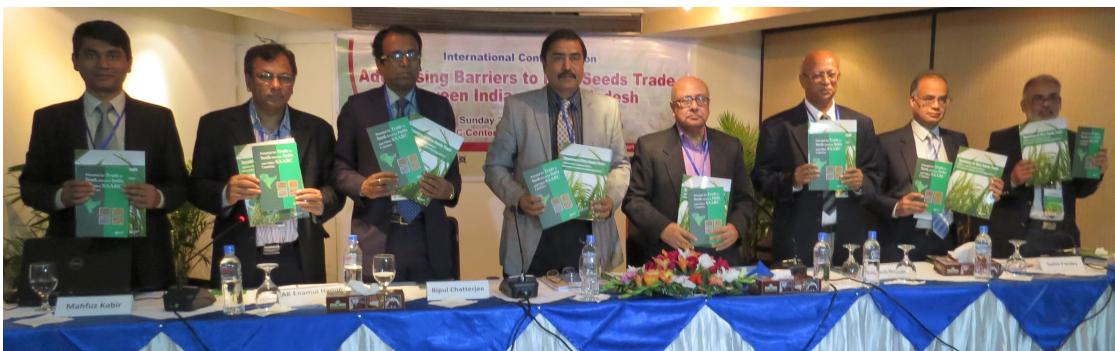


CUTS CITEE in Action

October-December 2013

Event

Addressing Barriers to Rice Seeds Trade between India and Bangladesh



CUTS International, India and Unnayan Shamannay, Bangladesh with support from the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation organised a one-day International Conference on 'Addressing Barriers to Rice Seeds Trade between India and Bangladesh' at Dhaka, Bangladesh on December 22, 2013. The conference aimed at developing an enabling environment to promote seeds trade and knowledge-sharing on high yielding varieties rice seeds between India and Bangladesh.

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Assessment of Bangladesh-India Trade Potentiality

CUTS International with the support from the US Department of State officially launched the second phase of study on Assessment of Bangladesh-India Trade Potentiality in due presence of a large number of high-ranking stakeholders from Bangladesh and India, representatives of respective government departments and regulatory bodies, business associations, civil society organisations etc. to deliberate on forward looking roadmap towards trade facilitation between the two countries.

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Dynamics of Environmental Standards and NTBs for Sustainable Consumption and Production Perspective

CUTS International with support from the Norwegian Ministry of Foreign Affairs, through the Royal Norwegian Embassy (RNE), New Delhi and in partnership with European Centre for Development Policy and Management (ECDPM), organised a half-day meeting which facilitated dissemination of major findings of the project entitled 'A Study on Environmental Standards and their Trade Impacts on Indian Textiles and Clothing Sector', conducted by CUTS.

Besides this, the objective of the meeting was to induce discussion on broader issues of non-tariff barriers including technical barriers to trade.

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Stakeholder Consultation Meeting on Public Procurement Policy

CUTS International, is implementing a project on 'National Public Procurement Policy of India' with the support of the British High Commission. As part of this project, two stakeholder consultation meetings were held at Jaipur and Bhopal on December 10 & 20, 2013, respectively.



The objective of these meetings was to understand stakeholders' experience in public procurement system and obtain their inputs on (draft) policy briefs exploring interfaces between procurement policy and other macroeconomic policies, such as manufacturing, competition, sustainable procurement, trade, fiscal and state-government-level-procurement policy in order to adapt them for the National Public Procurement Policy.

The two meetings constituted a part of series of meetings which will be held in five locations in India.

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Participation

- Pradeep S Mehta, Rashid S Kaukab, Archana Jatkar, Julien Grollier and Munu Martin Luther participated in the Ninth Ministerial Conference, at Bali, Indonesia, during December 03-06, 2013.
- Archana Jatkar moderated a session entitled 'International Standards and Standardisation-Linkages to Trade and Sustainable Development: Examples from Developing Countries in Asia', organised by Swedish Standards Institute under Bali symposium on Trade and Development by ICTSC, on December 04, 2013.
- Bipul Chatterjee, Prashant Sharma and Akshat Mishra attended UNESCAP Policy Dialogue on Regional Cooperation, Connectivity and Inclusive Development in South and South-West Asia on November 28-29, 2013.
- Bipul Chatterjee and Khusboo Khullar participated in a brainstorming session on 'National Foreign Trade Policy of India', organised by PHD Chamber of Commerce and Industry at New Delhi on December 16, 2013.
- Joseph George delivered a presentation on 'Role of Private Sector in South Asia's Trade Reforms' in the Capacity Building Workshop organised by the SAARC Chamber of Commerce and Industries at Thimpu, Bhutan on November 26-27, 2013. He also attended UNESCAP-ARTNeT Research Workshop entitled "Trade and Investment for Tomorrow: Promoting Asia-Pacific Regional Integration" at Macau, China, on December 10-12, 2013.

Upcoming Events

Stakeholder Consultation Meetings on National Public Procurement Policy

Ranchi, January 08, 2014; Mumbai, January 20, 2014; and Bangalore in 2014

Brainstorming Meeting: Mega FTAs and the Indian Economy:

Analyses of Impacts and Counter Measures

New Delhi, January 24, 2014

Brainstorming Meeting: Development Dimensions of India's Foreign Trade Policy

New Delhi, January 31, 2014