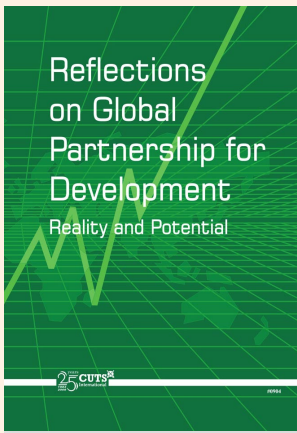


# CUTS LATEST PUBLICATIONS

## TRADE AND DEVELOPMENT



## Reflections on Global Partnership for Development: *Reality and Potential*

CUTS International and the Federation of Indian Chambers of Commerce and Industry (FICCI), organised a conference on the Global Partnership for Development (GPD) in New Delhi, on August 12-13, 2008. The conference was enriched by papers and presentations from a wide range of experts hailing from both the developed and the developing world as well as open house deliberations and panel discussions. This volume compiles the papers presented during the course of this conference. The papers received examine these diverse aspects of the GPD from different angles – the opportunities for facilitating it, the various barriers that impede its facilitation and how these can be overcome.

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## Good Economics is Good Politics

Parliamentarians have a crucial role to play in the development process. They are the bridge between the government and the people. They are the ones who can ensure that the government is accountable to the people and that the people are accountable to the government.

The 10th anniversary of the Parliamentarians' Forum in India is being celebrated. This forum has been a platform for parliamentarians to discuss and share their views on various issues related to development and governance.

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This note highlights possible ways to achieve inclusive growth through augmentation of human capabilities for participation in the growth process and improved delivery of public/social services.

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It also discusses the informal sector in the Indian context and highlights some of the limitations of the definition. Lastly, it provides an overview of the relationship between informality and economic growth.

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India should go for FTA with Central Asian Countries

Regional trade agreements since the early 1980s has been proliferating. The regional trade agreements in existence are AFTA, CFTA, NAFTA, South Asian and the Central Asian Free Trade Area (CAFTA). The CAFTA was established in 1995 after a number of years of negotiations. The CAFTA is a free trade area covering the five Central Asian countries: Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Tajikistan, Turkmenistan and Uzbekistan. The CAFTA is a free trade area covering the five Central Asian countries: Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Tajikistan, Turkmenistan and Uzbekistan. The CAFTA is a free trade area covering the five Central Asian countries: Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Tajikistan, Turkmenistan and Uzbekistan.

# India should go for FTA with the Central Asian Countries

The political-economic-strategic factors do favour a free trade agreement (FTA) by India with the Central Asian countries, at least to start with Kazakhstan. There is a desire on both sides to enhance political-economic-strategic cooperation. India needs energy resources to accelerate its economic growth while Kazakhstan and other Central Asian countries to embark upon receiving foreign direct investment (FDI) for exploration, production and export of their latent energy resources.

This paper lays stress that India should take the initiative to start negotiations for a FTA with Kazakhstan and thus, rewrite the history of economic-cultural cooperation between two countries in order to facilitate future cooperation between India and Central Asia.

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