

GLOBAL WEBINAR

THE G20 CHAMPIONING THE CONSUMER MOVEMENT

23 August 2023 | Wednesday

05:30 PM - 08:30 PM (IST) | 02:00 PM - 05:00 PM (CET) | 09:00 AM - 12:00 PM (BRAZIL-BRT)

07:00 PM - 10:00 PM (INDONESIA-WIB) | 02:00 PM - 05:00 PM (SOUTH AFRICA-SAST)

G20 has recognised the importance of protecting consumers from unfair business practices to promote sustainable economic growth ever since its founding in 2008. It is needed to reiterate this focus for promoting fair trade practices and help create a more equitable and sustainable global economy for the achievement of SDGs. For this, it is vital to raise the ante on consumer protection, particularly in the Global South as the India G20 summit this year is followed by Brazil (2024) and South Africa (2025).

AGENDA

05:30 – 05:50 PM (IST) **Welcome Address:** Pradeep S Mehta, *Secretary General, CUTS International*
Opening Remarks: Rebeca Grynsplan, *Secretary General, UNCTAD*

Inaugural Session: The Evolution of Consumer Protection on the G20 Agenda – From Past to Present

05:50 – 06:35 PM (IST) **Panel Discussion and Q&A**
Moderator: Shirish Deshpande, *Chairman, Mumbai Grahak Panchayat*

Speakers

- Vijay K Nambiar, *Principal Coordinator (Sherpa), Civil20, India*
- Fernando Blanco, *Former National Director for Consumer Defence, Argentina*

Session 1: Emerging Issues in Global Consumer Protection

06:35 – 07:20 PM (IST) **Panel Discussion and Q&A**
Moderator: Teresa Moreira, *Head of Competition and Consumer Policies, UNCTAD*

Speakers

- Rohit Kumar Singh, *Secretary, Department of Consumer Affairs, India*
- Athayde Motta, *Executive Director, Brazilian Institute for Social and Economic Analyses (IBASE)*
- Thezi Mabuza, *Acting Commissioner, National Consumer Commission, South Africa*

Session 2: The Consumer Movement and the G20

07:20 – 08:15 PM (IST) **Panel Discussion and Q&A**
Moderator: Pradeep S Mehta, *Secretary General, CUTS International*

Speakers

- Indah Suksmaningsih, *Former Chairperson, Indonesian Consumers Foundation (YLKI), Indonesia*
- Saroja Sundaram, *Executive Director, Citizen Consumer and Civic Action Group (CAG), India*
- Igor Rodrigues Britto, *Director, International Relations, Brazilian Institute for Consumer Protection (IDEC), Brazil*
- Dr. Nava Subramaniam, *Dean, School of Business, Amrita Vishwa Vidyapeetham, Coimbatore*

Closing Session: The Way Forward

08:15 – 08:30 PM (IST) **Speakers**

- Pradeep S Mehta, *Secretary General, CUTS International*
- Teresa Moreira, *Head of Competition and Consumer Policies, UNCTAD*

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