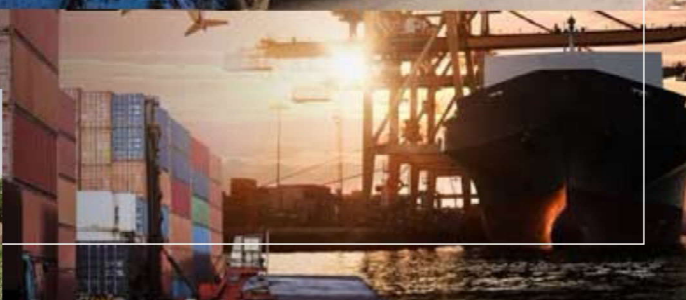
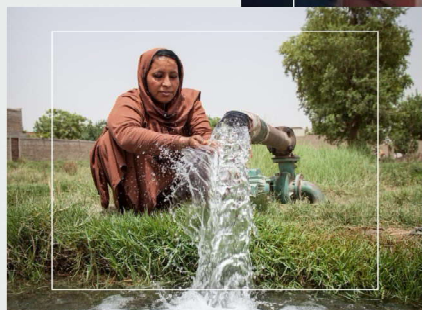
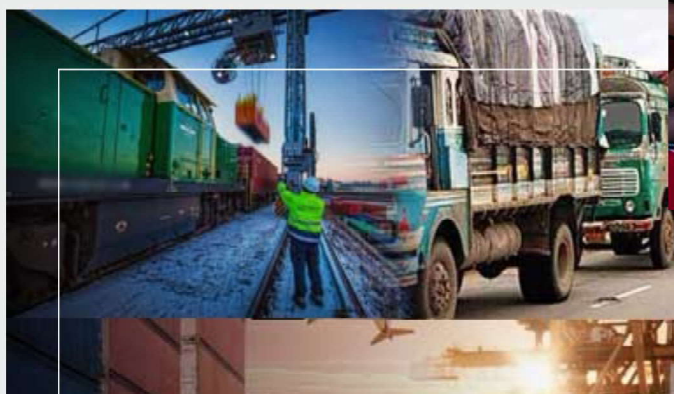


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Our Centres

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



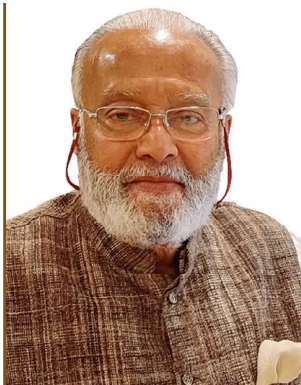
Asha Bhatnagar
President
(Social Worker)

CUTS is a leading NGO that catalyses influencing national policies on various issues, such as affecting national economy, including opportunity, gain, safety, misuse, protection, transparency, and, most importantly, an ethical interaction between nations to make the world a better place to live in.

With its significant presence in the field of global trade and development, CUTS has established centres in several countries, including Lusaka, Zambia; Nairobi, Kenya; Hanoi, Vietnam; Geneva, Switzerland, and Washington DC, USA, making it the only Indian NGO with such a global presence.

I am confident that CUTS will continue to play a vital role in the future, building on its significant position among NGOs that focus on global trade and development. I applaud the exceptional vision and commitment of Pradeep S Mehta, Secretary General of CUTS, in cultivating the organisation since its inception.

From the Secretary General



Pradeep S Mehta

Secretary General
CUTS International
March 2023

CUTS International has expanded significantly both in terms of functional areas and geographically since its modest beginnings in 1983. This expansion is organic and evolutionary, characterised by a welcome spontaneity in reacting to urgent needs, particularly in the areas of consumer welfare and public policy.

As we enter into the year 2023, let us look back down the history lane revisiting major developments, insights, and experiences from the previous years. Despite all odds, we were able to meet our commitments; achieve policy changes through evidence-based campaigning; and, most importantly, collect knowledge that will help us expand our efforts in the future. Our goal is to make the world a better place to live in!

Some significant events took place in the world in 2022. Firstly, the UK got Rishi Sunak, the first person of Indian origin as its prime minister. Surely, Churchill among other late British leaders, who always denigrated Indians, would be turning in their graves.

Secondly, the world population crossed eight billion in 2022, with India being the largest contributor to this reach. The numbers are growing at an enormous rate and India contributed 177 million to the final score.

Thirdly, Afghanistan's Taliban regime in 2022 saw a major setback in women's rights, especially with the restriction of visiting public recreational places. Women there could not protest because of heavy armour on the streets, but in neighbouring Iran, women took to streets against moral policing.

A nerve-racking example of gender-based brutality was seen in Iran when 22-year-old Mahsa Amini's death fuelled the biggest-ever protests. She was beaten ruthlessly for allegedly violating the mandatory hijab (Islamic headscarf) custom and this unfortunate incident sparked protests involving young girls and women who rebelliously removed their hijabs in standoffs with Iran's security forces.

Fourthly, Australia ratified the free trade agreement with India almost nine months after signing Economic Cooperation and Trade Agreement, which will come into effect in December 2023. The ECTA will help double bilateral commerce to US\$45-50bn in five years and over time should be expanded into a deeper agreement.

Several events happened throughout the year on the domestic front too. 2022 was also the year when India accomplished the status of the world's fifth-largest economy and made a record of surpassing 220 crores of COVID vaccines inoculation in India. India also earned huge goodwill by supplying the vaccine around the world.

To our delight, Mrs Droupadi Murmu was elected the 15th President of India. She is the youngest person to be elected to the office and also, the first tribal woman to hold the position.

On the occasion of the 75th Independence Day, the nation celebrated "Azadi ka Amrit Mahotsav" with the call for "Har Ghar Tiranga" (Tricolour in every household). CUTS also actively supported and participated in this campaign, by honouring the Indian National Flag and paying homage to the nation's forefathers.

India holds the Presidency of the G20 from December 01, 2022, to November 30, 2023, and will be hosting around 200 meetings in over 50 cities across 32 different workstreams. The theme is: 'Vasudev Kutumbakam' or 'One Earth, One Family, One Future' drawn from the ancient Sanskrit text of the Maha Upanishad.

India's G20 Presidency provides a unique opportunity to showcase its leadership and commitment to global economic growth. As a leading CSO, CUTS will participate in the G20 Summit through non-state processes.

