AGENDA

Day - I

Grassroots Reachout and Networking in India on Trade and Economics (GRANITE) Phase II

Second National Seminar

29 – 30, October 2009, Kolkata

Time Program

0930-1000 hrs Registration with Tea and coffee

Opening Session

1000-1045 hrs Welcome Address, Introductory Remarks and Elaboration of the Major Highlights of National Foreign Trade Policy (NFTP), 2009-14

Welcome Address - Keya Ghosh, Head, CUTS Calcutta Resource Centre

Introductory Remarks – Siddhartha Mitra, Head, CUTS Centre for International Trade Economics and Environment (CUTS CITEE)

Special Address(s) – Sudhanshu Sil, Former Member of Parliament, Kolkata

Session-I

1045-1215 hrs Chair: Nilachal Ray, Former Director General, Directorate General of Commercial Intelligence and Statistics, Ministry of Commerce and Industry, Government of India

GRANITE Phase- II: Project Overview and Major Findings from Eight States
- Anutosh Biswas, CUTS International

NFTP and major development concerns: Past Experience and the Way Forward
- Kritika Kapil, CUTS International

Discussants:
- Raj Veer Singh Rathod, Deputy Director General, Upkaar, Government of Uttar Pradesh
- P.Subhodini, Assistant Director of Agriculture and Incharge of WTO Cell, Office of Commissioner Agriculture, Government of Andhra Pradesh
- Govind Hande, Inspecting Authority for Phytosanitary for Export, Govt. of Maharashtra
- S.N.Khara, Mango Development Officer, Malda, Department of Food Processing Industries and Horticulture, Government of West Bengal

Open House Discussion

1215 – 1230 hrs Tea Break

1230-1330 hrs Chair: Alok Ray, Former Professor, Indian Institute of Management, Calcutta

Impact of Globalisation on Poverty and Regional Inequality
Arne Melchior, The Norwegian Institute of International Affairs (NUPI)

Discussant(s):
- Professor Saikat Sinha Roy, Faculty, Jadavpur University
- Professor Nabinananda Sen, Faculty, Department of Business Management, University of Calcutta

Open House Discussion
Session II

1430-1530 hrs  

Chair: Sanjeev Nandwani, Joint Director General of Foreign Trade, Ministry of Commerce and Industry, Government of India

**Strengthening the Linkages between International Trade and benefit(s) to the Grassroots Stakeholders:**

- Role of Export Promotion Councils and Commodity Boards in strengthening the linkage

**Discussant(s):**

- Pankaj Parekh, Chairman, Eastern Region, Gems and Jewellery Export Promotion Council, West Bengal
- Prabhat Ranjan Giri, Director, Export Promotion and Marketing, Government of Orissa
- Siddhartha Mitra, Head, CUTS-CITEE

Open House Discussion

1530 – 1630 hrs  

Chair: Anil Singh, Network Entrepreneurship and Economic Development, Lucknow

**Strengthening the Linkages between International Trade and benefit(s) to the Grassroots Stakeholders:**

- Strengthening Small Scale Units at the grassroots to support the objectives of NFTP, 2009-14

**Discussant(s):**

- S.S.Gupta, Assistant Director, Directorate of Micro and Small Scale Enterprise, Government of West Bengal
- Piyush Shukla Senior Manager, Uttar Pradesh Export Promotion Bureau, Government of Uttar Pradesh, Lucknow
- Gautam Ray, Vice President, Federation of Small and Medium Industries (FOSMI), West Bengal

Open House Discussion

1630-1730 hrs  

Chair: Professor Nabinananda Sen, Faculty, Department of Business Management, University of Calcutta

**Role of Civil Society Organisations in Trade Policy Making**  
Siddhartha Mitra, Head, CUTS-CITEE

**Discussants:**

- Pramod Chandra Patnaik, Secretary KASAM, Orissa
- Milind Murugkar, Maharashtra
- Manju Nath Reddy, Janajagruti Vedika, Karnataka
- D.Shaym Sundar, Journalist, Andhra Pradesh
- Professor Indranil Bose, Head, Department of Political Science, St.Xaviers College

Open House Discussion

1730-1745 hrs  

Vote of Thanks  
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(Closed Group Meeting)

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