

Mainstreaming International Trade into National Development Strategy
A Pilot Project in Bangladesh and India
Inception Workshop, 7-8 February 2007, Kolkata

Agenda

Wednesday, 7th February 2007

0930 – 1100 Opening

Factors to be looked at for mainstreaming international trade into national development strategy

Pradeep S Mehta, Secretary General, CUTS International

S. N. Menon, Former Commerce Secretary, Government of India

Veena Jha, Coordinator, UNCTAD India Programme

Atiur Rahman, Chairman, Unnayan Shamannay

1100 – 1130 Tea/Coffee

1130 – 1330 Session 1 Relationship between openness and growth: Research questions and methodology

Rajiv Kher, Joint Secretary, Department of Commerce, Government of India

K. Rangarajan*, Kolkata Centre Head, Indian Institute of Foreign Trade

Sugata Marjit, Reserve Bank of India Professor of Industrial Economics, Centre for Studies in Social Sciences, Kolkata

Selim Raihan, Assistant Professor, University of Dhaka

N.C. Pahariya, Fellow, CUTS International

1330 – 1430 Lunch

1430 – 1600 Session 1 Continued

1600 – 1630 Tea/Coffee

1630 – 1830 Session 2 Political economy of trade liberalisation: Research questions and methodology

Ibrahim Khaled, Former Deputy Governor of the Bangladesh Bank

Taiabur Rahman, Associate Professor and Chairperson, Department of Development Studies, Dhaka University

Indranil Bose, Head, Department of Political Science, St. Xavier's College, Kolkata

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Session 3 Effective advocacy techniques: What works for whom

Manab Majumdar, Additional Director & Team Leader, WTO Division
Federation of Indian Chambers of Commerce and Industry

Bipul Chatterjee, Deputy Executive Director, CUTS International

Taifur Rahman, Project Coordinator, Unnayan Shamannay

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1130 – 1300

Closing

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