As I reflect on 2022, I see both accomplishments and milestones that CUTS have achieved while continuing its forward looking 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: Rules-based Trade, Effective

Regulation, and Good Governance. All these 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 Centre in Chittorgarh focuses inter alia on establishing, nurturing and nourishing Farmer Producer Organisations to achieve the goal of doubling farmers' incomes. These FPOs are being formed in Chittorgarh, Bhilwara, Pratapgarh and Bharatpur Districts of Rajasthan. The FPOs are owned and run by farmers and we only hand hold them to enable their successful operations.

CUTS has created much-needed momentum for multimodal connectivity in Bangladesh, Bhutan, India, and Nepal (BBIN) sub-region of Eastern South Asia for better regional integration. The revival of negotiations for the implementation of the BBIN Motor Vehicles Agreement, the political decision to revive the defunct railway links between India and Bangladesh, the exploration of trade and tourism possibilities along the transboundary rivers, and the upgradation of a few Integrated Check Posts on important cross-border road connect to multimodal connectivity nodes are some of the policy outcomes that CUTS has successfully advocated for transforming transport into economic corridors.

Developing and deploying 6G technology may bring unanticipated challenges, in addition to cybersecurity, such as threats to privacy, trust, consumer protection, competition and inclusion. Hence, the development of 6G should be accompanied by the development of an ethical framework that encapsulates these aspects. CUTS, along with the Australian Risk Policy Institute and International Institute of Information Technology, Bangalore, is implementing this project with support from the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade under the

Australia-India Cyber and Critical Technology Partnership to fulfil a common objective.

The reliability of information has become a perennial issue with severe real-world repercussions. A single piece of information holds tremendous potential to cause real-world impacts. Along these lines, CUTS successfully organised a two-day media literacy workshop in Kolkata supported by the U.S. Consulate, Kolkata, with women journalists participating from the Indo-Pacific region.

This year, our on-demand analysis, dialogues and reporting enabled LDC and Smaller Developing Country WTO delegates to better take advantage of international trade for their development during and after the 12th WTO Ministerial conference. The 'Keeping Pace with Trade Developments' initiative, undertaken with the support of the Swedish Ministry of Foreign Affairs, continued to support trade negotiators on hot topics such as Agriculture, e-commerce, trade and health etc. We also explored the interface between trade and the environment, including circular economy and climate finance.

Through our ongoing project, Defense News Conclave: Stories of U.S.-India Defense Partnership, supported by the U.S. State Department (U.S. Consulate, Kolkata) we amplified the message of the need for a free, open and secure Indo-Pacific. By implementing a series of four virtual workshops and webinars on various pertinent security issues, the potential for flourishing defence relations between the two democracies has been highlighted. This led to a positive narrative being formed among target audiences, Indian journalists in particular. Combined with other deliverables such as news wraps and briefing papers, a network of 120-150 informed stakeholders has been created. This project is being conducted by the CUTS Washington DC Center out of virtual offices in Jaipur and Kolkata.

The findings from a survey conducted by CUTS Accra showed that less than 13 percent of SMEs know about the African Continental Free Trade Area (AfCFTA) while the remaining are uninformed about the agreement's content. In this context, the Centre, with support from GIZ, held a series of capacity-building workshops for the Malawian, Ethiopian and Ivorian Private Sectors on AfCFTA Rules of Origin (RoO). This resulted in improved knowledge of the Private Sector in Malawi, Ethiopia and the Ivory Coast of the protocol on the AfCFTA RoO.

CUTS Nairobi, under the project entitled, 'Enhancing Locally Led Climate Actions and Financing in Homa Bay County' has been able to engage in several actions with various stakeholders drawn from the county executive, departmental heads, county assembly leadership, civil society and community-based organisations on climate change, among others. This has led to enacting the County Climate Change Act 2022, paving the way for intense Climate Action.

CUTS will enter its 40th year in 2023 – a reason to celebrate. To mark its 40th Anniversary, a series of lectures will be held worldwide, including in India, with eminent scholars and practitioners on topics of interest to go with CUTS' work agenda on the lines of the 30th Anniversary.

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.



MISSION

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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.

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

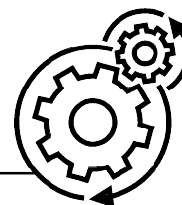
Considerable investments were made on information technology and office equipment. New books were added to the library. The number of computers increased from 45 to 68 and some of the existing computers were upgraded for compatibility. Heavy-duty centralised printers were installed. Centralised network 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.



Waterways Connectivity to Boost India-Bangladesh Trade



By implementing this programme, we aim to empower these communities by enabling them to manage and utilise water resources sustainably, thus improving their overall economic, social, and environmental conditions. Through this collaboration, we hope to create a positive impact that will help build resilient communities and contribute to sustainable development.

The programme resulted in increased awareness and enhanced buy-in by relevant stakeholders including policymakers and the private sector on the potential benefits of using transboundary waterways for cross-border trade between India and Bangladesh.

CUTS facilitated the submission of a Memorandum to the Inland Waterways Authority of India and Bangladesh Inland Water Transport Authority by the industry chambers and business associations in India and Bangladesh.

<https://cuts-citee.org/trans-boundary-rivers-of-south-asia-trosa/>

Multimodal Connectivity Imperative for the BBIN Subregion

The project is successful in building a political economy discourse in the BBIN subregion that is conducive to cross-border multi-modal connectivity. It identified four major transport corridors in the subregion for the study and conducted field research in more than 55 locations along these corridors.

A perception survey was conducted with stakeholders ranging from government officials and policymakers to the local communities in the four countries and the report was published.

Media Briefings and stakeholder consultations were organised in Kathmandu and Dhaka. It witnessed high-level interactions with the multi-stakeholder groups, such as ministers and other officials of respective departments.

Based on findings from the BBIN subregion, one video documentary and two digital stories were produced other than publishing briefing papers, discussion papers, dossiers and op-eds.

<https://cuts-citee.org/enabling-a-political-economy-discourse-for-multi-modal-connectivity-in-the-bbin-bangladesh-bhutan-india-nepal-sub-region/>



By examining successful models and identifying best practices, the project seeks to provide insights and recommendations that can inform the development of effective policies and strategies for BBIN countries to achieve their connectivity goals. This project is a critical step towards promoting regional integration and enhancing economic growth and development in the BBIN subregion.



Sanitary and Phytosanitary Measures to Facilitate Safe Trade

The coordinated application of sanitary and phytosanitary (SPS) and trade facilitation measures by countries can facilitate safe trade in agri-food products. The study was successful in identifying some good practices at the regional level for enhancing regional cooperation on SPS and related measures to facilitate safe trade.

