

South-South Economic Cooperation
Exploring Mekong-Ganga Relationship

Project Launch Meeting
8th October 2004, Ambassador Hotel, New Delhi, India

Agenda

0930-1030 **Inaugural**

Welcome:

Pradeep S Mehta, Secretary General, CUTS International, Jaipur

Introductory Address:

Nagesh Kumar, Director General, Research and Information System for the Non-Aligned and other Developing Countries, New Delhi, India

Keynote Address:

C M Bhandari, Additional Secretary, MER, Ministry of External Affairs, Government of India

1030-1100 **Tea/Coffee**

1100-1300 **South-South Economic Cooperation: A New Mantra in Multilateralism**

Chair: A. N. Ram, Former Secretary, Ministry of External Affairs, Government of India

Speaker:

Veena Jha, Coordinator, UNCTAD-India

Discussants:

Doan Hong Quang, Institute of World Economics & Politics, Vietnam
Manmohan Agarwal, Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi, India

Discussions

1300-1400 **Lunch**

1400-1530 **Mekong-Ganga Trade & Investment Cooperation: Current Scenario**

Chair: George B. Assaf, Regional Director, United Nations Industrial Development Organisation

Speaker:

K. J. Joseph, Visiting Senior Fellow, Research & Information System for Non-aligned and Other Developing Countries, New Delhi, India

Discussants:

You Mab, Assistant to H E Sok Siphana, Secretary of State, Ministry of Commerce, Kingdom of Cambodia
Khamlusa Nouansavanh, Dean, Faculty of Economics and Management, National University of Laos

Discussions

1530-1600 **Tea/Coffee**

1600-1730 **Mekong-Ganga Cooperation: Business Perspectives (Current & Future)**

Chair: S. S. Kapur, Joint Secretary, Ministry of Commerce & Industry, Government of India

Speaker:

Sengxay Phousinghoa, Business Development Officer, Mekong Private Sector Development Facility, Lao PDR

Discussants:

Ton Sinh Thanh, Minister Counsellor, Deputy Head of Mission, Embassy of Laos, New Delhi, India

Discussions

1730-1800 **Closing**