

**The Rajasthan International Centre, Jaipur and CUTS International  
Memorandum of Understanding**

This Memorandum of Understanding ("MOU") is made and entered into as of  
January 17, 2025, by and between:

- The Rajasthan International Centre, Jaipur, a premier institution dedicated to promoting intellectual and cultural activities, with its registered office at Sansthan Path, JLN Marg, Jaipur, 302017, hereinafter referred to as "RIC".
- Consumer Unity and Trust Society (CUTS) International, a non-profit, non-partisan, non-governmental organisation (NGO) established in 1983, registered under the Rajasthan Societies Registration Act, 1958, with its registered office at Bhaskar Marg, Bani Park, Jaipur, 302016, hereinafter referred to as "CUTS".

**WHEREAS**, RIC is a Centre of Excellence for the promotion of intellectual and cultural activities, envisions creating a dynamic platform for intellectual and cultural exchanges, fostering dialogue on pressing global, national, and regional issues. Situated in Jaipur, it serves as a hub for knowledge-sharing and policy discussions across diverse domains, including governance, economy, culture, and social good. RIC hosts a variety of activities such as talks, conferences, seminars, workshops, and cultural programs, bringing together policymakers, academics, industry leaders, and civil society. The centre is dedicated to nurturing ideas, promoting better understanding, and encouraging collaborative efforts to address contemporary challenges while celebrating Rajasthan's rich heritage and traditions.

**WHEREAS**, CUTS is a public policy research and advocacy group focused on advancing consumer rights, sustainable development, and good governance. CUTS International's Global Affairs/Washington DC centre operates on a global scale driving impactful interventions worldwide. Complementing this effort, its six overseas working centres—located in Accra, Geneva, Hanoi, Lusaka, Nairobi, and Washington DC—are working towards advancing better understanding and cooperation on trade and strategic issues in Indo-Pacific, Indian Ocean, Australia, West Asia, and in Africa.

RIC and CUTS both recognise the need for increasing collaboration in fostering intellectual and cultural exchanges, research, and policy advocacy to address global and regional challenges while promoting national and international understanding and relationships.

**NOW, THEREFORE**, in consideration of the foregoing premises and the mutual covenants contained herein, the parties agree as follows:

**1. Purpose**

The purpose of this MOU is to establish a framework for collaboration between RIC and CUTS to:

- Promote intellectual discourse, cultural exchange, and social good to foster mutual understanding and appreciation of global and regional diversity.





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- Address global, national, and regional issues through interdisciplinary research, policy advocacy, and dialogues.
- Encourage collaborative efforts in capacity building to empower stakeholders across various sectors, including governance, culture, economy, security, and sustainable development.
- Enhance Rajasthan's global engagement by leveraging RIC's intellectual and cultural platform and CUTS' global advocacy network.
- Foster innovation and thought leadership by creating opportunities for engagement among academics, policymakers, civil society, and industry leaders.
- Develop joint programs and initiatives focusing on education, cultural heritage, and community empowerment to create long-lasting societal impact.

## **2. Areas of Collaboration**

The parties may collaborate on the following areas:

- Jointly organising talks, conferences, symposiums, and panel discussions on culture, heritage, defence, policy, economy, security, international affairs, and governance.
- Co-hosting public lectures, expert roundtables, and workshops to stimulate thought leadership and capacity building.
- Conducting collaborative research projects to explore pressing regional and global issues, including economy, governance, security, and sustainable development.
- Promoting cultural heritage and traditional knowledge through festivals, exhibitions, and cross-cultural programs.
- Developing initiatives to foster intercultural dialogue and understanding between diverse communities.
- Collaborating on advocacy initiatives to address policy challenges and propose actionable solutions.
- Leveraging each organisation's networks to amplify outreach and influence in regional and global policy discussions.
- Sharing technical expertise, facilities, and resources to enhance the effectiveness of collaborative activities.

## **3. Responsibilities**

- The specific activities and responsibilities of each party for each collaborative effort will be mutually agreed upon in writing before the commencement of such activity.
- Both parties will use their best efforts to ensure the success of the collaborative activities undertaken under this MOU.

## **4. Term and Termination**



This MoU will be effective from the date of execution by both parties. This MoU may be terminated by either party upon a 90-day written notice to the other party.

#### 5. Confidentiality

The parties agree to maintain confidentiality of all non-public information received from the other party under this MoU

#### 6. Dispute Resolution

Any dispute arising out of or in connection with this MoU shall be settled through mutual consultation.

#### 7. Entire Agreement

This MoU constitutes the entire agreement between the parties concerning the subject matter hereof and supersedes all prior or contemporaneous communications, representations, or agreements, whether oral or written.

#### 8. Amendment

This MoU may be amended only by written agreement signed by both parties

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties have executed this MOU as of the date first written above.



FOR The Rajasthan International Centre, Jaipur:

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Title: Director



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