The Food and Agriculture Organisation of the United Nations (FAO) commissioned this study to review and identify effective practices for regional cooperation on SPS measures in three regional trading The findings are expected to contribute to the enhancement of regional trade and the promotion of food safety and security.



Improving India's Ease of Trading across Borders

The project has been successful in understanding the infrastructure gaps at 10 Integrated Check Posts (ICPs) along India's border.

The findings of this study are expected to have significant implications for enhancing cross-border trade, promoting economic growth, and improving regional cooperation between India and its neighbours.

Unlocking the Trade Potential of Women in the Transboundary Landscapes of Hindu Kush Himalayas

Training modules for digital and financial literacy were prepared and five training workshops were conducted in the select locations of each landscape.

A Briefing Paper 'Women in Cross-border Trade: A Comparative Study between Sub-Saharan Africa and Hindu Kush Himalayan Region' was published.

<https://cuts-citee.org/role-of-women-in-the-transboundary-landscapes-of-the-hindu-kush-himalayan-region/>

By empowering women entrepreneurs, the programme seeks to promote inclusive and sustainable economic growth in these regions and contribute to the achievement of the Sustainable Development Goals.





We Helped Negotiators Keep Pace with WTO Talks in Ministerial Year

Hot issues covered this year included Agriculture, e-commerce, trade and health etc. We also explored the interface between trade and the environment, including circular economy and climate finance.

This year, our on-demand analysis, dialogues and reporting enabled LDC and Smaller Developing Country WTO delegates to better take advantage of international trade for their development in the run-up to and after the [12th WTO Ministerial conference](#). We also explored the interface between trade and the [environment](#), including [circular economy](#) and climate finance.

We Relaunched our Ad-hoc Negotiating Support Facility for Developing WTO Members

Since relaunching our ad-hoc negotiating support facility in October 2022, covering the WTO Joint Statements on Electronic Commerce and Investment Facilitation, CUTS and IISD delivered over 280 interventions ranging from neutral and objective textual analysis to factual briefings.



Following demands, by developing country WTO negotiators for the continued availability of our ad-hoc support facility launched last year, CUTS International Geneva and International Institute for Sustainable Development (IISD) relaunched this facility through a third phase of the “WTO Umbrella Grant Project on New Issues.”



Reporting @WTO 12th Ministerial Conference

"CUTS International Team has done a wonderful job while reporting on WTO and this kind of event, very much timely."

Ravi Kota, Economic Minister,
India High Commission, Washington DC, USA.

In June, as trade ministers from member countries of the WTO gathered in Geneva for their 12th ministerial conference, CUTS released daily updates on the state of the talks in both English and French.

Reporters gathered information from the inside and unwrapped what was at stake each day, keeping the trade and development community around the world abreast of the proceedings.

Enhancing Locally Led Climate Actions and Financing in Homa Bay County

By addressing the root causes and effects of climate change, the programme seeks to enhance the resilience of communities and ecosystems in Homabay County and contribute to sustainable development.



The organisation has successfully engaged with a range of stakeholders, to promote climate action in the region. One notable achievement resulting from this collaboration is the enactment of the County Climate Change Act 2022, which provides a legal framework for addressing climate change challenges in the region. This landmark legislation sets the stage for intensified climate action in the county.

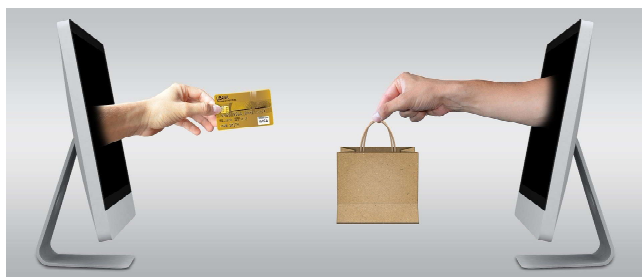


Building Capacity of Private Sectors on AfCFTA Rules of Origin

Through this initiative, the project partners seek to foster a more conducive business environment that will enable African enterprises to take advantage of the benefits of the AfCFTA and participate fully in the economic integration of the continent.

The findings from a survey conducted by CUTS Accra showed that less than 13 percent of SMEs know about the African Continental Free Trade Area (AfCFTA) while the remaining are uninformed about the agreement's content. In this context, the Centre, with support from GIZ, held a series of capacity-building workshops for the Malawian, Ethiopian and Ivorian Private Sectors on AfCFTA Rules of Origin (RoO). This resulted in improved knowledge of the Private Sector in Malawi, Ethiopia and the Ivory Coast of the protocol on the AfCFTA RoO.

Effective Regulation



Status of E-consumers in India

CUTS International is conducting a two-year project to study the e-commerce ecosystem in India and the challenges that impact consumer trust and welfare, such as data protection, product safety, counterfeit goods, lack of grievance redress systems, language barriers, and predatory pricing.

By bringing together various stakeholders, the project will facilitate an enriched discourse on designing an optimal regulatory framework for commerce, informed by a multi-stakeholder perspective.

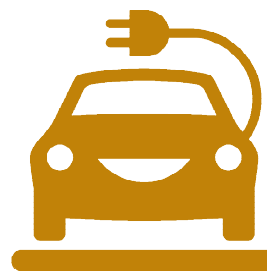
Ease of Doing Digital Business in India

This study aims to examine the impact of criminality provisions, restrictive policies, and inconsistent regulations on the growth of the digital economy in India, and its interplay with the Government's EoDB and EoL initiatives. It will assess the potential benefits and negative impacts on the growth of the digital economy, and analyse the existing and proposed laws for digital companies.



Accelerating Electric Vehicle Adoption in Rajasthan

The project successfully gained valuable insights by consulting dealerships, who serve as intermediaries between consumers and manufacturers. Additionally, a Hindi-language webpage was created to inform state-level stakeholders about EV policies and incentives, promoting supply-side engagement.



Tariff Rationalisation in Rajasthan

CUTS International conducted this study to simplify and rationalise power tariffs in Rajasthan, to achieve efficient and inclusive electricity supply, amidst the rapidly transforming policy and regulatory landscape of the Indian power sector.

The project aims to improve the financial stability of distribution utilities, reduce losses in transmission and distribution, encourage low-income households to pay their bills, promote low-carbon markets, and optimise capacity expansion through tariff incentives.

Rajasthan Electricity Scenario

The project aims to enhance grid integration of low-carbon technologies and reduce carbon emissions in Rajasthan by developing medium- and long-term electricity demand scenarios that integrate renewable energy, energy efficiency, and other low-carbon technologies. The scenarios will consider economic and social development policies, enabling improved planning for grid integration.

