Us

CUTS was established in 1983 by a small group of concerned citizens. Since then it has been working towards bridging the gap between the people at the grassroots and the international policymaking community. Today, it is a leading consumer organisation in India. More importantly, CUTS is now at the cutting edge of the consumer movement, not only in India but also in other parts of the world. The organisation focusses its programmes on three core areas:



Rules-based Trade

Effective Regulation



Good Governance



HISTORICAL PERSPECTIVE

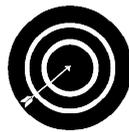
CUTS began from a rural development initiative, a wall newspaper, *Gram Gadar* (Village Revolution). As the organisation's mouthpiece, *Gram Gadar* is published regularly and reaches every nook and corner of Rajasthan, even to the remote villages where radio is the only medium of communication. It has been instrumental in providing a forum for providing justice to the oppressed classes at the grassroots.

OBJECTIVES

CUTS, as an advocacy and research organisation, aims to:

- initiate, undertake and aid directly or through its affiliated bodies, schemes for the furtherance of consumer and public welfare;
- promote, organise and assist measures for the availability of consumer commodities and services;
- study consumer and public interest/welfare problems and evolve remedies, including those relating to the environment, healthcare, general awareness, empowerment and socio-economic development;

- publish studies, periodicals, reports and other literature relating to consumer commodities and services;
- undertake, research and case studies in respect of consumer commodities and services public interest/welfare;
- advise and if necessary, assist government and the concerned authorities in framing and enforcing laws to safeguard the interests of the consumer and citizen; and
- disseminate knowledge and information and to educate the public regarding consumer and public interest/welfare problems and programmes on a scientific basis.



MISSION

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VISION

Consumer Sovereignty

CUTS' work for more inclusive policy-making processes supports its vision of 'consumer sovereignty'.

- Increase people's participation at various levels of governance and implementation of policies, laws, and rules
- Government agencies are held accountable in the provision of quality goods, services and technologies in social and utility sectors
- Development of well-functioning markets
- Effective competition policy and law regime, welfare maximising sector regulations, and an enabling investment regime
- Create a questioning society through empowering NSAs to promote transparency and accountability in the system of trade governance



ORGANISATIONAL DEVELOPMENT

From a small voluntary group of concerned citizens operating out of a garage on a zero budget to an international NGO, the journey is marked with healthy growth. The year 2021 was marked by important organisational developments within the country and abroad. CUTS' centres are broadly divided into two distinct categories:

CENTRES

- Centre for International Trade, Economics & Environment, Jaipur, India
- Centre for Consumer Action, Research & Training, Jaipur, India
- Centre for Human Development, Chittorgarh, India
- Centre for Competition, Investment & Economic Regulation, Jaipur, India
- Calcutta Resource Centre, Kolkata, India
- Delhi Resource Centre, India

AFFILIATED CENTRES

- Lusaka, Zambia
- Nairobi, Kenya
- Accra, Ghana
- Hanoi, Vietnam
- Geneva, Switzerland
- Washington DC, USA

CUTS WEBSITE

CUTS has developed a comprehensive website with a URL www.cuts-international.org. It has useful links and hyperlinks leading to its various

Programme and Resource Centres that provide an insight into the individual sub-domains. The main page mirrors the broad outline of the



organisation and its activities. Also, it provides valuable information on the following areas:

- Projects and events;
- Media articles and press releases;
- Current initiatives; and
- Advocacy campaigns.

CUTS LIBRARY AND DOCUMENTATION DEPARTMENT

CUTS library and documentation department play a vital role in supporting in-house research work by facilitating access to relevant information sources.

THE LIBRARY

CUTS library has an extensive collection of books, journals, research reports, working papers, monographs, briefing papers and pamphlets in the fields of economics, economic development, foreign direct investment (FDI), competition, poverty, industry, international trade, trade and development, trade and environment, energy, agriculture, law, consumerism, etc. It subscribes to 22 journals/magazines and more than 10 newspapers. It also contains wide collection of CDs/audio-videos/photographs.

INFORMATION UNIT

This unit has a database, which is a collection of international, national and grassroots level organisations including intergovernmental organisations, governmental organisations and nongovernmental organisations (NGOs). It contains Postal Mailing Lists (ML), Electronic List (EL), and Visiting Cards. Information Unit is responsible for providing the mailing list(s) to the dispatch section in label format.

INFRASTRUCTURAL DEVELOPMENT

Considerable investments were made on information technology and office equipment. New books were added to the library. The number of computers increased from 45 to 68 and some of the existing computers were upgraded for compatibility. Heavy-duty centralised printers were installed. Centralised network and Internet connectivity were provided. High-end electronic gadgets like routers at all the three offices at Jaipur to control the Internet bandwidth and fight spam to give users non-stop browsing and increase the productivity were purchased.

How We Work: Three 'Verticals' of CUTS

State institutions in many developing countries have a significant role in supplying public goods to consumers. With an active network of over 950 voluntary organisations across Rajasthan, India, CUTS works on **good governance** through grassroots capacity building, networking, and awareness leading to government engagement to bring marginalised voices to the table and ensure accountability of policy practices.

CUTS also works with a network of more than 60 research and CSO partners around the world toward **rules-based trade** for consumers across the developing world to enjoy the benefits of liberalisation and integration into the world economy.

Supply-side dimensions of many public goods and services are changing fast, becoming more like semi-public goods. Therefore, CUTS works for **effective regulation** so that consumers can have better access to quality goods and services at affordable prices.



Highlights

Defense News Conclave: Stories of U.S.-India Defense Partnership

Deeply rooted on the ground and strongly networked with governments and inter-governmental organisations, CUTS International, through its Washington DC Center, proposes to address bilateral and multilateral trade and economic matters of strategic importance to India and the US in the broader Indo-Pacific context.



Steps have been taken by both nations to enhance their presence and influence throughout the region, to counter threats of aggression, terrorism, drugs, cybercrime, human trafficking, among others. Such steps not only underpin the stability, but also form the bedrock for continued economic growth of countries in the region.

The US has been iterating the need for a 'Free, Open and Secure Indo-Pacific' for the past few years. The vision is in sync with the interests of India given that it signifies the U.S.' recognition of the rising security challenges in the Indo-Pacific.

Through the '[Defense News Conclave: Stories of U.S.-India Defense Partnership](#)' project which will be done together with USIBC, the centre aims to amplify the message of the need for a free, open and secure Indo-Pacific for the peace and prosperity in the region- and highlight the importance of a U.S.-India defence partnership for the same. This will be made possible by creating awareness and building the capacity of key stakeholders particularly in New Delhi, who will then build a positive narrative on the subject, for the general public in India, and select other relevant countries from the region.

Recent developments in U.S.-India defense cooperation through inking bilateral agreements, conducting joint military exercises, defense procurement etc., indicate the potential for flourishing defense relations between the two democracies. This holds greater importance for India, in light of the challenging geopolitical scenario in the region, and recent developments in the relationship with its neighbours.



Addressing Vaccine Inequity in Developing Countries and LDCs

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Reflections on Sustainable Consumption and Production

Sustainable Development Goal 12 (SDG12) is about “Responsible Consumption and Production” and is one of the 17 SDGs adopted by the United Nations in 2015. CUTS, in partnership with the Swedish Society for Nature Conservation (SSNC), conducted a study on ‘Sustainable Consumption and Production (SCP) from a Consumer Perspective’ in India, with a particular focus in five states, namely Chhattisgarh, Himachal Pradesh, Kerala, Rajasthan and Uttar Pradesh. The study



aimed to frame an understanding of SCP beyond SDG-12 targets and expand it from current sustainable consumption and consumer perspectives.

