

Consumer Unity and 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: CUTS93PA

Job Title: Policy Analyst – Cross border Trade in Services and Investment

Location: Geneva, Switzerland

Organization: CUTS International

Team: Trade Team

Start date: Immediately

JOB PROFILE

CUTS International, a dynamic non-governmental organization dedicated to fostering inclusive and sustainable development, is actively in search of a highly qualified and motivated individual with expertise in policy and economics related to Trade in Services and Investment. The organization is looking to fill the position of Policy Analyst in Geneva.

The primary objective is to cultivate inclusive and effective policy discussions concerning Services on a global scale, with a specific emphasis on the Global South and prominent developing nations like India, which actively seeks substantial engagement in the Trade in Services sector. This initiative is dedicated to nurturing the formulation of policies within this domain, ultimately propelling the increase of both the volume and quality of trade in services and foreign direct investment. This will be achieved through the facilitation of reforms at the global level.

The ideal candidate will possess a deep understanding of Indian trade policies and extensive knowledge of India's interests at the multilateral level. In addition, the candidate is expected to demonstrate a comprehensive understanding of the geopolitical relations that influence trade discussions at the multilateral level. The role necessitates active advocacy and representation of CUTS International at international forums, conferences, and meetings pertaining to trade, economics, and investment, with a focus on promoting India's and the Global South's perspectives in international trade policy discussions.

The selected individual will play a pivotal role in analyzing and influencing international trade, economic and investment policies, emphasizing Services, Investment. This critical role is dedicated to fostering fair and equitable economic development by championing trade policies that specifically address the needs and aspirations of the Global South on a global stage. With a distinct emphasis on advancing the interests of India in the intricate landscape of international trade, the organization envisions the Policy Analyst as a key catalyst for strengthening and amplifying these objectives.

RESPONSIBILITIES

Policy Analysis:

- Project management: Be responsible for project management of the Streamlining Services Initiative, including helping to drive progress on activities and deliverables, reviewing and drafting project-related policy reports, and coordinating multi-stakeholder public-private working group members.
- Conduct in-depth analysis of international trade, investment, and economic policies, with a specific focus on Services, Investment, and Energy.
- Provide timely and accurate insights on emerging trends, policy developments, and their implications.
- Work on specific policy projects including trade in services and Cross-border investment sphere.
- Prepare policy briefs, reports, and other relevant documentation to contribute to informed decision-making.

Stakeholder Engagement:

- Collaborate with international organisations, academic institutions, and think tanks to enhance research capabilities and foster partnerships.
- Engage with representatives from developing and least-developed countries to understand their specific challenges and contribute to tailored policy solutions.

International Representation:

- Represent CUTS International at international forums, conferences, and meetings related to trade, economics, and investment.
- Advocate for the organization's positions on global economic law issues.

Capacity Building:

- Develop and deliver training programmes to clients on international trade and investment issues.
- Provide mentorship and support to junior staff members within the Trade Team.

Qualifications:

Education:

- Advanced degree in International Trade Law, Economics, or related fields.

Experience:

- Substantial (4-5 years) experience working on Trade in Services, and Investment Policies including analysis, policy recommendations, and supporting reform agendas.
- Demonstrate substantial expertise in the broader global economic law sphere, including a proven track record in trade negotiations and providing strategic advice on economic policy.
- Publication record in Services/Investment area.
- Proven track record of working with international organisations, academic institutions, and think tanks.
- Prior engagement with developing, particularly India, and least-developed countries working in the field of trade law and policy.
- Knowledge of the functioning of international organisations.
- Interest in working in a fast-paced, multi-national, dynamic environment.
- Ability to engage a wide range of stakeholders, including private and public sector representatives – client-facing comfort and skills a must

Skills:

- Strong analytical and research skills.
- Strong project organisation skills and ability to adjust deliverables to evolving needs.
- Excellent written and verbal communication skills in English and Hindi.
- Organisational skills with the ability to manage multiple tasks and deadlines.
- Ability to work independently and as part of a diverse team.

How to Apply:

Interested candidates should submit their resume, a cover letter outlining their relevant experience and qualifications, and a writing sample to careers@cuts.org. Please mention "Policy Analyst Application - Trade Team" in the subject line.

Application Deadline: [19 January 2024]

CUTS International is an equal-opportunity employer. We encourage candidates from diverse backgrounds to apply. Only shortlisted candidates will be contacted for interview.