Key power sector governing institutions and officials would be more aware of the significance of medium- and long-term electricity demand forecasting, leading to an improved understanding of the challenges involved in achieving a clean energy transition through careful planning.

Economic Impact of Judicial Decisions – Phase III

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.



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.

Reducing Regulatory Compliances in Rajasthan

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.



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.

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

This study aims to shed light on the reasons behind inadvertent user contributions (such as reposting, forwarding, believing, and reacting) that lead to the spread of problematic content on social media platforms in India, Kenya, and Ghana. Based on the findings, recommendations will be made to users on how to consciously avoid spreading problematic content.

Good and Better Jobs in India: Inclusive Finance for Workers' Welfare

This project aims to examine the concept of workers as an investment for “human capital formation,” rather than solely as a cost burden. The study will explore whether workers' welfare could be considered an important component of investment decisions and seek to understand the thought process behind this perspective.



Solarisation of Agriculture Feeder

A guidebook will be published to offer practical guidance to states on the implementation of agricultural feeder solarisation. The guidebook will address various challenges related to coordination, financing, targeting, infrastructure support, monitoring, and evaluation.



This project aims to provide technical support to states in implementing PM KUSUM component A and the new feeder solarisation option under component C. Additionally, the project aims to provide inputs to MNRE on potential policies that may follow from PM KUSUM.

Exploring the Potential of Last Mile: Transportation as an Enabler for Green Jobs

This study will adopt a “just transition” perspective to ensure that the decarbonisation efforts are fair and equitable for all stakeholders involved.

This research project aims to facilitate a just transition to low-carbon last-mile transport in various states of India by gathering evidence on the socio-economic and environmental impacts on the ground.

TV Consumer Market Study

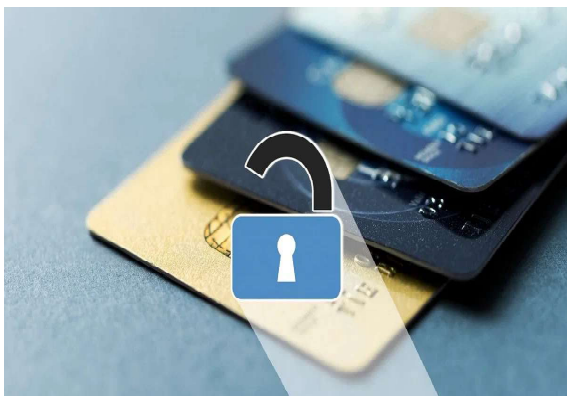
This study aimed to promote consumer welfare by providing survey results that could inform market and regulatory actions. The study’s findings were considered in the Telecom Regulatory Authority of India (TRAI)’s open-house consultation, and Dr. P. D. Vaghela, Chairman of TRAI, acknowledged receipt of the survey report.

Understanding Consumer Perspectives on 6GHz Band

This project aims to gain insight into consumer perspectives on the challenges and concerns associated with broadband services in the current bands, as well as their preferences, expectations, and potential benefits from the 6 GHz band and Wi-Fi 6E.



Implementation of RBI’s Tokenisation Directive in Consumer Interest



This project raised awareness among stakeholders about the challenges in implementing the RBI circular on card-on-file tokenisation (CoFT) by the deadline and the potential negative impact on consumers and merchants. We made representations and presentations to government officials, which contributed to the RBI extending the deadline twice in response to our advocacy efforts, along with other groups.

Digital Financial Consumer Protection Regime in Kenya

Kenya's digital financial services sector has undergone significant transformation due to increased innovation, connectivity, and a favourable regulatory environment. However, there have been instances of predatory practices and data privacy breaches by rogue financial service providers.

To address these challenges, CUTS Nairobi conducted a study on the gaps and challenges related to digital financial consumer protection. The study aims to identify potential benefits and recommend ways to strengthen consumer protection in digital finance.





Developing a Culture of Sustainable Consumption and Lifestyle Through Promoting Organic Consumption



CUTS has documented sustainable consumption practices in India and studied consumer perspectives on the same at a national level.

The organisation is taking a step forward by implementing sustainable consumption and production (SCP) intervention in selected cities of Rajasthan, conducting research to understand the perception, practices,

and consumption patterns. Additionally, a Sustainable Consumption Index will be prepared for these cities.

Through this intervention, local consumers and stakeholders will be sensitised to lead a more sustainable lifestyle. This approach will encourage more dedicated efforts to support SCP from the consumer's perspective.



Green Action Week-Rajasthan Campaign, 2022

The 2022 GAW theme was "Sharing Community" and focused on creating awareness about sustainable consumption among women and youth in Jaipur, Rajasthan. The campaign held various activities to influence consumer behaviour towards sustainable consumption.

The 'Best Out of Waste' approach of the Green Action Week (GAW) Campaign 2022 has fostered a sense of community sharing and garnered the interest of community leaders.



Global Green Action Week, India

CUTS launched the GAW Fund-India Campaign 2022 to promote sustainable consumption patterns among consumers, policymakers, and other stakeholders, and to raise awareness of the environmental impacts of consumption.

The GAW campaign in 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.



Ensuring Safe Food for a Healthy Tomorrow

Government officials have been sensitised about the seriousness of the Front-of-Pack labels (FoPLs) from consumers' perspectives.

As part of this effort, CUTS engaged with food manufacturers and industry associations to promote best practices for FoPLs and raise awareness among government officials about the importance of these labels from a consumer perspective.



Making Roads Safer for All Road Users

The project seeks to engage parliamentarians, media, and other stakeholders to advocate for effective rulemaking and enforcement to ensure road safety.

Since the implementation of the new Motor Vehicle Act, there has been a notable improvement in road safety across the country. The Act includes strict penalties for traffic violations, such as over speeding and drunk driving, which has led to increased compliance from drivers.

Amendments to the National Drunk-Driving Legislation in Ghana

The project aims to support policy changes to reduce the BAC from 0.080 mg/ml to 0.050 mg/ml and ensure effective implementation of the national drink-driving legislation. This will improve road safety and save the lives of victims of drinking and driving cases and other vulnerable road users in the country.



New Innovations Required for Sustainable Urban Governance

The project aims to improve communication and coordination among departments of Urban Local Bodies (ULBs) in Rajasthan and raise awareness about the use of financial instruments to meet infrastructure financing needs.

Asha Kiran: A Ray of Hope

With the support of the Rotary India Literacy Mission, CUTS CHD undertook a project entitled 'Asha Kiran: A Ray of Hope (A programme to send children back to school). The Centre identified the 400 eligible children from various locations and prepared the profile of each child as per the prescribed format. A total of 150 children were screened.