It helped streamline existing policies and established the need for dedicated efforts to support SCP from a consumer perspective to achieve the targets by 2030.

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Sanitation Literacy Campaign

This campaign was organised in collaboration with National Bank for Agricultural and Rural Development (NABARD) at four villages in Chittorgarh, Rajasthan on January 11-12, 2021. The objectives were to bring about behavioural changes in rural areas regarding sanitation and cleanliness, promote and accept water and sanitation programmes; protect from COVID-19 due to increased awareness about sanitation.

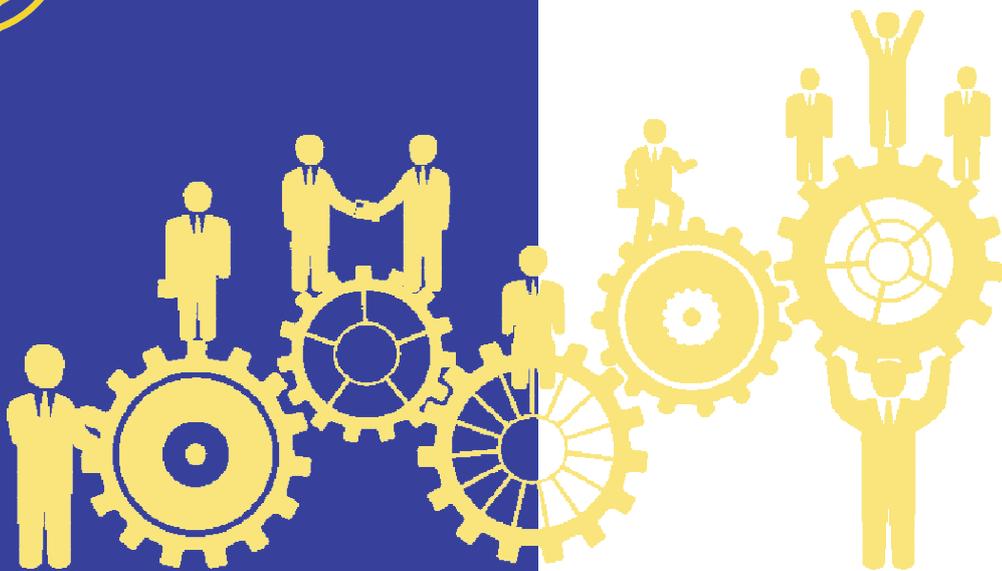


EV-olution in India: A Series of Podcasts

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Rules-based Trade



Waterways to Boost India-Bangladesh Ties

This programme aims to reduce poverty and marginalisation of vulnerable river basin communities through increased access to, and control over, riverine water resources, on which their livelihoods depend. The programme is supported by the Swedish International Development Cooperation Agency (Sida) through Oxfam Novib.

CUTS International, a regional partner in the programme, is undertaking research and advocacy activities for inclusive cross-border trade between India and Bangladesh through inland waterways in Brahmaputra and Meghna river basins. The organisation engages with business communities operating river cruises and various chambers of commerce for responsible and inclusive business practices.

Nadi Baithaks (River Meetings) are being organised with river communities along transboundary rivers in Brahmaputra and Meghna basins. These meetings are conducted to discuss various water governance issues at the local level and empower the communities about their rights.

At a qualitative level, the programme increased awareness and enhanced buy-in by relevant stakeholders, including policymakers and the private sector, on the potential benefits of transboundary waterways navigation between India and Bangladesh.

At a quantitative level, the programme included several new ports of calls and routes in the Protocol on Inland Waterways Trade and Transit (PIWTT) between India and Bangladesh, which led to a successful trial run of cargoes on these new routes.



Bringing together Mountain Women across Borders



The recommendations helped design specific interventions to build the resilience of women engaged in economic activities and enabled site-level planning in selected landscapes. Further, it has also created a network of women traders to share experiences/best practices as a learning platform.

With support from the International Centre for Integrated Mountain Development (ICIMOD), CUTS International is undertaking an explorative study in four Transboundary Landscapes (TLSs) of the HKH region. The aim is to understand the formal and informal trade in the Transboundary Landscapes, focusing on the nature of women's engagement in trade at local, national and cross-border levels.

The four Transboundary Landscapes within the study's scope are Hindu Kush Karakoram Pamir Landscape, Kailash Sacred Landscape; Kangchenjunga Landscape; Far East Himalayan Landscape.

Facilitating Multimodal Connectivity in the BBIN Sub-region

For the Bangladesh, Bhutan, India, Nepal (BBIN) group of countries to embark upon large-scale multimodal connectivity initiatives, they must create an enabling environment for a well-informed political economy discourse.

In this context, CUTS International, with support from the United Kingdom's Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office (FCDO) and Asian Development Bank (ADB) as the knowledge partner, is implementing this project to understand the conditions and factors responsible for successful regional/sub-regional/bilateral connectivity initiatives in Central, South and Southeast Asian countries.

This will help position advocacy messages for reforms needed to facilitate multimodal trade and transport connectivity in the sub-region with a better political buy-in for BBIN Motor Vehicles Agreement.



- Four major transport cum economic corridors were identified in the sub-region, and more than 55 locations in these corridors were visited.
- A stakeholder perception survey was also conducted, with respondents from diverse backgrounds in the four countries and other international development agencies.
- National advocacy meetings were held in Kathmandu and Thimphu, and similar meetings were planned in New Delhi and Dhaka. These meetings witnessed high-level participation from the multi-stakeholder groups, such as ministers and other officials of respective departments.
- Several research outputs were published, which successfully made multiple interventions in the print and visual media, thus increasing stakeholder awareness.

Assessing Export Potential of Indian Food Products in the EU

The scope of work of the study comprises of the following:



- Identification of processed food items/ food products with comparative advantage in India for export purposes;
- Examination of all tariff lines/HS code items under processed food/food products currently exported to EU as also other potential items exported to other countries but not EU;
- Examination of the export potential considers India's overall exports of processed food items to the world; current volume/ value of exports to EU and EU's imports of same items from the world/ other countries.
- Examination of the prevailing tariff rates applied by EU for imports from India and corresponding tariff rates applicable under EU's other trade arrangements with other emerging economies, including concessions given to countries like Vietnam;
- Identification of various non-tariff measures including SPS measures applied to imports of food items/ processed food from India into EU, with focus on milk-based Ready to Eat (RTE) products, fruits & vegetables;
- Propose recommendations on the extent of reduction in tariffs by EU and possible tariff rate quotas (TRQs) for increasing access of Indian processed food items into the EU.

The Ministry of Food Processing Industries, Government of India highly appreciated the draft report of the study for its quality and broader content coverage.

Border Haats: New Dimensions in Cross-border Trade

CUTS International, with the support of the FCDO, UK is implementing a project entitled 'Border Haats between India and Bangladesh as a tool to reduce informal cross-border trade.' The project aims to understand the prospects of establishing border haats to reduce informal cross-border trade between India and Bangladesh; and analyse its impact on gender and livelihood.



Created a discourse on the importance of border haats and the need to operationalise new haats along the India-Bangladesh border. This was achieved by preparing and disseminating research outputs among various stakeholders in India and Bangladesh; and organising a series of webinars on issues that emerged from the study.

