

National Foreign Trade Policy of India: Why civil society's involvement is required?
India Habitat Centre, New Delhi, 1-2 July 2008

Agenda

Day 1: Tuesday, 1 July 2008

- 0830-0900 *Registration with Tea/Coffee*
- 0900-1030 *Inaugural*
- 1030-1100 *Tea/Coffee*
- 1100-1330 *National Foreign Trade Policy of India, 2004-2009 and Trade Sustainability Impact Assessment*
- What could be the role of the State Governments and other relevant agencies to ensure better implementation of this Policy and becoming intrinsic players in international trade?
 - What are the important areas of reform for increasing the pro-poor orientation of this policy?
 - What is the status of implementation of NFTP in each of the focus areas?
 - The need to carry out a social impact analysis of NFTP: the way ahead
- 1330-1430 *Lunch*
- 1430-1700 *Why Civil Society's Involvement is required in Formulating and Implementing National Foreign Trade Policy of India?*
- How this policy has been formulated and implemented across the eight states of the country?
 - Why there is a need for nation-wide wider consultation?
 - How important is it for the civil society to cooperate and coordinate in order to raise a coherent voice on issues of economic governance in India?
- 1700-1730 *Tea/Coffee*

Day 2: Wednesday, 2 July 2008

- 0900-1030 *Reflections from Day 1*
- 1030-1100 *Tea/Coffee*
- 1100-1330 *Advocacy with Policy-makers and Politicians*

- How to incorporate grassroots needs and demand in the policy-making process?
- How political parties and elected representatives serve to be the links between local demands and national level policy-making?
- How to better engage with the politicians and the policy-makers to effectively influence policy changes and make it pro-poor?

1330-1430

Lunch

1430-1600

Panel Discussion on National Foreign Trade Policy of India and Indian Civil Society

- What could be the role of CSOs to actively participate in the process of its formulation and implementation?
- People's perception about their involvement with the policy-making process
- How important is it for CSOs to have a better space on economic policy-making and need for them to intervene on issues of economic governance in India?
- How can they partner in better adaptation and implementation of the National Foreign Trade Policy of India
- How significant and responsible is their role in ensuring economic literacy at the grassroots?

1600-1630

Tea/Coffee

1630-1700

The Way Forward

1700

Tea/Coffee & Departure