



EVENTS

Civil Society Organisations and Aid for Trade: Roles and Realities Nairobi, Kenya, March 15-16, 2007

This International Conference was organised under the Linkages between Trade, Development and Poverty Reduction (TDP) project.



It was aimed at providing a discussion forum to deliberate on various aspects of the involvement of civil society organisations in implementing aid for trade (AfT) programmes for development. Participants attended the two-day long meeting from countries across Asia, Africa, and Europe. Stakeholders from government, inter-governmental organisations, policymakers, researchers, academicians, donors, media and civil society participated in the conference. <http://www.cuts-citee.org/events-archive-mar07.htm#event01>

International Seminar on Saving Doha and Delivering on Development New Delhi, India, March 12-13, 2007

This Seminar was organised by the Government of India in association with UNCTAD India Programme, Carnegie Endowment for International Peace, Oxfam International, National Council for Applied Economic Research, New Delhi and CUTS International.

The purpose was to elicit open and frank discussions among renowned experts and academicians, non-governmental organisations and other stakeholders, as well as representatives of Member governments, but in their personal capacities.

Approximately 100 participants from various countries were present at this seminar. They included WTO Chief Pascal Lamy, renowned experts and academicians, representatives from non-governmental organisations and industries and representatives of Member governments.

Pradeep Mehta, Secretary General of CUTS spoke at the Session on "Special Measures for Less Developed Countries" and presented a paper. <http://www.cuts-citee.org/pdf/BP07-WTO-8.pdf>

UPCOMING EVENT

GRANITE Phase 2 Toolbox Analysis Kolkata, India, May 28-29, 2007

The objective of the meeting is to deliberate on various aspects of the implementation of the second phase of the GRANITE project (Grassroots Reachout & Networking in India on Trade & Economics).

It would enable all the partners and CUTS to fine tune the expected outcomes, the deliverables of the second phase of the project. Representatives of project partners from eight states across India will participate apart from representatives from Oxfam Novib, The Netherlands and Oxfam India.

<http://www.cuts-citee.org/events-archive-may07.htm#event01>

PARTICIPATION

Trade in Services in South Asia Colombo, Sri Lanka, April 4-5, 2007

Pranav Kumar was invited by the Institute of Policy Studies (IPS), Sri Lanka and the Friedrich-Ebert-Stiftung (FES) to participate in the international conference on 'Trade in Services in South Asia: Opportunities and Risks in Liberalisation' on April 4-5, 2007 at Colombo, Sri Lanka. He spoke in the session on services liberalisation in South Asia. http://www.ips.lk/news/index.html#4_5_42007

SDC's GMS Task Force Meeting Hanoi, Vietnam, April 26, 2007

Rajeev D. Mathur, Executive Director of CUTS attended the first GMS Task Force meeting on April 26, 2007 at Hanoi, Vietnam which was organised by the Institute of World Economics and Politics (IWEP), Hanoi.

He presented the advocacy document of the project titled "South-South Economic Cooperation: Exploring GMS India Relationship". The project was supported by Swiss Agency for Development & Cooperation, Berne, Switzerland.

We very much value our partnership with CUTS : Gareth Thomas

Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State, Department for International Development (DFID), UK appreciated CUTS for presenting a concise analysis for the Warwick Commission on the Future of the Global Trade Regime. "We very much value our partnership with CUTS, and the close and regular contact you maintain with us. I am aware, for example, that staff in International Trade Department recently participated in your excellent conference on Civil Society Organisations and Aid for Trade in Nairobi." <http://www.cuts-citee.org/images/gareth.gif>