A video documentary has been circulated among various stakeholders across South Asia to capture the impact of Border Haats on local people adjacent to the Indo-Bangladesh Border.

Trade Adjustment Programmes in India

The programme's goal was to empower civil society organisations (CSOs), women, and youth to articulate and advocate current economic and development issues. CUTS International engaged with the Indian Association of Self Employed Women (IASEW) to build capacity and provide training on trade-related issues and Free Trade Agreements (FTAs).

Empowered CSOs, women, and youth and trainings were provided to IASEW's research team on various trade-related issues. These modules were prepared in both English and Hindi to enhance the understanding of participants.

Field visits and focus group discussions were conducted to realise the grassroots-level understanding of trade issues, which further helped draft field research-driven questionnaires.

Engagement of SADC NSAs in the Continental Free Trade Area

The project has been undertaken with the Open Society Initiative for Southern Africa (OSISA). The objective is to ensure that the implementation of the AfCFTA will result in social and economic benefits for all African citizens by ensuring meaningful involvement of NSAs.

- *Brought together like-minded CSOs in the region; Malawi Economic Justice Network and Zimbabwe Council of Churches.*
- *Facilitated engagements essential in unpacking regional perspectives and mutual learning on the work done in the three respective countries; Zambia, Zimbabwe and Malawi.*
- *Presented an opportunity for NSAs in Zimbabwe and Malawi to adopt best practices in Zambia. The Ministry of Commerce, Trade & Industry created an implementation strategy on the AfCFTA as these are yet to be finalised in those two countries.*
- *Highlighted the role of Regional Economic Communities in the AfCFTA engagement and how Non-State Actors would effectively engage the AfCFTA in light of their challenges.*



WTO Umbrella Grant Project on New Issues

Under a new phase of our “WTO Umbrella Grant Project on New Issues”, we produced several JSI-related briefs, newsletter updates and thematic seminars on E-Commerce, Investment Facilitation and MSMEs. The gender dimensions of issues was also addressed.

The WTO Umbrella Grant, implemented by CUTS International Geneva and IISD, is devoted to strengthening the capacity of developing and least-developed country (LDC) delegations in Geneva and in capitals, as they determine their level of engagement, strategy, and approach to the WTO Joint Statement Initiatives (JSI). The FCDO funds it under the Trade and Investment Advocacy Fund (TAF2+).



As WTO JSI talks on Electronic Commerce gained momentum this year, our ad-hoc support facility on the subject attracted trade negotiators' interest beyond its initially intended audience. CUTS quickly responded to support requests through over 70 interventions ranging from neutral and objective textual analysis to factual briefings.

Keeping Pace with Trade Developments

For several years, our “Keeping Pace with Trade Developments” initiative has enabled LDC and Smaller Developing Country WTO delegates to take advantage of international trade for their development. This year, the initiative aimed for the following:

- (i) Their WTO delegates are better-informed participants in WTO discussions on selected issues for their preparations towards the 12th ministerial conference;
- (ii) They keep pace with the developments and implications of recent trade-related initiatives launched by some WTO members, e.g. on Trade and Health, E-commerce, Gender, MSMEs etc.; and
- (iii) They and their climate counterparts know policy options to coherently address the growing interplay between trade and the environment, including climate change. This initiative is undertaken with funding support from the Swedish Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

Through on-demand analysis and informal regional forums, we helped WTO negotiators from Africa, Asia and the Middle East better understand their stakes in current WTO debates. Hot issues covered this year included Fisheries Subsidies, responding to the COVID-19 pandemic (e.g. TRIPs waiver), Agriculture, trade and climate change, gender, MC12 preparations, etc.





Through analysis and dialogues, we helped WTO negotiators from South and Southeast Asia identify common interests in WTO Agriculture talks and more recent debates on trade and health, jobs, and the environment.



Geneva Trade and Business Connection

We continued to provide a regular forum for WTO delegates from select South and Southeast Asian developing countries, supporting them on key WTO issues in the run-up to the 12th ministerial conference while linking them to their national MSMEs.

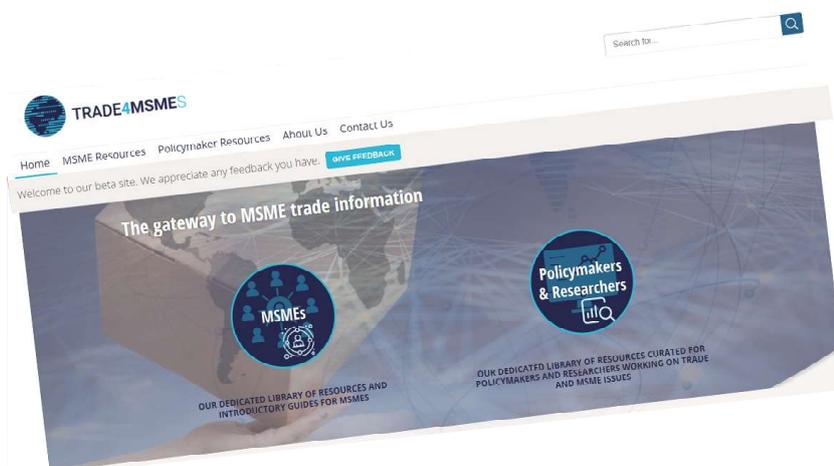
Among other support, we analysed beneficiaries' common interests in various aspects of WTO Agriculture talks and more recent debates on trade and health, jobs and the environment.

This "Geneva Trade and Business Connection" initiative has brought added value to beneficiary delegates, thanks to funding support from AustralianAid through the Permanent Mission of Australia in Geneva for several years.

"Trade4MSMEs.org": We Made WTO Negotiators' Vision a Reality

With support from our "WTO Umbrella Grant Project on New Issues," the WTO's Informal Working Group on Micro, Small and Medium-sized Enterprises (MSMEs) developed and launched the Trade4MSMEs.org web platform providing trade information to small businesses as well as policymakers.

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In December 2021, the WTO's Informal Working Group on MSMEs launched Trade4MSMEs.org, a web platform helping small businesses and policymakers find trade-related information to improve their ability to trade internationally. Our TAF2+ WTO Umbrella Grant project, undertaken together with IISD, was instrumental in bringing the site to life.

Effective Regulation



Status of E-consumers in India

E-commerce is growing at an unprecedented pace, both in India and globally. Such growth is fuelled by the COVID-19 pandemic, which saw an uptake in consumers transitioning to online shopping to ensure greater safety and social distancing. Consumers who were sceptical about transacting on e-commerce platforms, or sellers who did not want to move beyond the traditional ways of commerce, were compelled to do so.

There are pertinent challenges that impact the consumers' welfare and trust in e-commerce, thus their usage. These concerns primarily revolve around data protection and privacy, product safety, counterfeit goods, lack of a grievance redress system, language barriers, and predatory pricing, among other things.

Within this broad framework, CUTS International is implementing a two-year project to gauge the status of e-consumers while studying the e-commerce ecosystem in India.



The project would enable better informed and capacitated consumers, enhance the use of digital platforms and marketplaces, and enrich the discourse on designing an optimal framework for regulating commerce by informing a multi-stakeholder perspective on best practices and principles on the subject.

There would be better understanding of the state of Doing Digital Businesses in India and its interplay with EoDB and ease of living (EoL) initiatives of the Government of India; improved understanding of the coherent approach towards regulation of digital businesses; and informed narrative for an empirical, inclusive and participative approach towards EoDDB in India.

