

## Cost of Economic Non-Cooperation to Consumers in South Asia

Kathmandu, 3-4 February 2011

### Agenda

(As on 31st January 2012)

<b>Friday, 3<sup>rd</sup> February, 2012</b>	
<b>0930-1030</b>	<b>Opening</b> Poshraj Pandey, Executive Chairman, South Asia Watch on Trade, Economics and Environment Bipul Chatterjee, Deputy Executive Director, CUTS International Nick Langton, Country Representative, The Asia Foundation Edwin Laurent, Adviser & Head-International Trade and Regional Co-operation, Economic Affairs Division, Commonwealth Secretariat SAARC Secretariat Representative Lekh Raj Bhatta, Minister of Commerce and Supplies, Nepal
<b>1030-1100</b>	<b>Break</b>
<b>1100-1300</b>	<b>Trade Liberalisation and Consumer Welfare in South Asia</b> <i>Chair</i> Amrit Lugun, Director, SAARC Secretariat Joseph George, Research Associate, CUTS International Arbaaz Nyeem, Institute for Policy Studies, Advocacy and Governance, Bangladesh Qasim Shah, Director Programme Development, Sustainable Development Policy Institute of Pakistan Saman Kalegama, Executive Director, Institute of Policy Studies of Sri Lanka
<b>1300-1400</b>	<b>Lunch</b>
<b>1400-1600</b>	<b>An Advocacy Agenda for Mainstreaming Consumer Interest in Regional Trade and Economic Cooperation</b> <i>Chair</i> Shafqat Munir, President, Journalists for Democracy and Human Rights, Pakistan Bipul Chatterjee, Deputy Executive Director, CUTS International Quazi Faruque, President, Consumers Association of Bangladesh Syed Masood Alam Rizvi, Secretary General, Federation of Pakistan Chambers of Commerce and Industry Mian Abrar Hafeez, Secretary General, Consumer Rights Commission of Pakistan
<b>1600-1630</b>	<b>Break</b>
<b>1630-1800</b>	<b>Group Discussion</b>

<b>Saturday, 4<sup>th</sup> February, 2012</b>	
<b>0930-1100</b>	<b>Presentation from Group Discussion</b>
<b>1100- 1130</b>	<b>Break</b>
<b>1130-1300</b>	<p><b>Trade Costs in South Asia: An Agenda for Future Studies</b>  <i>Chair</i> Veronique Salz-Lozach, Director, Economic Reforms Division, The Asia Foundation  M. A. Razzaque, Economic Adviser, Commonwealth Secretariat  Saikat Sinha Roy, Assistant Professor of Economics, University of Jadavpur  M.A. Taslim, Professor, Department of Economics, University of Dhaka  Paras Kharel, Sr. Programme Officer, South Asia Watch on Trade, Economics and Environment</p>
<b>1300-1400</b>	<b>Lunch</b>
<b>1400-1500</b>	<p><b>Rapporteurs' Presentation &amp; Closing</b>  <i>Chair</i> Edwin Laurent, Adviser &amp; Head-International Trade and Regional Co-operation, Economic Affairs Division, Commonwealth Secretariat  Amitendu Palit, Head- Development &amp; Programme and Visiting Research Fellow, Institute of South Asian Studies, Singapore  Syed Al-Muti, Project Director, The Asia Foundation  Bipul Chatterjee, Deputy Executive Director, CUTS International  Ratnakar Adhikari, Executive Director, South Asia Watch on Trade, Economics and Environment</p>
<b>1530-1700</b>	<p><b>Partners Meeting (Restricted Participation)</b>  <b><i>Finalisation of Advocacy Agenda and Phase 2 Studies</i></b>  The Asia Foundation  I-PAG, Bangladesh  CUTS International, India  SAWTEE, Nepal  SDPI, Pakistan  IPS, Sri Lanka</p>