

**Inception Meeting**  
**Gender Dimensions of Trade Facilitation Agreement: Evidence from**  
**Bangladesh, Bhutan, India, Nepal**  
Cases of Women Led/Managed/Owned Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (MSMEs)

**12-13 December, 2018**  
Hotel Shambala, Bansbari Road, Ward No. 3,  
Kathmandu - Nepal

**Agenda**

| <b>Day 1 – Project Strategy and PAC Meeting</b> |  |
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| 0930-1000                                       | <b>Registration</b>  |
| 1000-1030                                       | <p><b>Opening Session: Enabling Women Participation in Cross-Border Trade</b></p> <p><b>Welcome Remarks</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Veena Vidyadharan, CUTS International</li> </ul> <p><b>Introduction to the Theme</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Taramani Agarwal, CUTS International</li> </ul> <p><b>Round of Introductions</b></p>  |
| 1030-1130                                       | <p><b>Session 1: Project Outline and Implementation Strategy: India</b></p> <p><b>Presentation on Objectives, Activities, Methodology, Outputs, and Outcomes</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Rahul Arora, CUTS International</li> </ul> <p><b>Comments and Suggestions from PAC Members - India</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Hasina Kharbhih, Impulse NGO Network, Shillong</li> <li>2. Vikas Deep, Punjabi University, Patiala</li> <li>3. Monica Raina, World Bank*</li> </ol> |
| 1130-1200                                       | <b>Tea Break</b>   |
| 1200-1300                                       | <p><b>Session 2: Partner’s Strategy: Bangladesh</b></p> <p><b>A Presentation by Bangladesh Women Chamber of Commerce and Industry</b></p> <p><b>Comments and Suggestions from PAC Members – Bangladesh</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Nasreen Begum, Ex Additional Secretary, Ministry of Law, Bangladesh</li> <li>2. Ruba Rummana, Associate Professor, Department of Arts and Sciences</li> <li>3. Maheen Sultan, BRAC University*</li> </ol>   |
| 1300-1400                                       | <b>Lunch</b>   |
| 1400-1430                                       | <p><b>Session 3: Partner’s Strategy: Bhutan</b></p> <p><b>A Presentation by Bhutan Media and Communication Institute</b></p> <p><b>Comments and Suggestions from PAC Members - Bhutan</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Manju Giri, Gender &amp; Social Development</li> <li>2. Damchae Dem, Bhutan Association of Women Entrepreneurs*</li> <li>3. Kunzang Lhamu, National Commission for Women and Children*</li> </ol>  |

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| 1430-1530 | <p><b>Session 4: Partner's Strategy: Nepal</b></p> <p><b>A Presentation by South Asia Watch on Trade, Economics, and Environment</b></p> <p><b>Comments and Suggestions from PAC Members - Nepal</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Bishwo Poudel, Kathmandu University</li> <li>2. Kamala Gurung, International Centre for Integrated Mountain Development</li> <li>3. Bina Pradhan, Gender Expert &amp; Social Economist*</li> </ol> |
| 1530-1545 | <p><b>Wrap Up and Vote of Thanks</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Susan Mathew, CUTS International</li> </ul>   |
| 1545-1600 | <b>Tea Break</b>  |
| 1600-1700 | <p><b>PAC Meeting</b></p> <p><b>Discussion on View Point Papers on</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Women Economic Empowerment</li> <li>• Involvement of Women in Trade &amp; related Activities</li> <li>• Gender Responsive Trade Policies</li> </ul>   |

*\*To be confirmed*

| <b>Day 2 - Deliberations with Partners</b> |   |
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| 0930-1030                                  | <p><b>Monitoring &amp; Evaluation (M&amp;E) Strategy</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Veena Vidyadharan, CUTS International</li> <li>• Taramani Agarwal, CUTS International</li> </ul>  |
| 1030-1045                                  | <p><b>Display of Communication Strategy</b></p> <p><b>Project Website &amp; CUTS Repository Webpage on Mainstreaming Gender in International Trade</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Susan Mathew, CUTS International</li> </ul> |
| 1045:1100                                  | <b>Tea Break</b>  |
| 1100-1200                                  | <p><b>Discussion on Scoping Visits with Partners</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Taramani Agarwal, CUTS International</li> <li>• Rahul Arora, CUTS International</li> </ul>  |
| 1200-1215                                  | <p><b>Wrap-Up &amp; Vote of Thanks</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Muvafaq Sheeshaikh, CUTS International</li> </ul>   |