

Training Programme on Economic Diplomacy

11-13 November 2014, Hotel Radisson Blu, Jaipur

AGENDA

Monday, 10th November 2014	
Arrival of Participants and Networking Dinner	
Tuesday, 11th November 2014	
0930-1030	Opening and Introduction Welcome Remarks: Pradeep S Mehta, Secretary General, CUTS International Introduction of the Participants and their Expectations Murali Kallummal, Associate Professor, Centre for WTO Studies, Indian Institute of Foreign Trade
1030-1100	Break for Tea/Coffee and Networking
1100-1300	Introduction to Economic Diplomacy Bipul Chatterjee, Deputy Executive Director, CUTS International & Head, CUTS Centre for International Trade, Economics & Environment <i>Key stakeholders; commercial diplomacy as a subset of economic diplomacy; evolving dimensions of economic diplomacy; basic features of trade and investment promotion; contribution to economic growth; relationship between economic diplomacy and other major areas of trade and investment promotion; importance of economic diplomacy for compliance with standards</i>
1300-1400	Break for Lunch and Networking
1400-1600	Understanding the WTO Agreement on the Application of Sanitary and Phyto-Sanitary Measures T S Vishwanath, Principal Advisor-Trade Policy, APJ-SLG Law Offices <i>An introduction to the WTO SPS Agreement on SPS Measures; differences between SPS and TBT measures; the WTO SPS Committee, the 'Three Sister' organisations; notifications to the WTO SPS Committee; the Standards Trade and Development Facility of the WTO; the role of developing countries in standard setting; 'protection or protectionism'</i>
1600-1630	Break for Tea/Coffee and Networking
1630-1730	Group Discussion <i>Participants will be divided into two groups to discuss their learning on the WTO SPS Agreement. This discussion will be facilitated by a case study on one of India's notifications to the WTO SPS Committee.</i>
Wednesday, 12th November 2014	

0930-1030	Recap of Day One and Presentations from Group Discussion Chenai C. Mukumba, Assistant Policy Analyst, CUTS International
1030-1100	Break for Tea/Coffee and Networking
1100-1300	India's Implementation Concerns of the WTO SPS Agreement Murali Kallummal, Associate Professor, Centre for WTO Studies, Indian Institute of Foreign Trade <i>India's specific trade concerns on SPS issues at the WTO; special and differential treatments; transparency requirements; scientific justification; scientific risk assessment; equivalence; mutual recognition arrangements; SPS notification authorities; national enquiry points; information management system; dispute settlement; technical assistance and capacity building measures; steps taken by other developing countries</i>
1300-1400	Break for Lunch and Networking
1400-1600	Emerging Issues on SPS Matters in India Murali Kallummal, Associate Professor, Centre for WTO Studies, Indian Institute of Foreign Trade <i>The precautionary principle; process and production methods; genetically modified organisms; private/voluntary sustainability standards; sector-specific SPS barriers faced by India and how they are addressed; other emerging SPS-related issues in India; expected impact of mega regional trading agreements (such as Trans-Pacific, Trans-Atlantic trade agreements) on SPS standards, India's market access and possible counter-measures</i>
1600-1630	Break for Tea/Coffee and Networking
1630-1730	Group Discussion Murali Kallummal, Associate Professor, Centre for WTO Studies, Indian Institute of Foreign Trade <i>Participants will be divided into two groups to discuss their learning on implementation concerns and emerging issues on SPS matters in India. This discussion will be facilitated by a case study on one of India's WTO disputes on SPS measures.</i>
Thursday, 13th November 2014	
0900-1000	Recap of Day Two and Presentations from Group Discussion Chenai C. Mukumba, Assistant Policy Analyst, CUTS International
1000-1030	Break for Tea/Coffee and Networking

1030-1230	<p>Operations of Private/Voluntary Sustainability Standards in India</p> <p>Arpit Bhutani, Observer for the United Nations Forum on Sustainability Standards in India</p> <p><i>Historical developments and current understanding on private/voluntary sustainability standards, particularly those related to SPS measures; how different they are from measures as per the WTO SPS Agreement; their operational aspects in India; their impact on India's trade; challenges and opportunities regarding the operations of private/voluntary sustainability standards in India; future activities of UNFSS in India and the role of the Department of Commerce, Government of India</i></p>
1230-1330	Break for Lunch and Networking
1330-1430	<p>Group Discussion</p> <p><i>Participants will be divided into two groups to discuss their learning on operational aspects of private/voluntary standards in India. This discussion will be facilitated by a case study on an Indian product following a private/voluntary sustainability standard for its export.</i></p>
1430-1530	Presentations from Group Discussion
1530-1600	Break for Tea/Coffee and Networking
1600-1700	<p>Closing and Feedback</p> <p>There will be an 'overview' of the Programme. Participants will be asked to provide their feedback.</p>