Formation and Promotion of FPOs

Our Centre in Chittorgarh focuses inter alia on establishing, nurturing and nourishing Farmer Producer Organisations to achieve the goal of doubling farmers' incomes. These FPOs are being formed in Chittorgarh, Bhilwara, Pratapgarh and Bharatpur Districts of Rajasthan. The FPOs are owned and run by farmers and CUTS only handhold them to enable their successful operations.



Affordable Non-State Education Sector in Ghana

The project aims to develop and sustain a national advocacy strategy to influence policy reforms that will bring about systematic change for the Affordable Non-State Education Sector (ANS), and position the sector as a recognised, regulated, and supported contributor to the Ghana education ecosystem.



Interventions for Vulnerable Children

A total of 5,146 child-vulnerable cases have been successfully intervened in various categories, such as medical, shelter, restoration, rescue from abuse, sponsorship, the child lost/missing, emotional support and guidance, child labour and marriage, conflict with laws, information and referral to services, etc.

228 child marriages were stopped and 264 children were rescued from child labour through rescue operations.



Nationwide Drive against Child Marriage

Approximately 650 people from 20 locations participated in this campaign and pledged to end child marriage.

The Child Marriage Free India Campaign, initiated by CUTS CHD, was held at 20 locations in Bhilwara with the aim of raising public awareness about the harmful practice of child marriage. The primary objective of the campaign was to endorse the Central Government's proposal to increase the marriageable age of girls from 18 to 21, in order to achieve a "Child Marriage Free India."



Highlights

The Trade Policy India Needs

CUTS International organised two Roundtables on The Trade Policy India Needs, held virtually on October 14 and November 17, 2022, respectively. The events were attended by various other eminent economists



and top trade policy experts.

India needs trade policy reforms to

increase overall trade, push exports, and better integrate into Global Value Chains (GVCs). The objective is to increase our share of global trade and boost domestic economic growth and jobs. The need of the hour is concrete policy recommendations towards these ends, considering larger strategic considerations.

Therefore, at CUTS International, we have been holding discussions with groups of eminent experts on India's trade policy since June 2022, when the 12th Ministerial Conference of the World Trade Organisation was arranged. Since then, we have hosted sessions on various dimensions and contours of India's domestic trade policies, including its role in the multilateral trading system and its approach towards the trade pillar of the Indo-Pacific Economic Framework (IPEF) and Regional Comprehensive Economic Partnership (RCEP).

At the heart of those deliberations has been a single driving question – ***what is the trade policy India needs which can propel its economic growth and job creation?*** In this context, we have also kept in mind that this is an opportune moment to evaluate India's trade policy goals and the policy actions required to achieve them; particularly when the new Foreign Trade Policy has been deferred till the next financial year, in 2023.

Civil Society Perspectives on Food Security

CUTS International organised a hybrid Panel Discussion titled "Civil Society Perspectives on Food Security: Taking Policies from Glassfronts to Grassroots" at South Asia International Economic Law Network (SAIELN)'s Third Biennial Conference on Food Security and International Law: Critical and Interdisciplinary Perspectives, in Kochi on December 20, 2022.

Civil society organisations (CSOs) are one of the few bridges which connect lived experiences of producer communities, consumers and citizens to national policymakers and ultimately, to international rule-shaping. The discourse on food security, and other facets surrounding the international economic governance of agriculture, would therefore greatly benefit from a well-informed civil society and grassroots perspective.

This Panel Discussion looked into the civil society perspectives on food security and



examine the role that CSOs can play in all these aspects. It will offer a view on how policymaking can be made inclusive and taken from glassfronts to grassroots on the one hand, and how lived experiences and ground realities can better feed into policymaking and rule-shaping processes nationally and internationally, on the other.

India-Australia to Work on 6G

Developing and deploying 6G technology may bring unanticipated challenges, in addition to cybersecurity, such as threats to privacy, trust, consumer protection, competition and inclusion. Hence, the development of 6G should be accompanied by the development of an ethical framework that encapsulates these aspects.



CUTS, along with the Australian Risk Policy Institute and International Institute of Information Technology, Bangalore, is implementing this project with support from the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade under the Australia-India Cyber and Critical Technology Partnership to fulfil a common objective.

Informing Debates on Trade and Environment

CUTS continued to provide support to developing country governments on policy and negotiating issues at the interface of [Trade and Environment](#). This included the release of a research paper providing a



regional perspective on how trade-related international cooperation can support

climate change mitigation and adaptation efforts in South East Asia, identifying priority area for action and recommendations at the multilateral level. The initiative was undertaken in partnership with the Forum on Trade, Environment and the SDGs.

Reporting Service covered 200+ Dialogues

We continued to keep trade and development practitioners posted on current debates through our “The Talk” reporting service. This service provides highlights of key recent meetings and dialogues organised by the global community on trade, economic and environmental issues. This year, we covered over 200 dialogues around 30+ thematic areas.

Many of these were part of global conferences such as the WTO’s [Public Forum](#) and UNFCCC’s [COP27 Climate Change Conference](#).



U.S.-India Defence Partnership

Through our ongoing project, Defense News Conclave: Stories of U.S.-India Defense Partnership, supported by the U.S. State Department (U.S. Consulate, Kolkata) we amplified the message of the need for a free, open and secure Indo-Pacific.

By implementing a series of four virtual workshops and webinars on various pertinent security issues, the potential for flourishing defence relations between the two democracies has been highlighted. This led to a positive narrative being formed among target audiences, Indian journalists in particular.

Combined with other deliverables such as news wraps and briefing papers, a network of 120-150 informed stakeholders has been created.



Role of Independent Media Forms the Basis of a Healthy Democracy

The reliability of information has become a perennial issue with severe real-world repercussions. A single piece of information holds tremendous potential to cause real-world impacts.

Along these lines, CUTS International successfully organised a two-day media



literacy workshop in Kolkata supported by the U.S. Consulate, Kolkata, with

women journalists participating from the Indo-Pacific region. Melinda Pavek, Consul General, US Consulate, Kolkata, graced the inaugural session.

The Indo-Pacific Civil Society Forum

The Indo-Pacific Civil Society Forum (IPCSF), is a unique initiative of CUTS, which brings together reputed Civil Society Organisations (CSOs) across the length and breadth of the region, on a common platform to strengthen advocacy on important issues common to the Indo-Pacific.

CUTS formally launched IPCSF, along with other like-minded CSOs, on September 30, 2022.

