

## CUTS SUPPORTING EAC DEVELOPMENT THROUGH TRADE

Focus on Agriculture and Climate Change

CUTS International Geneva Side Event | Room B, WTO MC8 NGO Centre (WTO Building) | December 15, 2011 | 1000 – 1200

Agriculture is at the centre of EAC (East African Community comprising Burundi, Kenya, Rwanda, Tanzania and Uganda) countries' economies and societies. It feeds their populations as well as exports. There are clear and strong linkages between equitable agricultural development in EAC countries on the one hand and the rules of the multilateral trading system on the other. CUTS has undertaken a number of project to better understand and capitalize on these linkages including the ongoing FEAD (Facilitating Equitable Agricultural Development in sub-Saharan Africa) project.

Climate change is going to be a formidable challenge for the EAC with its impacts on agriculture, food security and trade. Therefore, there is urgent need to develop holistic approaches to deal with the impact of climate change on food security through trade. Recognising this urgent need, CUTS is launching a new project entitled "Promoting Agriculture-Climate-Trade Linkages in the EAC (PACT EAC)".

This side event by CUTS during the 8th WTO Ministerial Conference aims to:

- Present the key findings of five studies on issues related to equitable agricultural development in the EAC
- Outline a roadmap to deal with the impact of climate change on food security in the EAC through trade
- Provide a forum for objective discussion among stakeholders on issues related to trade, climate change and agriculture and food security



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## **PROGRAMME**

**Chair:** Pradeep S Mehta, Secretary General CUTS International

Introduction: Ramamurti Badrinath, Director CUTS International Geneva

**Presentation:** Key Findings of CUTS Studies: Equitable Agricultural Development in the EAC: Julian Mukiibi,

Programme Officer, CUTS International Geneva

**Discussant:** Dr Lunegolo, Executive Director, Economic and Social Research Foundation, Tanzania

**Presentation:** Climate Change, Food Security and Trade: Linkages and Challenges

**Discussant:** François Munyentwari, Director ACORD Rwanda

Discussion