



CUTS Events at the 6th WTO Ministerial, Hong Kong, December 2005



South Asian Civil Society's Perspectives on the Doha Round

The book "South Asian Positions in the WTO Doha Round: In search of A True Development Agenda" is being published under the project "WTO Doha Round & South Asia: Linking Civil Society with Trade Negotiations". The book release will be followed by a panel discussion on five issues covered in the "July Package".

The outcome of the Doha Round will have significant implications for international trade and national development. This event will be focusing on the five key issues (agriculture, services, NAMA, trade facilitation and development dimensions) of the July Package in the run-up to the WTO Hong Kong Ministerial.



Agenda

Moderator: *Phil Evans*, Member of Board, CUTS International, London

Panellist: *Navin Dahal*, Executive Director, South Asia Watch on Trade, Economics & Environment, Kathmandu, Nepal
Musleh-ud Din, Chief of Research, Pakistan Institute of Development Economics
Jacob George, Professor and Head, Faculty of Economics and Development Planning, India
Pranav Kumar, Policy Analyst, CUTS Centre for International Trade, Economics & Environment, India
Posh Raj Pandey, President, South Asia Watch on Trade, Economics & Environment, Kathmandu, Nepal

Date 12 December 2005 (Monday)
Time 1100 – 1300 hrs
Organisers

- CUTS International, India
- South Asia Watch on Trade, Economics & Environment, Kathmandu, Nepal

Venue Room #408 NGO Centre



South-South Cooperation on WTO Issues: Where do we stand and how to move forward?

This event is part of ICTSD's (Geneva-based International Centre for Trade and Sustainable Development) Hong Kong Trade and Development Symposium. It is aimed towards further consolidating South-South alliances on WTO issues to reap maximum benefits out of international trade negotiations. It will highlight that the South needs customised policies and development alternatives to further their growth and development.

Date 15 December 2005 (Thursday)
Time 1415 – 1630 hrs

Organisers

- CUTS International, India
- South African Institute of International Affairs
- Economic Institute of Cambodia
- Institute for International Trade Negotiations Studies, Brazil
- Southern and Eastern African Trade Information and Negotiations Institute, Zimbabwe

Venue Room #402 of Hong Kong Exhibition Centre

Agenda

Moderator: *Pradeep S. Mehta*, Secretary General, CUTS International

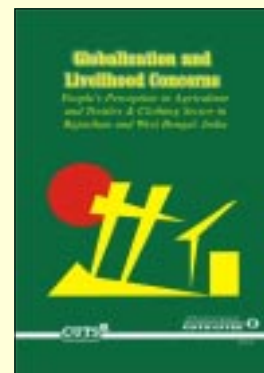
Panellist: *Dipak Patel*, Minister of Trade and Industry, Zambia*
Toufiq Ali, Ambassador of Bangladesh to the WTO.
Mario Marconini, Executive Director, Brazilian Council on Foreign Relations (CEBRI), Brazil
Rashid Kaukab, South Centre, Geneva
Mills Soko, Research Associate, SAIIA, South Africa
Sok Hach, Director, EIC, Cambodia
Manuel Montes, Regional Programme Coordinator, Asia Pacific Trade and Investment Initiative, UNDP Colombo Regional Centre
Chandrakant Patel, Representative of SEATINI in Europe

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Does Trade Lead to Poverty Reduction: Voices from Grassroots

This event is part of ICTSD's Hong Kong Trade and Development Symposium. The objective is to facilitate cross-fertilisation of experiences and lessons learnt on linkages between trade, development and poverty reduction in developing countries so that appropriate policy responses can be developed. In this era of globalisation, the role of international trade in poverty reduction cannot be denied and therefore, more research and discussions are required to explore these issues objectively.

A book titled "Globalisation and Livelihood Concerns: People's Perception in Agriculture and Textiles & Clothing Sector in Rajasthan and West Bengal, India" will be released at this event. It has been published as part of the project, Grassroots Reachout & Networking in India on Trade & Economics (GRANITE), which is being implemented with the support of Royal Norwegian Embassy, New Delhi and Novib (Oxfam Netherlands).



Agenda	
Moderator:	<i>Phil Evans</i> , Member of Board, CUTS International, London
Panellist:	<i>Agnes van Ardenne</i> , Minister for Development Cooperation, The Netherlands <i>Kamal Malhotra</i> , Senior Advisor, UNDP, New York <i>Venkatesh Seshamani</i> , Professor of Economics, University of Zambia <i>Barbara Kalima-Phiri</i> , Manager, Economic Dimensions of Poverty Programme, Southern African Regional Poverty Network, Hatfield, South Africa <i>Jean-Pierre Lehmann</i> , Prof. of International Political Economy, IMD, Lausanne, Switzerland & Founding Director of the Evian Group <i>Anil Singh</i> , Chief Executive, NEED, India
Date	15 December 2005 (Thursday)
Time	1645 – 1900 hrs
Organisers	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> CUTS International, India Economic Institute of Cambodia Network of Entrepreneurship & Economic Development, India
Venue	Room #404 Hong Kong Exhibition Centre

Competition Issues in the Global Agricultural Commodity Markets and the WTO: Whose Agenda?



This event will be part of ICTSD's Hong Kong Trade and Development Symposium. The main objective of the session is to highlight the impact of restricted competition in the global market for agricultural commodities *vis-à-vis* poor producers in developing economies, and at the other end, consumers. It is believed that there exists a certain power asymmetry in the global supply chains of various agricultural products.

A handful of powerful multinational companies, acting as intermediaries, control most of the capital resources (financial, natural, physical, human and social capital, etc) and therefore, dominate all institutions (markets, regulations, standards), depriving the poor developing country farmers and consumers of the fair deal they deserve in the market.

The session will not only examine this idea of the world market, and the current legal and regulatory frameworks, such as that set by the WTO agreements, but will also present the ground realities from developing countries in Africa and Asia and throw some light on way forward.

Date	17 December 2005 (Saturday)
Time	1645 – 1900 hrs
Organisers	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> CUTS International, India Institute for Agriculture and Trade Policy, USA Consumers International
Venue	Room #402 Hong Kong Exhibition Centre
Agenda	
Moderator:	<i>Pradeep S. Mehta</i> , Secretary General, CUTS International
Panellist:	<i>Sophia Murphy</i> , Director, Trade Programme, IATP, USA <i>John Kapito</i> , Executive Director, Consumers Association of Malawi <i>Indah Suksmaningsih</i> , Chairperson, YLKI, Indonesia



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