IPCSF members have commended CUTS for initiating a platform for Civil Society Engagement in the Indo-Pacific and expressed a ready willingness to collaborate under the forum.

Keeping in mind the hugely encouraging feedback received, CUTS will be holding interactions in the coming months, including theme-based webinars, articles (co-authored by IPCSF members), and E-Group Interactions to elicit the participation of members.



Annex 1

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Annex 2

Webinars and Events

RULES-BASED TRADE

- South and Southeast Asia Forum: The Services Sector, COVID-19, and Digitalization
January 21, 2022
<https://bit.ly/33KStQv>
- Implementation Considerations and Capacity Building Support in the E-commerce Joint Statement Initiative
February 10, 2022
<https://bit.ly/3pbAgTY>
- Cross-Border Trade and Navigation through Trans-boundary Inland Waterways between India and Bangladesh
February 28, 2022
<https://cuts-citee.org/webinar-on-cross-border-trade-and-navigation-through-trans-boundary-inland-waterways-between-india-and-bangladesh/>
- South and Southeast Asia Forum: Trade and Environment
March 03, 2022
<https://bit.ly/3CirQzr>
- Joint Statement Initiative on Investment Facilitation for Development
March 18, 2022
<https://bit.ly/3ieP7ZT>
- Multi-stakeholders and Traders' Meeting on Cross-Border Trade, Tourism and Navigation through Trans-boundary Inland Waterways between India and Bangladesh
March 21, 2022
<https://cuts-citee.org/multi-stakeholders-and-traders-meeting-on-cross-border-trade-tourism-and-navigation/>
- Promoting inclusive data policy through capacity building
April 26, 2022
<https://bit.ly/3klk53h>
- Whether 'data localisation' and 'national champion' approach would lead to an inclusive digital economy?
April 27, 2022
<https://bit.ly/3knrWNS>
- East Africa Trade Forum: WTO Work Programme on Electronic Commerce
May 05, 2022
<https://bit.ly/3tjxONa>
- West Africa Trade Forum: WTO Work Programme on Electronic Commerce
May 05, 2022
<https://bit.ly/3xbE5M3>
- Middle East and North Africa Trade Forum: WTO Work Programme on Electronic Commerce
May 05, 2022
<https://bit.ly/3H4wvar>
- South and Southeast Asia Forum: WTO Work Programme on Electronic Commerce
May 05, 2022
<https://bit.ly/3H15O6r>
- South and Southeast Asia Forum: Preserving food security in SSEA
May 24, 2022
<https://bit.ly/3MsjuIR>
- Digitalization and E-Commerce: New prospects for tackling inequality?
June 15, 2022
<https://bit.ly/3NwwA8Q>

- Future of the WTO or WTO of the Future?
June 23, 2022, & July 14, 2022
<https://cuts-citee.org/webinar-on-future-of-the-wto-or-wto-of-the-future/>
- East Africa Trade Forum: Way Forward Post-MC12
July 14, 2022
<https://bit.ly/3S7ziEW>
- West Africa Trade Forum: Way Forward Post-MC12
July 14, 2022
<https://bit.ly/3JhrZ9v>
- Middle East and North Africa Trade Forum: Way Forward Post-MC12
July 14, 2022
<https://bit.ly/3Sdac7K>
- South and Southeast Asia Forum: Way Forward Post-MC12
July 14, 2022
<https://bit.ly/3Jgzfmn>
- Managing Climate Change: A Strategy for India
July 15, 2022
<https://cuts-ccier.org/managing-climate-change-a-strategy-for-india/>
- Greening Aid for Trade: Future priorities and pathways for a just transition to sustainable trade
July 28, 2022
<https://bit.ly/3BnVS6n>
- Towards Greater Synergies between Aid for Trade and Climate Finance frameworks for Inclusive and Sustainable Development
July 29, 2022
<https://bit.ly/3SakqWw>
- Indo-Pacific Economic Framework: More than meets the eye?
August 05, 2022
<https://cuts-citee.org/cuts-webinar-on-indo-pacific-economic-framework-more-than-meets-the-eye/>
- A Southeast Asia Perspective on Trade and Climate Change Mitigation and Adaptation: Policy Priorities and Recommendations for Action
August 24, 2022
<https://bit.ly/3bSg0mM>
- The Trade System Is Changing: Can it Deliver for the Future?
September 27, 2022
<https://bit.ly/3CjOb6>
- Agriculture in Trade and Climate Change Negotiations
September 28, 2022
<https://bit.ly/3y3Dpt4>
- Industry 4.0 Technologies and Value-Added Services: *Opportunities and challenges for LDCs*
September 29, 2022
<https://bit.ly/3E9le9k>
- Role and Participation of Small Medium Enterprises (SMEs) in the AfCFTA
Accra, October 13, 2022
- Making the AfCFTA Work for Women Traders and Women-led MSMEs in Ghana
Accra, November 02, 2022
- Creating SME Competitive Advantage for AfCFTA: The Strategic Role of Trade Finance
Accra, November 23, 2022
- World Competition Day 2022: *Competition Policy and Climate Change*
December 05, 2022
<https://bit.ly/3h6lax5>

EFFECTIVE REGULATION

- Data Protection Bill 2021: Deciphering the Privacy & Rights of Minors
January 18, 2022
<https://cuts-ccier.org/ccaoi-cuts-and-isoc-delhi-discussion-on-data-protection-bill-2021/>
- 'Power-Up' to the Gamers Empowering Consumers in the Online Gaming World
June 29, 2022
<https://cuts-ccier.org/power-up-to-the-gamers-empowering-consumers-in-the-online-gaming-world/>

