

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

**Agenda**

*Wednesday, 7<sup>th</sup> 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

*Thursday, 8<sup>th</sup> February 2007*

**0930 – 1100                      Session 3 Effective advocacy techniques: What works for whom**

Manab Majumdar, 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

**1100 – 1130                      Tea/Coffee**

**1130 – 1300                      Closing**

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