Ease of Doing Digital Business in India

Given the growing digital economy, factors such as criminality provisions, restrictive and inconsistent policies, Indian digital governance, and ease of doing digital business (EoDDB) in India need to be examined. On this, an impact analysis is essential of the potential benefits and negative impacts on the growth of the digital economy, including the stated aim of GoI to foster ease of doing business (EoDB) in the country.

With this background, the objective of the CUTS International's study is to examine the factors that facilitate the ease or unease of doing digital business in India in existing and proposed laws for digital companies and their impact on them, including the indicators of economic growth.



The project will help conduct evidence-based advocacy, i.e., building a narrative for an informed, inclusive, and participative approach towards children's data protection while also aiding policymakers in making informed decisions on the subject.



Highlighting Inclusive and Practical Mechanisms to Protect Children Data

Digital technology-driven data-based services have become a part of daily lives for most consumers. They have benefited consumers in multi-faceted ways, and dependency has increased in a post-COVID world. However, digital services also pose risks to consumers, especially children, on various issues, including inadequate privacy and data protection. Accordingly, protecting children's data has been given special attention under the Personal Data Protection Bill 2019 (PDPB).

Given that the provisions proposed in the PDPB, while intending to benefit, may cause unintentional harm to consumers, it becomes imperative to understand the perspective of children and guardians or parents, which would help frame provisions that further consumer welfare. It is in this context CUTS International is undertaking this study.

Cyber Security for E-Businesses

CUTS International, with the support of the US Consulate, Kolkata undertook this project. The objective was to identify cyber-security needs of Micro, Small & Medium Enterprises (MSMEs) based on their usage of digital technology; assess challenges; design appropriate strategies; capacitate them to effectively use cyber-security tools to showcase best practices to navigate through cyberspace safely. The Federation of Indian Micro and Small & Medium Enterprises (FISME) is the CUTS knowledge partner in this project.

Created cyber security risk awareness among Small and Medium Enterprises



Tariff Rationalisation in Rajasthan

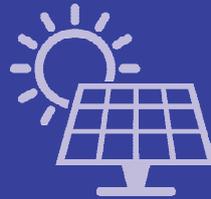
The policy and regulatory landscape of the Indian power sector are undergoing a rapid transformation. Along with an aggressive policy mandate for adopting clean energy, there is a definitive push for ushering structural and policy reforms from various stakeholders. The rationalisation of electricity tariffs is a key reform agenda for this transformation.

In this context, CUTS International undertook this study to simplify, structure, and rationalise power tariffs for delivering an efficient and inclusive electricity supply in Rajasthan.

The overarching outcome of the project is to curb cash flow uncertainties for distribution utilities, reduce transmission & distribution losses, improve willingness to pay amongst low-income categories, optimise capacity expansion, improve the sustainability of distribution utilities and enable low carbon markets category-wise through tariff tweaks and incentives.

Enabling Just Transition in India's Power Generation Sector

This project undertaken by CUTS International aims to map and institutionalise the 'just Transition' approach in the clean energy transformation of India's power generation sector to ensure social, economic, and environmental dividends for relevant stakeholders.



Extensive field research was conducted in Rajasthan and West Bengal to understand and document the concerns of relevant stakeholders, including local communities, involved in the transformation process at various levels and capacities.



A Seed community was constituted at the state level with representatives from these groups. Meetings were organised with the seed community members, which served as a platform that helped each stakeholder group communicate their concerns to the other stakeholder group.

Exploring the Potential of E-mobility to Boost Local Economy and Livelihoods in India

This project undertaken by CUTS International with the support of Friedrich Ebert Stiftung aims to explore the qualitative attributes and employment potential of the localised jobs, which will be created due to the indigenisation of the EV manufacturing ecosystem.

The project would embrace the decarbonisation process of the transport sector in India and leverage it to create relevant and inclusive livelihood opportunities, which will be the key to a socioeconomically just transition.



Accelerating Electric Vehicle Adoption in Rajasthan

The objective of this project is to identify current supply and demand side gaps as well as various policy practices (policy interventions, regulations, non-legislative steps, innovative regulatory mechanisms, collaborative efforts from corporates) that could be undertaken by the state-level authorities to ease the transition to electric vehicles in Rajasthan.

The project would inform and facilitate the rollout of an EV policy at the state level; enhance awareness and capacities amongst different categories of EV users at the state level for enhanced adoption and effective policy.

White Paper on Regional Parliamentary Forum on Energy Cooperation and Energy Trade in South Asia

A systematic strategy to create a political economy discourse to build a positive narrative around Cross-border Energy Trade (CBET) by identifying champions for the cause and bottom-up assimilation of stakeholders' concerns. Parliamentary forums can effectively address the bottlenecks related to greater energy cooperation in the region. CUTS International implemented this project with the support of Integrated Research and Action for Development (IRADe).

There would be a feasible roadmap for developing a platform where policymakers can meet and interact with their counterparts from other South Asian countries on energy cooperation and trade issues.

Economic Policy to Generate Good Jobs in India (Phase I)

In collaboration with Ford Foundation, CUTS International has launched a study to strengthen the discourse on economic policy that generates 'Good and Better Jobs in India' and makes her growth job-intensive.

CUTS provided its inputs on the Draft Rules under the Central Wage Code.

A presentation was made by the CUTS team to the Chief Secretary, Government of Rajasthan, Economic Advisor to the Chief Minister, and other officials, on key findings from the field study of the Bhilwara Textiles cluster.

An issue note on the draft labour codes was created and circulated to inform the parliamentarians and sector experts on the issues concerning the Labour Codes.

Several research outputs were published to explore the nuances of the enterprise well-being and worker well-being in Textiles & Clothing and Food Processing sectors respectively.



Economic Policy to Generate Good Jobs in India (Phase II)

The project's objective is to continue the momentum towards institutionalisation of 'good and better jobs' in India by exploring varied perspectives and alternate models of economic growth for devising an effective and feasible roadmap for the Indian economy to become more inclusive and equitable.

The project will study existing models of investment flow into labour welfare and develop alternate models for inclusive economic growth. It will strengthen the discourse on 'good and better jobs' and the

potential of investment channels and skill development in enhancing the employment landscape for an equitable economy.

The study will result in a handbook, which will help relevant policymakers take specific measures to attain India's trade and industrial policies.

Study on Convergence between Trade and Industrial Policies

The objective is to review important components of both trade and industrial policies and other relevant policies, evaluate their elements of convergence (and divergence); identify institutional requirements for successful design and implementation of trade and industrial policies, and also analyse the feasibility of India's industrial policy elements under today's international trade rules.

White Paper on Fostering an Inclusive E-commerce Ecosystem in India

The paper's objective is to explore and institutionalise 'inclusive ecosystems' in the digital transformation in India to ensure equitable distribution of benefits of such transformation to all relevant stakeholders.

There would be a clear understanding of the existing e-commerce ecosystem in India, its inefficiencies, and priority areas for fostering inclusivity to form actionable recommendations to diverse onboard stakeholders to the e-commerce supply-value chain, thus enabling inclusive and equitable distribution of benefits of such an ecosystem.



Economic Impact of Judicial Decisions – II

This study, undertaken with the support of NITI Aayog, aims to undertake an objective assessment of the unintended economic impact of relevant judicial decisions through rigorous evidence-based analysis.