- The Unease of Doing Digital Business in Digital India
July 07, 2022
<https://cuts-ccier.org/the-unease-of-doing-digital-business-in-digital-india/>
- Optimal Governance of NPD 2.0
July 12, 2022
<https://cuts-ccier.org/optimal-governance-of-npd-2-0/>
- Managing Climate Change: A Strategy for India
July 15, 2022
<https://cuts-ccier.org/managing-climate-change-a-strategy-for-india/>
- Stakeholder Consultation on Accelerating Electric Vehicle Adoption in Rajasthan (EV Raj): *Challenges and Way Forward*
Jaipur, July 29, 2022
<https://cuts-ccier.org/stakeholder-consultation-on-accelerating-electric-vehicle-adoption-in-rajasthan/>
- International Conference on “Identifying Elements of Ethical and Regulatory Framework for 6G and Creating Opportunities for India and Australia”
New Delhi, August 17, 2022
<https://cuts-ccier.org/international-conference-on-identifying-elements-of-ethical-and-regulatory-framework-for-6g/>
- Stakeholder Consultation on A Just Transition Approach for Developing a Green Economy
New Delhi, October 18, 2022
<https://cuts-ccier.org/fes-cuts-stakeholder-consultation-on-a-just-transition-approach-for-developing-a-green-economy/>
- Competition Policy and Climate Change
New Delhi, December 05, 2022
<https://cuts-ccier.org/panel-discussion-on-competition-policy-and-climate-change/>
- Commemorating International Women’s Day with Tribal Women
Chittorgarh and Pratapgarh, March 08, 2022
- World Consumer Rights Day, 2022
March 15, 2022
- Media Encounter with a call on Parliament to Pass Consumer Protection Law
Accra, March 15, 2022
- Urgent Need for National Water Framework Law
March 22, 2022
- Combating Child Labour in Rajasthan
Pratapgarh, March 22, 2022
- Consumer Awareness Programme
April 20-21, Chittorgarh and Bhilwara
- Effective Implementation of Eco mark Scheme in India
Jaipur, April 22, 2022
- National Panchayati Raj Day
Chittorgarh, April 24, 2022
- Experts Hail Warning Labels as the Most Effective FoPL
May 11, 2022
- International Menstruation Hygiene Day
Bhilwara, May 28, 2022
- Improving City Governance Through Enhancing Knowledge of Urban Local Bodies in Rajasthan
Jaipur, June 01, 2022
- World Environment Day
Pratapgarh, June 05, 2022
- World Day Against Child Labour
Pratapgarh June 12, 2022
- The Age of E-Consumer Protection
August 25, 2022
- Effective Front of Package Labelling to Ensure Children’s Right to Nutrition
Kerala, August 26, 2022

GOOD GOVERNANCE

- Workshop on POCSO Act 2012 and JJ Act 2015
Bhilwara February 04, 2022

- Experts Demanded an Effective Mandatory Warning Label
August 30, 2022
- Improving City Governance Through Enhancing Knowledge of Urban Local Bodies in Rajasthan- An Expert Consultation at DLB Department
Jaipur, September 02, 2022
- Inaugural Meeting of CSOs Platform on Road Safety Launch
Accra, October 04, 2022
- Consumer Outreach Programme
Bhilwara, October 11, 2022
- Why India Needs Front of the Pack Warning Labels-An Interactive Session of CUTS
Jaipur, November 04, 2022
- Importance of soil testing and best practices of nutrient management
November 11, 2022
- Child Rights Day
Pratapgarh, Chittorgarh, November 14, 2022
- Childline Se Dosti Week
November 14-20, 2022
- Consumer Awareness of Telecom Consumers
Jaipur, November 15, 2022
- Commemoration of the World Day of Remembrance
Jaipur, November 20, 2022
- Agricultural and Processed Food Products Export Development Authority (APEDA) meeting on Import and Export of FPOs produce
November 24, 2022
- World Disability Day
Chittorgarh, December 03, 2022
- Improving City Governance-Workshops on Urban Governance for ULB Officials
Kota, December 22, 2022

STRATEGIC ISSUES

- Workshop-I on The Relevance of India-U.S. Defense Relations in the Indo-Pacific Region
May 27, 2022
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=OUGD8bXdqhs>
- Workshop-II on India-U.S. Collaborations in Defense Industry, Technology, Innovation and Trade
June 30, 2022
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=aoBz51WUq-4&t=612s>
- Workshop-III on Defense Modernisation in India: Policies, Commands and Capabilities
July 29, 2022
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ujUb-2eYrbw>
- Workshop-IV on India-U.S. Geo-Political Relations: Past, Present and Future
September 26, 2022
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ul918Y-PsIQ>
- Webinar on India's Defence Offset Policy: Challenges and Opportunities
December 15, 2022
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=jG8L93yP1Gw&t=4s>

IPCSF

- Launch Event of Indo-Pacific Civil Society Forum
September 30, 2022
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=_FJAOxC2pl8



Annex 3

Publications

RULES-BASED TRADE

Reports

- Unlocking Trade Potential of Women in the Transboundary Landscapes of Hindu Kush Himalayas
<https://cuts-citee.org/pdf/research-report-unlocking-trade-potential-of-women.pdf>

Discussion Papers

- Cross-border Twin Towns in the BBIN Sub-region: Facilitating Intra-regional Trade and Cooperation
<https://cuts-citee.org/pdf/dp-cross-border-twin-town-in-the-bbin-sub-region.pdf>
- Enhancing Multimodal Connectivity in the BBIN Sub-region: Air Connectivity in Perspective
<https://cuts-citee.org/pdf/dp-mconnect-in-the-bbin-sub-region-air-connectivity-in-perspective.pdf>

Briefs

- Role of West Bengal in Shaping India's Logistics Performance
<https://cuts-citee.org/pdf/bp-role-of-west-bengal-in-shaping-indias-logistics-performance.pdf>
- Transform Transport Corridors into Economic Corridors: *Towards Inclusive Growth & Trade in the BBIN Sub-Region*
https://cuts-citee.org/pdf/bp-transforming_transport_corridors_into_economic_corridors_for_inclusive_growth_in_the_BBIN_countries.pdf
- Railway Connectivity in the BBIN Sub-region and its Potential
https://cuts-citee.org/pdf/bp-railway_connectivity_in_the_BBIN_sub-region_and_its_potential.pdf