PUBLICATIONS

Briefing Papers

- Special Products and Special Safeguard Mechanism in WTO Agriculture Negotiation *In Search of a Common South Asian Position!*
<http://www.cuts-citee.org/pdf/BP07-WTO-6.pdf>
- India's Interests in the Doha Round of Negotiation on "Trade Facilitation"
<http://www.cuts-citee.org/pdf/BP07-WTO-5.pdf>
- India's Interests in the Doha Round of Negotiation on "Services"
<http://www.cuts-citee.org/pdf/BP07-WTO-4.pdf>
- India's Interests in the Doha Round of Negotiation on "Non-Agricultural Market Access"
<http://www.cuts-citee.org/pdf/BP07-WTO-3.pdf>
- India's Interests in the Doha Round of Negotiation on "Agriculture"
<http://www.cuts-citee.org/pdf/BP07-WTO-2.pdf>
- Globalisation and Inequality *The Development Rationale*
<http://www.cuts-citee.org/pdf/BP07-DI-9.pdf>
- Learning through GRANITE
<http://www.cuts-citee.org/pdf/BP07-DI-8.pdf>
- WTO, Trade, Development and Aid *Some Misconceptions and Myths*
<http://www.cuts-citee.org/pdf/BP07-DI-7.pdf>
- The Importance of Institutionalizing? Structured Consultations in Evaluating Trade Proposals: Lessons from India's Experience and their Wider Relevance
<http://www.cuts-citee.org/pdf/IPPGBP07-DI-6.pdf>
- Institutions for Facilitating FDI: Issues for BEPZA, Bangladesh
<http://www.cuts-citee.org/pdf/IPPGBP07-DI-5.pdf>
- The Interaction of International and National Institutions: Implications for Agriculture in West Bengal
<http://www.cuts-citee.org/pdf/IPPGBP07-DI-4.pdf>
- 'Real Markets' in Rural Bangladesh: Institutions, Market Interactions and the Reproduction of Inequality
<http://www.cuts-citee.org/pdf/IPPGBP07-DI-3.pdf>
- Duty-free, Quota-free Market Access *A Perspective from South Asian LDCs*
<http://www.cuts-citee.org/pdf/BP07-DI-2.pdf>
- Aid for Trade *A Perspective from South Asian LDCs*
<http://www.cuts-citee.org/pdf/BP07-DI-1.pdf>
- Financial Compensation in the WTO *Improving the Remedies of WTO Dispute Settlement*
<http://www.cuts-citee.org/pdf/BP07-WTO-7.pdf>

Monographs

- Intellectual Property Rights, Biodiversity and Traditional Knowledge
<http://www.cuts-citee.org/pdf/MONOGRAPH07-03.pdf>
- ABC of Aid for Trade
<http://www.cuts-citee.org/pdf/MONOGRAPH07-02.pdf>

Advocacy Document

- South-South Economic Cooperation: Enhancing GMS-India Relationship
<http://www.cuts-citee.org/pdf/ADV07-01.pdf>

Research Report

- Why Was India's Ecomark Unsuccessful
<http://www.cuts-citee.org/pdf/RREPORT07-01.pdf>

Capacity Building Tools

- Globalisation and Trade Policy *The GRANITE Advocacy Experience in Four Indian States*
<http://www.cuts-citee.org/pdf/RPR07-01.pdf>
- GRANITE Training Manual
http://www.cuts-citee.org/GRANITE/pdf/GRANITE_TrainingManual.pdf



IN MEDIA

Nairobi meeting says aid no cure for poverty

The East African Weekly, April 02, 2007

Even if trade openness boosts economic growth, such growth may not create jobs or alleviate poverty. Therefore, the much-vaunted "aid for trade" concept should be redesigned so that "the major focus is shifted from simply creating more trade to the more important objectives of poverty reduction".
<http://www.cuts-citee.org/media-archive-apr07.htm#MEDIA01>

Too important to leave aside

Financial Express, India, March 31, 2007

The country needs to regain the momentum of political will on SEZs. Special economic zones (SEZs) have raised a huge controversy in the country. Alas, one would miss the wood for the trees; if one doesn't look at the political economy.
<http://www.cuts-citee.org/media-archive-mar07.htm#MEDIA05>

India to notify LDC's tariff sops package before June

Financial Express, India, March 14, 2007

India would work out a comprehensive trade package to least developed countries (LDC) in the next two months. This is a part of India's unilateral trade preference (UTP) scheme to poor nations. Commerce and industry ministry would forward the package to the Cabinet in two months after incorporating suggestions given by all the LDCs.
<http://www.cuts-citee.org/media-archive-mar07.htm#MEDIA04>

Government, NGOs and the WTO — Some myths and realities

Business Line, March 12, 2007

Though NGO interests in WTO matters have grown over the years, there are yet certain myths with regard to their positions, etc. It is usually perceived that all NGOs are opposed to the WTO. This is a myth.
<http://www.cuts-citee.org/media-archive-mar07.htm#MEDIA03>

Rights obstacle to EU-India trade pact

Financial Times, March 05, 2007

Indian objections to the inclusion of a standard "human rights and democracy" clause in a proposed free trade agreement with the European Union have emerged as a serious stumbling block.
<http://www.cuts-citee.org/media-archive-mar07.htm#MEDIA01>