There would be enhanced understanding of the approach to identify and objectively assess the economic impact of judicial decisions; Improved recognition of the unintended economic impact of select decisions of the Supreme Court of India (SC) and National Green Tribunal; Evidence-based understanding supporting better sensitivity of economic impacts of judgments by relevant stakeholders including the judiciary.



Economic Impact of Judicial Decisions – III

The study's objective was to discuss and inform the interface between law and economics in judicial cases and propose approaches to court decision-making to ensure a balance between equity, environment, and economy in orders and judgements.

There would be greater awareness of select judgements of the SC that had adversely impacted the economy, especially when better decision-making alternatives were possible.



Reducing Regulatory Compliances in Rajasthan

The objective is to identify and analyse the rationale and relevance of compliances using the regulatory guillotine framework and recommend amending or abolishing suboptimal clearances to replace them with alternatives like self and/or third-party certifications under the Rajasthan state laws to reduce the compliance burden on stakeholders and foster ease of doing business within the State.

There would be an improved understanding of clearances that are required to be retained, amended, or abolished, along with their rationale, for reducing compliance burden within State laws and including potential benefits of such reduction and the role of government departments and agencies in reducing the compliance burden in the State.

Do Users in India, Kenya, and Ghana React Differently to Problematic Content?

The objective is to understand diverse perspectives of different users on problematic content; and check if misuse of social media platforms for problematic content may cause various levels and kinds of harm to users, which will help to devise targeted factor-specific intervention plan to help users avoid problematic experiences.

The study will help in understanding the rationale behind different kinds of inadvertent user's contributions (reposting, forwarding, believing, reacting) to the spread of problematic content, which will help in recommending practices for users on how to consciously avoid the spread of problematic content on social media platforms in India, Kenya and Ghana.

Political Economy Implications of Traffic Diversion from Roadways to Waterways

The project, undertaken by CUTS International with The World Bank's support, aims to understand technical, economic, and political economy implications of traffic diversion from the Petrapole-Benapole/Ghojadanga-Bhomra land route to Tribeni-Kolkata/Haldia ports to the Mongla port in Bangladesh and Tribeni-Kolkata/Haldia ports further onto Agartala.

Underlined several critical factors for facilitating a modal shift from roadways to inland waterways.

Explored the potential of undertaking trade between and among Northeast India, the rest of India, and Bangladesh via the Dhuliyān-Rajshahi route, thereby diverting part of the ongoing traffic from the Siliguri corridor.

Identified specific policy recommendations that could facilitate a modal shift from the Petrapole-Benapole border to inland waterways connecting Tribeni, Kolkata, and Haldia in India with Mongla, Narayanganj, and Ashuganj in Bangladesh.



Making National Health Insurance Scheme Work for the People



The main goal of this project is to strengthen health outcomes and welfare of subscribers by ensuring that the National Insurance Scheme (NHIS) scheme and its accredited healthcare providers provide maximum care to insurance subscribers whilst at the same time reducing out-of-pocket expenses in using the scheme. The project is implemented by CUTS Accra with the support of the Open Society Initiatives of West Africa (OSIWA).

The project would result in improved access to health facilities by NHIS subscribers leading to improved health outcomes; enhanced subscribers' awareness about their rights and entitlement under the scheme; reduced out-of-pocket expenses by insurance subscribers; and advanced engagement between subscribers and the National Health Insurance Authority and its accredited healthcare providers.

Investment Facilitation for Sustainable Development in Ghana

With funding support from the World Economic Forum, CUTS Accra implemented a project entitled "Project Management Support for Investment Facilitation for Sustainable Development in Ghana." The project's objective is to understand how investment facilitation can lead to sustainable development in Ghana.

The project would lead to a Policy change and a review of the Ghana Investment Promotion Centre Act; provide policymakers with practical measures to help improve both the quantity and quality of investment flow in Ghana, and aid the Ghana Investment Promotion Centre (GIPC) to review and fashion out policies to improve investments facilitation and flow into Ghana.

Good Governance



Developing a Culture of Sustainable Consumption and Lifestyle through Organic Production

Looking at the success of phase II of the project (April 2017-March 2021), the Swedish Society for Nature Conservation (SSNC) supported another nine months to implement Bridge Year (April 2021-December 2021) of the project.



One of the basic ideas of the project is promoting sustainable consumption and production, which are essential aspects of a sustainable regime. This is broadly consistent with the environmental and social factors and education and empowerment of consumers.

The project is implemented in ten districts of Rajasthan – Bhilwara, Chittorgarh, Dausa, Jaipur, Jhalawar, Jodhpur, Kota, Pratapgarh, Sawai Madhopur, Udaipur, covering 192-gram panchayats. It created an enabling environment for sustainable consumption, established organic consumption patterns, and reduced the supply-demand gap in organic productivity. CUTS International's advocacy contributed to initiating the following changes:

- *More than 250 farmers have shifted from chemical to conventional farming.*
- *Organic fairs were organised to raise awareness and contribute to the increased recognition and utilisation of organic crops/products.*

Green Action Week, Rajasthan Campaign, 2021



The campaign has been able to generate a feeling of community sharing. The new approach of 'Best Out of Waste' has successfully created interest among community leaders.

The theme of Green Action Week (GAW) was the 'Sharing Community' for 2021. It aimed to facilitate awareness generation about sustainable consumption among consumers of Jaipur city of Rajasthan.

The campaign was specifically targeted at women and youth. Various activities were held in Jaipur city with the rationale of influencing consumer behaviour in favour of sustainable consumption. The activities were extended beyond Jaipur to the other ten districts of Rajasthan, such as Chittorgarh, Pratapgarh, Bhilwara, Dausa, Jodhpur, Sawai Madhopur, Kota, Jhalawar, Udaipur, and Banswara.

Global Green Action Week, India

CUTS International, with the support of SSNC, Sweden has undertaken GAW Fund-India Campaign 2020 to strengthen consumers with an active role of CSOs for raising awareness on environmental and other impacts of consumption and promote sharing community and sustainable patterns of consumption amongst consumers, policymakers, and other key stakeholders.



The campaign at 12 states increased the awareness about sharing community and the sustainable pattern of consumption among common consumers of targeted places.

It also enhanced the demand for organic food, which is more environmentally friendly with health benefits.



Nutrition Tips to Improve Diets

CUTS International, Lusaka undertook the GAW programme with the support of Consumers International to improve school consumption patterns by providing generational knowledge sharing of preparing healthy meals from locally grown organic ingredients; and increasing awareness in schools of the climate change crisis.

The organisation successfully hosted a kitchen demo at Rhodes Park School, Zambia. A recipe booklet was developed to showcase the importance of nutritious meals to improve diets.

Interventions for Vulnerable Children

Child Helpline (1098) aims to reach out to every child in need of care and protection by responding to emergency calls and advocating services for inaccessible or nonexistent children in the Bhilwara district in Rajasthan. The project is being undertaken with the Ministry of Women and Child Development, Government of India.



Since August 2021, 4424 child cases and 109 cases have been registered in various vulnerable case intervention categories.

Consumer Awareness on Plastic Waste Reduction Measure

The principal goal of the campaign is to reduce the use of plastic bags and plastic waste in Accra. To achieve this, the project seeks to raise consumer awareness of the bad effects of plastic on the environment. It also aims to promote sharing resources among the community to get people to use fewer plastic bags or buy bags made of bio-degradable products such as paper or jute. The project is undertaken by CUTS Accra and funded by Consumers International and SSNC.