- Scope of Dovetailing Inland and Coastal Waterways between India and Bangladesh
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- Women in Cross-border Trade: A Comparative study between Sub-Saharan Africa and Hindu Kush Himalayan region
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- Rethinking Special and Differential Treatment in the WTO
<https://cuts-citee.org/pdf/briefing-paper-rethinking-special-and-differential-treatment-in-the-wto.pdf>
- Carbon Border Adjustment Mechanism: Potential Impacts on Indian Exports
<https://cuts-citee.org/pdf/bp-carbon-border-adjustment-mechanism-potential-impacts-on-indian-exports.pdf>
- Potential of Multi-modal Connectivity in India
<https://cuts-citee.org/pdf/india-potential-of-multimodal-connectivity.pdf>
- Nadi Baithaks: *Platform to raise community concerns*
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- Climate Finance: What to Expect from COP27?
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- Trade-related Measures in Nationally Determined Contributions: State of play in South and Southeast Asia
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- Enabling LDC Suppliers to Benefit From The WTO Services Waiver: The case of modern services in Cambodia
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- Food Sector Recovery and Resilience After the Covid-19 Pandemic
<https://bit.ly/3NcJnh3>
- Towards a WTO Package of Solutions for NFIDCs in Times of Food Crisis
<https://bit.ly/3PKVxQ3>
- Towards Food Security in South and Southeast Asian times of Crisis
<https://bit.ly/3xccA4T>
- Shifting Towards Circular Policy Framework in Developing Countries: Taking stock and Getting Inspired
<https://bit.ly/36ZE1pr>
- Aspects liés à la coopération avec les pays en développement, au renforcement de leurs capacités et à leurs activités de mise en œuvre dans le cadre de l'IDC sur le commerce électronique
<https://bit.ly/3LwEKxl>
- Cooperation, Capacity Building and Implementation Considerations of Developing Countries in the Ecommerce Joint Statement Initiative
<https://bit.ly/38nD8Hs>
- The WTO Work Programme on Electronic Commerce Post Buenos Aires: Developments in the run-up to MC12
<https://bit.ly/3vrGgdm>
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<https://bit.ly/3iLUPm8>
- The State of Play for Sustainable Development in the Joint Statement Initiative on Investment Facilitation for Development
<https://bit.ly/3ideqva>
- Multilateralism at the COVID-19 Pandemic Crossroad
<https://bit.ly/3CwCOMP>
- Environment and International Trade: Latest Developments in the WTO and Their Possible Implications
<https://bit.ly/35V5APQ>
- The Services Sector, COVID-19, and Digitalization: Implications for Select South and Southeast Asian Countries
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- India at the WTO's Twelfth Ministerial Conference (MC12)– #2/ June 2022
<https://cuts-citee.org/pdf/onw-june-2-2022-twelfth-ministerial-conference.pdf>
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- The Trade Agenda in 2022: WTO and Beyond– #1/ March 2022
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- The Trade Agenda in 2022: WTO and Beyond– #1/ February 2022
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- The Overhaul of India's Trade Policy Administration– # 1, October 2022
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- The outcome of Bangladesh Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina's Visit to India– # 1, September 2022
<https://cuts-citee.org/pdf/onw-1-september-2022.pdf>

- Oil Price Impact on South Asia– # 3, June 2022
<https://cuts-citee.org/pdf/onw-3-2022.pdf>
- Implications of Russia's Ukraine War on South Asia– # 2, April 2022-May 2022
<https://cuts-citee.org/pdf/onw-2-2022.pdf>
- BIMSTEC and Regional Cooperation– #1/ March 16, 2022-April 15, 2022
<https://cuts-citee.org/pdf/onw-1-2022.pdf>
- International Trade – A Blessing in Disguise– #3, July, 2022
<https://cuts-citee.org/pdf/trade-onw-3.pdf>
- International trade can address climate change– #2, June, 2022
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- Trade and Food Security– #1, May, 2022
<https://cuts-citee.org/pdf/trade-onw-1.pdf>

Dossiers

- Agriculture, Climate Change and Food Security
<https://cuts-international.org/PDF/CUTS-Dossier-on-agriculture-climate-change-and-food-security.pdf>
- Partnership with the UK Government Exploring New Avenues and Outlining Goals
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- Issue #8, March, 2022
<https://cuts-citee.org/pdf/dossier-8-catalytic-multimodal-connectivity-initiatives.pdf>
- Issue #9, June, 2022
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- Issue #10, September, 2022
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- The Trade Policy India Needs – *CUTS Policy Recommendations*
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- Multi-modal Connectivity in the BBIN Sub-region - A Video Documentary
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- Digital story: Voices of Women from the Meghna Basin (TROSA)
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9TBfyYab5jg>
- Digital Story: Boating Towards Inclusivity
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=4uYxVg9BeOM>
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Annex 4

Audit Report

Consumer Unity & Trust Society, Jaipur

Balance Sheet as at 31st March, 2022


					Amount 'in Rs.'
Figures as at 31.03.2021	Liabilities	Figures as at 31.03.2022	Figures as at 31.03.2021	Assets	Figures as at 31.03.2022
6,69,15,567.55	Reserves & Funds (As Per Schedule"1")	7,57,62,717.10	4,67,57,212.12	Fixed Assets (As Per Schedule"4")	4,76,57,269.71
2,42,235.10	Secured Loans	0.00	3,27,91,402.35	Cash & Bank (As Per Schedule"5")	3,86,12,648.10
7,19,385.80	Current Liabilities (As Per Schedule"2")	18,00,413.94	78,96,129.00	Advances & Deposits (As Per Schedule"6")	1,46,26,549.30
1,95,67,555.02	Grant In AID (As Per Schedule"3")	2,33,33,336.07			
8,74,44,743.47		10,08,96,467.11	8,74,44,743.47		10,08,96,467.11

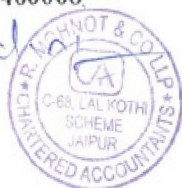
Significant Accounting Policies and Notes on Accounts

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Alok Modani
M N. 402447
Partner



For Consumer Unity & Trust Society


Secretary


Treasurer

Place: Jaipur

Consumer Unity & Trust Society, Jaipur
Income & Expenditure account for the year ended on 31st March 2022

Amount 'in Rs'.

Previous year	Expenditure	Sch.	Current year	Previous year	Income	Sch.	Current year
2,36,16,033.92	To Awareness Camp/ Seminar/Workshop/ Conference	"7"	2,98,58,051.32	10,77,52,458.63	By Grant & Donation	"16"	12,88,01,451.44
5,89,33,520.40	To Research	"8"	5,92,12,480.68	14,41,832.60	By Interest Received	"17"	11,63,093.72
17,59,508.00	To Climate Change	"9"	71,51,111.34	1,59,704.23	By Miscellaneous Income	"18"	1,09,921.05
4,83,843.00	To Welfare/Empowerment of Women	"10"	32,17,015.00				
7,69,858.88	To Rural Development	"11"	6,37,075.00				
58,96,244.40	To Agriculture Activities	"12"	58,81,298.81				
19,45,909.00	To Socio-economic & other Welfare programme	"13"	5,90,360.90				
79,15,214.08	To Capacity Building	"14"	1,25,81,676.50				
40,97,410.00	To Welfare of Children	"15"	22,04,710.00				
1,927.00	To Office cost		846.23				
9,05,504.30	To Depreciation		11,42,592.49				
30,29,022.48	To Excess of Income over Expenditure		75,97,247.94				
10,93,53,995.46			13,00,74,466.21	10,93,53,995.46			13,00,74,466.21

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