

**Training Programme on Economic Diplomacy**

*08-10 April, Jaipur, 2015*

**Agenda**

<b>07 April, 2015</b>	
<b>Arrival of Participants</b>	
<b>Day One – 8<sup>th</sup> April 2015</b>	
<b>0930-1030</b>	<b>Opening and Introduction</b> Welcome <i>Bipul Chatterjee, Deputy Executive Director, CUTS International</i> Introduction of the Participants and their Expectations Special Remarks <i>Murali Kallummal, Associate Professor, Centre for WTO Studies, Indian Institute of Foreign Trade</i>
<b>1030-1100</b>	<b>Break for Tea/Coffee and Networking</b>
<b>1100-1300</b>	<b>Introduction to Economic Diplomacy</b> <i>Bipul Chatterjee, Deputy Executive Director, CUTS International</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
<b>1300-1400</b>	<b>Break for Lunch and Networking</b>
<b>1400-1600</b>	<b>Understanding the Agreement on Technical Barriers to Trade</b> <i>T S Vishwanath, Principal Advisor-Trade Policy, APJ-SLG Law Offices</i> <i>Dibyajyoti Bhattacharjee, Advisor, APJ-SLG Law Offices</i> An introduction to the WTO TBT Agreement; differences between SPS and TBT measures; the WTO TBT Committee; technical regulations; standards; conformity assessment procedure; international standards notifications to the WTO TBT Committee; the role of developing countries in standard setting; ‘protection or protectionism’
<b>1600-1630</b>	<b>Break for Tea/Coffee and Networking</b>
<b>1630-1730</b>	<b>Group Discussion</b> <i>T S Vishwanath, Principal Advisor-Trade Policy, APJ-SLG Law Offices</i> <i>Dibyajyoti Bhattacharjee, Advisor, APJ-SLG Law Offices</i> Participants will be divided into two groups to discuss their learning on the WTO TBT Agreement. This discussion will be facilitated by a case study on one of India’s notifications to the WTO TBT Committee.

<b>Day Two – 9<sup>th</sup> April, 2015</b>	
<b>0930-1030</b>	<b>Recap of Day One and Presentations from Group Discussion</b>
<b>1030-1100</b>	<b>Break for Tea/Coffee and Networking</b>
<b>1100-1300</b>	<p><b>India’s Implementation Concerns of the WTO TBT Agreement</b></p> <p><i>Suparna Karmakar, EU Marie Curie Fellow, Economist and Independent Professional (Trade Policy and Economic Regulations) and Affiliate Fellow, ICEC</i></p> <p>India’s specific trade concerns on TBT issues at the WTO; transparency requirements; equivalence; mutual recognition arrangements; TBT notification authorities; national enquiry points; information management system; special and differential treatments; dispute settlement; technical assistance and capacity building measures;</p>
<b>1300-1400</b>	<b>Break for Lunch and Networking</b>
<b>1400-1600</b>	<p><b>Emerging Issues on TBT Matters in India</b></p> <p><i>Suparna Karmakar, EU Marie Curie Fellow, Economist and Independent Professional (Trade Policy and Economic Regulations) and Affiliate Fellow, ICEC</i></p> <p>The precautionary principle; process and production methods; Make in India; private/voluntary sustainability standards; sector-specific TBT barriers faced by India and how they are addressed; other emerging TBT-related issues in India; expected impact of mega regional trading agreements on TBT standards, India’s market access and possible counter-measures.</p>
<b>1600-1630</b>	<b>Break for Tea/Coffee and Networking</b>
<b>1630-1730</b>	<p><b>Group Discussion</b></p> <p><i>Suparna Karmakar, EU Marie Curie Fellow, Economist and Independent Professional (Trade Policy and Economic Regulations) and Affiliate Fellow, ICEC</i></p> <p>Participants will be divided into two groups to discuss their learning on implementation concerns and emerging issues on TBT matters in India. This discussion will be facilitated by a case study on one of India’s WTO disputes on TBT measures.</p>

<b>Day Three: 10<sup>th</sup> April, 2015</b>	
<b>0900-1000</b>	<b>Recap of Day Two and Presentations from Group Discussion</b>
<b>1000-1030</b>	<b>Break for Tea/Coffee and Networking</b>
<b>1030-1230</b>	<p><b>Operations of Private/Voluntary Sustainability Standards in India</b></p> <p><i>Arpit Bhutani, Observer for the United Nations Forum on Sustainability Standards in India</i></p> <p>Historical developments and current understanding on private/voluntary sustainability standards, particularly those related to TBT measures; how different they are from measures as per the WTO TBT 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</p>
<b>1230-1330</b>	<b>Break for Lunch and Networking</b>
<b>1330-1430</b>	<p><b>Group Discussion</b></p> <p><i>Arpit Bhutani, Observer for the United Nations Forum on Sustainability Standards in India</i></p> <p>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.</p>
<b>1430-1530</b>	<p><b>Presentations from Group Discussion</b></p> <p><i>Arpit Bhutani, Observer for the United Nations Forum on Sustainability Standards in India</i></p>
<b>1530-1600</b>	<b>Break for Tea/Coffee and Networking</b>
<b>1600-1700</b>	<p><b>Closing and Feedback</b></p> <p>There will be an 'overview' of the Programme. Participants will be asked to provide their feedback.</p>