

Consumer Unity & Trust Society (CUTS) is a leading think-tank working on economic and public policy issues. From its modest beginnings in 1983, CUTS has grown significantly as a local and global research and advocacy group in addressing the challenges to enhance consumer welfare. From a small voluntary consumer non-governmental organisation (NGO) working locally in Rajasthan, a state in North West India, to make consumers aware of their rights and seek resolution of their grievances, CUTS has over time progressed to policy research and network-based advocacy on various public policy issues at state, national, regional and international levels.

Its work spans a multi-pronged agenda targeted to the realisation of CUTS' Vision of 'Consumer sovereignty' and its Mission of 'consumer sovereignty in the framework of social justice, economic equality and environmental balance, within and across borders.'

CUTS work now revolves around three verticals: Rules-based Trade, Effective Regulation and Good Governance. This graduation happened organically because of the demands made on CUTS to work on policy issues, which would enhance consumer welfare, with the realisation that consumers need to be protected upfront and not only ex post.

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JOB CODE: CUTS73DIR

VACANCY: Director (Centre For International Trade, Economics & Environment), Jaipur, Rajasthan

JOB PROFILE

The incumbent of this profile will provide overall strategic direction in programme design, development and implementation coupled with providing day to day leadership and administration to the team. He/she will also be responsible for devising annual budgeting and resource mobilization.

The responsible personnel will also be responsible for enhancing programme portfolio by identifying opportunities and potential donors. The position contributes to the development and implementation of organisational strategies, policies and practices. Knowledge of practical aspects of law and economics is desirable. Experience of working in statistical tools and econometrics is a plus. This position will have close interface with the Senior Management, CUTS Headquarters, Jaipur, Rajasthan, India.

KEY RESPONSIBILITIES:

1. Strategic Management and Leadership

- Responsible for the strategic directions of the Centre and ensure effective implementation of different programmes with demonstrable impact;
- Support the organisation's strategic plan, annual budget forecasting and fundraising strategy in consultation with the reporting head(s).
- Coordinate and work in close consultation with Senior Management on the formulation and implementation of centre programmes, policies etc. as per due compliance and donor requirements;
- Create a conducive environment that fosters performance oriented work culture and commitment to goals and values of the organisation;
- Coordinate and work in close consultation on programme, policies, finance, HR etc. with respective department head(s).
- Overall administration and compliance of statutory and legal requirements, including management of Centre's finances and assets.
- Ensure the quality and timeliness of project deliverables

2. Operational and Research Management

- Oversee all activities in the research vertical, including conducting research in identified thrust areas, providing on-call research support, and publishing findings in internal and external publications;
- Design and implement strategies for effective monitoring and evaluation of different projects;
- Monitor all budgeted programme expenditures to ensure projects operate within approved budgets;
- Represent the organisation to governmental and funding agencies, national and international organisations, conferences, seminars etc.;
- Support in planning and designing dialogues, workshops, and conferences on the research outputs;
- Design and implement advocacy and data dissemination strategy for the research outcomes;
- Development of strategic influencing encompassing policy and advocacy framework;
- Ensure periodic reporting to Senior Management and Stakeholders;
- Ensure financial reports and supporting documentation for funders are prepared as outlined in funding agreements;
- Build, support and line manage the team members to ensure productivity and efficiency.

3. Personnel Management

- Facilitate the team by efficiently managing the staff reporting directly and provide leadership for the successful operational management of the centre.
- Recruits, orients, motivates, inspires and develops a high quality team;
- Ensures year-end performance evaluations are conducted with all staff;
- Promotes and creates opportunities for advancement of employees;
- Ensure that all statutory compliances as per existing and applicable laws are complied with on time.
- Provide technical leadership and administrative oversight.

4. Personal Attributes

- **Business Acumen/Strategic perspective** - Understands business and the strategic role of international trade/regulations/public policy in assessing and analysing challenges and opportunities;
- **Ability to Influence** - Strong influencing skills and change management skills to manoeuvre through a complex matrix environment;
- **Creativity/Innovation:** Develop new and unique ways to improve operations of the organisation and to create new opportunities;
- **Relationship Management:** Anticipate, understand, and respond to the needs of internal/external stakeholders to meet or exceed their expectations within the organisational parameter;
- **Make Decisions:** Assess situations to determine the importance, urgency and risks, and make clear decisions which are timely and in the best interests of the organisation;
- **Cultural Understanding:** International mind set, understands different perspectives and is able to work comfortably in multi-cultural environment;
- **Accountability:** Self-starter with a strong sense of initiative and focused on results; ability to manage multiple projects within ambiguous and undefined parameters.
- **Communicate Effectively:** Good verbal and written communications skills.

QUALIFICATIONS and PROFICIENCY

- Post-Graduation in Economics/Trade Law/Environment from an institute of good repute in a related subject;
- 10-15 years of experience in a project management role preferably in the non-profit sector;
- Experience of law and policy making is highly desirable
- Previous experience of data economy research and advocacy preferred
- Experience and willingness to travel nationally and internationally;
- Comfortable working in fast paced and deadline driven environment.
- Experience of working in a multicultural environment will be an added advantage

COMPENSATION

CUTS recognises that the right candidate will have a significant impact on the success of the organisation and is prepared to offer an attractive compensation package for the non-profit sector, commensurate with experience.

JOB LOCATION

- **The position will be based in CUTS headquarters in Jaipur, Rajasthan, India.**
- Frequent travel both within and outside India would be required as per project needs.

TO APPLY

Qualified candidates should send their resumes to careers@cuts.org, along with a cover letter highlighting your suitability for the position. Please mention job code in subject line of application. Any application received without the appropriate job code will not be considered.

Given the large volumes of applications we receive, we are unable to respond to all applicants and our responses are limited to those who are shortlisted. If you do not hear from our end within 30 days after the submission of the application, please consider that you have not been shortlisted.

CUTS is an equal opportunity employer and considers all applicants on merit without regard to race, national origin, religious beliefs, gender, marital status or physical disability. Women candidates are encouraged to apply.