Through dialogue and engagement with the government and all stakeholders, CUTS Accra proposed a review of the sanitation laws in the country. Key among the proposal is a ban on the use of single-use plastics, which is under consideration by the Government of Ghana.

Ensuring Safe Food for a Healthy Tomorrow

CUTS International, with the support of the Global Health Action Initiative (GHAI) and Campaign for Tobacco-Free Kids (CTFK), undertook this project to advocate for scientific and consumer-friendly Front-of-Pack labels (FoPLs) in all packaged foods with food manufacturers/industry associations for soliciting support for the best practices for FoPL publicly.

- *Government officials have been sensitised about the seriousness of the FoPLs from consumers' perspectives.*
- *Advocated with the food regulator, Food Safety and Standards Authority of India (FSSAI), to eliminate Trans Fats from all foods, Fats and Oils. The FSSAI notified rules that trans fats in oil and fats used for processing food should contain three percent or less trans fats by January 2021 and two percent or less trans fats by January 2022.*



Effective Motor Vehicle Act and rules are in place with increased enforcement of laws.

Making Roads Safer for Road Users

CUTS International has undertaken Road Safety Advocacy with the support of the Global Road Safety Partnership. The objective is to garner support from parliamentarians, media and other stakeholders for effective rulemaking to ensure smooth implementation of the Motor Vehicles Amendment Act, 2019 in Rajasthan, Kerala and Karnataka.

Administering Road Safety Advocacy Programmes in Rajasthan

CUTS International has undertaken road safety advocacy programmes with the Ministry of Road, Transport & Highways (MoRTH), Government of India to ensure increased awareness of Good Samaritan guidelines among road safety stakeholders.



Have been able to increase the awareness of Good Samaritan guidelines.



Developing Sustainable Farming Practices

Five FPOs were registered in Bharatpur, and the remaining are in the process.

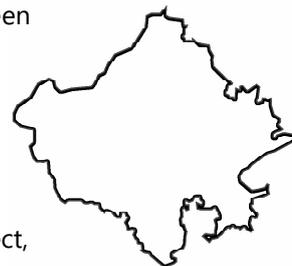
250 families were surveyed with individuals/focus group discussion approach in five blocks of Bharatpur.

Farmers Producer Organisations (FPOs) project was undertaken with the support from Small Farmers Agri-Business Consortium (SFAC), National Bank for Agricultural and Rural Development (NABARD), National Cooperative Development Corporation (NCDC) in Bharatpur, Chittorgarh and Banswara districts of Rajasthan.

The aim is to facilitate the development of sustainable income-oriented farming and socio-economic development and well-being of agrarian communities. Also, it will enhance productivity, realise a higher return, market linkage, effective capacity building to develop agriculture- entrepreneurship skills and self-sustaining.

Rajasthan Public Procurement Assessment

This project has been undertaken with the Department of Finance and Strengthening Public Financial Management Project, Government of Rajasthan.



The objective is to seek stakeholders' perceptions about changes in the Rajasthan Transparency in Public Procurement (RTPP) Act and rules. This will improve transparency, fairness, and efficiency in Rajasthan's public procurement and strengthen the RTPP Act and State Public Procurement Portal (SPPP) in Rajasthan.

The overall public perception is improved about public procurement in Rajasthan, which has strengthened the RTPP Act and Rules and SPPP in Rajasthan.

Rajasthan City Mayors Learning Platform

CUTS International formed a 'Rajasthan City Mayors' Learning Platform (RCMLP)' in 2015 with a specific objective to improve the urban governance in the state through enhanced sharing of experiences and learning from each other. Since then, a series of Mayors' Conferences have been successfully organised in different cities of Rajasthan.

With this background, CUTS organised a Mayors' Conference in collaboration with NITI Aayog, Government of India, with the support of The Asia Foundation at Jaipur on November 26, 2021. The conference was attended by Mayors, Deputy Mayors, Chairpersons of selected ULBs and working committees of ULBs.

Enhanced coordination between urban bodies, better policies and practices, and improved quality of urban services are visible.



Community Kitchens: An Idea into Reality

The Disabled People Organisation (DPO) promoted by CUTS Centre for Human Development under Disability Social Inclusion Programme has launched the Indira Kitchen, Scheme of Government of Rajasthan in three different locations, viz Government Hospital, Bus Stand and Chanderiya Industrial area in Chittorgarh. The objective is to provide quality and nutritious meals to the needy at concessional rates twice a day. The Kitchen was inaugurated by Udai Lal Anjana, Cabinet Minister, Government of Rajasthan, and District Collector, Additional District Magistrate, Commissioner, Municipality, and District Supply Officer.



Our initiative has provided sustainable self-employment to 15 persons with disabilities who served 245,000 meals in Chittorgarh under Community Kitchen Programme, 'Indira Rasoi'. The Government of Rajasthan honoured our best community kitchen service and gave a Certificate of Appreciation and memento to the organisation.



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Annex 2

Webinars and Events

RULES-BASED TRADE

- Mainstreaming Shepreneurs in International Trade
February 04, 2021
<https://cuts-citee.org/cuts-webinar-on-mainstreaming-shepreneurs-in-international-trade/>
- Role of Bhutan and Nepal in Multimodal Connectivity in the BBIN Sub-region
February 25, 2021
<https://cuts-citee.org/cuts-webinar-on-role-of-bhutan-and-nepal-in-multi-modal-connectivity-in-the-bbin-sub-region/>
- Joint Ministerial Statement on Investment Facilitation for Development: Stocktaking Towards MC12
March 05, 2021
<https://bit.ly/2O7nian>
- Bringing Mountain Women Across Borders: A Case of Women Traders in the Hindu Kush Himalaya
March 11, 2021
<https://cuts-citee.org/cuts-webinar-on-bringing-mountain-women-across-borders-a-case-of-women-traders-in-the-hindu-kush-himalaya/>
- Joint Statement Initiative on Electronic Commerce: Stocktaking Towards MC12
March 11, 2021
<https://bit.ly/3rViqnh>
- BBIN Motor Vehicles Agreement: Will it be an instrument for a sustainable, inclusive and resilient economic transformation?
March 22, 2021
<https://cuts-citee.org/cuts-webinar-on-bbin-motor-vehicles-agreement-will-it-be-an-instrument-for-a-sustainable-inclusive-and-resilient-economic-transformation/>
- Recovery through Open Trade: Towards Inclusive, Resilient and Sustainable Trade Policy Post Covid-19
March 23, 2021
<https://bit.ly/3rVeyCD>
- WTO's Aid-for-Trade Stocktaking Event 2021 | CUTS Session on Impact of COVID-19 on Women Traders in BBIN
March 23-25, 2021
<https://cuts-citee.org/cuts-internationals-session-at-wtos-aid-for-trade-stocktaking-event-2021/>
- Integrating Gender and Social Perspectives into New Issues in the WTO
March 30, 2021
<https://bit.ly/3qQA8w8>
- South and Southeast Asia Forum: Plastics Management
April 29, 2021
<https://bit.ly/339VCpc>
- Regional Workshop on Micro, Small and Medium-Sized Enterprises (MSMEs): Africa
April 29, 2021
<https://bit.ly/3wglmO4>
- Regional Workshop on Investment Facilitation for Development: Africa
April 26, 2021
<https://bit.ly/2POT4Kc>
- India-Bangladesh Cross-border Tourism and Cruise Operations
April 29, 2021
<https://cuts-citee.org/public-private-dialogue-on-cross-border-tourism-cruise-operations-and-community-concerns-between-india-and-bangladesh/>
- East Africa Trade Forum: Fisheries Subsidies
May 19, 2021
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- West Africa Trade Forum: Fisheries Subsidies
May 20, 2021
<https://bit.ly/3f3KHEa>
- Middle East and North Africa Trade Forum: Development and SDT Issues
May 26, 2021
<https://bit.ly/3p77Qcn>
- Regional Workshop on Micro, Small and Medium-Sized Enterprises (MSMEs): Asia
May 31, 2021
<https://bit.ly/3ujScMC>
- Regional Workshop on Investment Facilitation for Development: Latin America and the Caribbean
June 04, 2021
<https://bit.ly/3uwd5mZ>
- South and Southeast Asia Forum: COVID-19 impacts on Trade and Development
June 14, 2021
<https://bit.ly/3iKMeBx>
- CUTS Session at IUCN's Meghna Knowledge Forum on Engaging the Private Sector for Inclusive Cross-border Navigation and Trade in the Meghna River Basin
June 23, 2021
<https://cuts-citee.org/iucns-meghna-knowledge-forum-event-2021/>
- Cage Fish Farming: Prospects for Bilateral Cooperation between India and Bangladesh
June 30, 2021
<https://cuts-citee.org/webinar-on-cage-fish-farming-prospects-for-bilateral-cooperation-between-india-and-bangladesh/>
- East Africa Trade Forum: Emerging Priority Issues Towards MC12
July 30, 2021
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- The Impact of COVID-19 on Agricultural Trade and Employment
August 04, 2021
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- CUTS Session at World Water Week on Inclusion of Voices of Riparian Communities in Trans-boundary Rivers
August 24, 2021
<https://cuts-citee.org/inclusion-of-voices-of-riparian-communities-in-trans-boundary-rivers-at-world-water-week-2021/>
- Knowledge Sharing for Inter-modal Connectivity in the BBIN Sub-region
September 01, 2021
<https://cuts-citee.org/webinar-on-knowledge-sharing-for-inter-modal-connectivity-in-the-bbin-sub-region/>
- E-commerce JSI Towards MC12 and Beyond: Potential Interests of Developing Countries
September 16, 2021
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- Building Better Together: Towards Resilient Trade Policy and Multilateral Trading System
September 29, 2021
<https://bit.ly/3Ac1xbz>
- Ensuring PPE Market Supply Transparency for Future Pandemics: From Lessons to Solutions
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- East Africa Trade Forum: TRIPs Waiver
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- Middle East and North Africa Trade Forum: TRIPs Waiver
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- South and Southeast Asia Forum: TRIPs Waiver
October 04, 2021
<https://bit.ly/3D9GUhZ>
- Virtual Seminar: Joint Statement Initiative on Investment Facilitation for Development
October 11, 2021
<https://bit.ly/3IE7uKk>

- South and Southeast Asia Forum: Agriculture Negotiations and WTO MC12
October 13, 2021
<https://bit.ly/3ayUdMD>
- Capacity building on e-commerce: From lessons to solutions
November 11, 2021
<https://bit.ly/3vNic4g>
- Agriculture in a Post-pandemic World: How can Trade, Resilience and Inclusivity Support Food for All?
December 03, 2021
<https://bit.ly/3GN8sfv>

Events

- Multi-stakeholders Dialogue on Promoting Cross-border Trade through Trans-boundary Waterways
September 29, 2021, Guwahati
<https://cuts-citee.org/multi-stakeholder-dialogue-on-promoting-cross-border-trade-through-trans-boundary-waterways/>
- Public Private Dialogue on Promoting Cross-border Tourism in India and Bangladesh through Trans-boundary Waterways
October 29, 2021, Guwahati
<https://cuts-citee.org/public-private-dialogue-on-promoting-cross-border-tourism-in-india-and-bangladesh/>
- National Advocacy Meeting on Multimodal Connectivity in the BBIN Sub-region
18 November 2021 | Kathmandu
<https://cuts-citee.org/national-advocacy-meeting-nepal/>
- National Advocacy Meeting on Multimodal Connectivity in the BBIN Sub-region
10 December 2021 | Thimphu
<https://cuts-citee.org/national-advocacy-meeting-bhutan/>

Effective Regulation

- Beyond Ease of Doing Business Rankings
January 16, 2021
<https://cuts-ccier.org/webinar-on-beyond-ease-of-doing-business-rankings/>
- Improving India's Competitiveness for Inclusive Economic Growth
January 27, 2021
<https://cuts-ccier.org/cuts-webinar-on-improving-indias-competitiveness-for-inclusive-economic-growth/>
- Privacy in Mobile Applications
February 09, 2021
<https://cuts-ccier.org/online-session-on-privacy-in-mobile-applications/>
- Improving India's Competitiveness for Inclusive Economic Growth
February 17, 2021
<https://cuts-ccier.org/cuts-webinar-on-improving-indias-competitiveness-for-inclusive-economic-growth/>
- Cyber Safety Best Practices for MSMEs
February 18, 2021
<https://cuts-ccier.org/cuts-webinar-cyber-safety-best-practices-for-msmes/>
- Improving India's Competitiveness for Inclusive Economic Growth
March 09, 2021
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- Future of Data Governance in India: A Consumer Perspective
March 12, 2021
<https://cuts-ccier.org/webinar-on-future-of-data-governance-in-india-a-consumer-perspective/>
- Discussing the Information Technology (Intermediary Guidelines) Rules, 2021 from the Lens of Consumer Welfare & EoDB
May 06, 2021
<https://cuts-ccier.org/webinar-on-discussing-the-information-technology-intermediary-guidelines-rules-2021/>

- Exploring Energy Transition in Rajasthan
June 25, 2021
<https://cuts-ccier.org/cuts-climate-trends-webinar-on-exploring-energy-transition-in-rajasthan/>
- Roundtable of Consumer Organisations in India on Proposed Amendments to the Consumer Protection (E-Commerce) Rules, 2020
July 02, 2021
<https://cuts-ccier.org/cuts-roundtable-of-consumer-organisations-in-india-on-proposed-amendments-to-the-consumer-protection-e-commerce-rules-2020/>
- Improving India's Competitiveness for Inclusive Economic Growth
July 14, 2021
<https://cuts-ccier.org/cuts-webinar-on-improving-indias-competitiveness-for-inclusive-economic-growth/>
- Practical Mechanisms to Protect Children's Data
July 22, 2021
<https://cuts-ccier.org/cuts-webinar-on-practical-mechanisms-to-protect-childrens-data/>
- Localisation as a Vehicle for Achieving Just Energy Transition
September 09, 2021
<https://cuts-ccier.org/cuts-fes-webinar-on-localisation-as-a-vehicle-for-achieving-just-energy-transition/>
- Evaluating Consumer Welfare in Digital Payments
September 21, 2021
<https://cuts-ccier.org/evaluating-consumer-welfare-in-digital-payments/>
- Accelerating Electric Vehicle Adoption in Rajasthan
October 01, 2021
<https://cuts-ccier.org/cuts-roundtable-conference-on-accelerating-electric-vehicle-adoption-in-rajasthan/>
- Enabling Just Transition in India's Power Generation Sector
November 12, 2021
<https://cuts-ccier.org/seed-community-meeting-rajasthan-enabling-just-transition-in-indias-power-generation-sector/>
- 7th CUTS-CIRC Biennial Conference on Competition, Regulation & Development
November 16-17, 2021
<https://cuts-ccier.org/7th-cuts-circ-biennial-conference-on-competition-regulation-and-development>
- Improving India's Competitiveness for Inclusive Economic Growth
November 25, 2021
<https://cuts-ccier.org/cuts-webinar-on-improving-indias-competitiveness-for-inclusive-economic-growth/>
- Competition Policy for an Inclusive and Resilient Economy
December 06, 2021
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Annex 4

Audit Report

Consumer Unity & Trust Society, Jaipur

Balance Sheet as at 31st March, 2021

					<i>Amount 'in Rs.'</i>
<i>Figures as at 31.03.2020</i>	<i>Liabilities</i>	<i>Figures as at 31.03.2021</i>	<i>Figures as at 31.03.2020</i>	<i>Assets</i>	<i>Figures as at 31.03.2021</i>
6,25,10,893.77	Reserves & Funds (As Per Schedule"1")	6,69,15,567.55	4,61,93,649.12	Fixed Assets (As Per Schedule"5")	4,67,57,212.12
6,27,595.30	Secured Loans (As Per Schedule"2")	2,42,235.10	1,78,63,216.13	Cash & Bank (As Per Schedule"6")	3,27,91,402.35
4,04,486.80	Current Liabilities (As Per Schedule"3")	7,19,385.80	1,10,82,644.00	Advances & Deposits (As Per Schedule"7")	78,96,129.00
1,15,96,533.38	Grant In AID (As Per Schedule"4")	1,95,67,555.02			
<u>7,51,39,509.25</u>		<u>8,74,44,743.47</u>	<u>7,51,39,509.25</u>		<u>8,74,44,743.47</u>

Significant Accounting Policies and Notes on Accounts Sch. "20"

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Alok Modani
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Partner



For Consumer Unity & Trust Society

Secretary

Treasurer

Place: Jaipur

Date: 20/10/21

Consumer Unity & Trust Society, Jaipur
Income & Expenditure account for the year ended on 31st March 2021

Amount 'in Rs'.

Previous year	Expenditure	Sch.	Current year	Previous year	Income	Sch.	Current year
3,72,79,104.93	To Awareness Camp/ Seminar/Workshop/ Conference	"8"	2,36,16,033.92	11,96,20,457.93	By Grant & Donation	"17"	10,77,52,458.63
5,65,26,472.86	To Research	"9"	5,89,33,520.40	12,10,380.98	By Interest Received	"18"	14,41,832.60
20,51,524.00	To Climate Change	"10"	17,59,508.00	10,49,219.35	By Miscellaneous Income	"19"	1,59,704.23
2,60,204.00	To Welfare/Empowerment of Women	"11"	4,83,843.00				
6,50,000.00	To Rural Development	"12"	7,69,858.88				
53,25,000.00	To Agriculture Activities	"13"	58,96,244.40				
19,03,900.00	To Socio-economic & other Welfare programme	"14"	19,45,909.00				
88,06,293.99	To Capacity Building	"15"	79,15,214.08				
68,17,958.15	To Welfare of Children	"16"	40,97,410.00				
5,90,396.59	To Office cost		1,927.00				
10,60,194.93	To Depreciation		9,05,504.31				
6,09,008.81	To Excess of Income over Expenditure		30,29,022.47				
12,18,80,058.26			10,93,53,995.46	12,18,80,058.26			10,93,53,995.46

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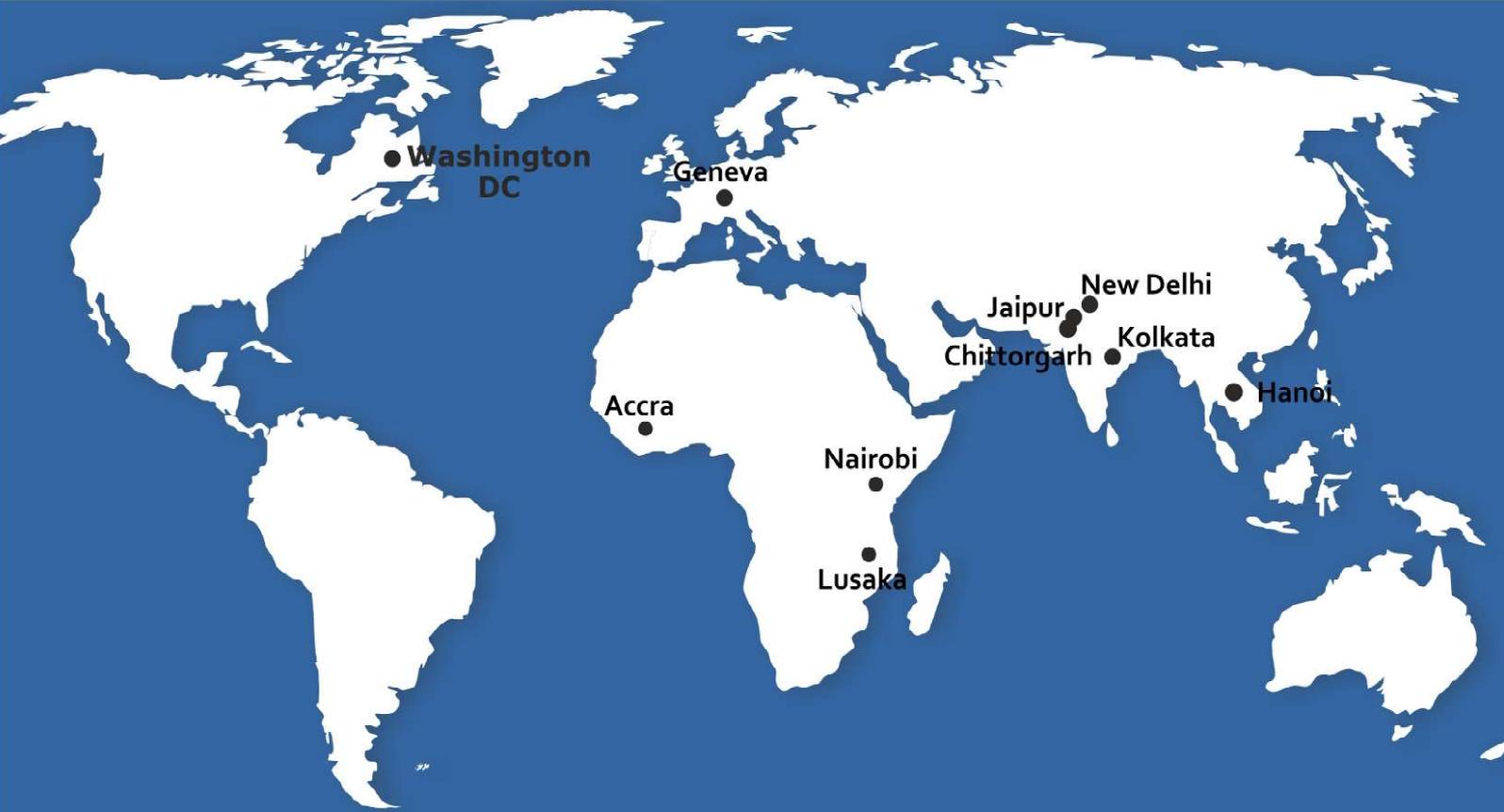


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