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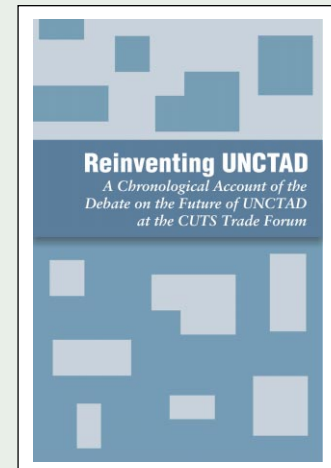
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BOOK

Reinventing UNCTAD

A Chronological Account of the Debate on the Future of UNCTAD at the CUTS Trade Forum

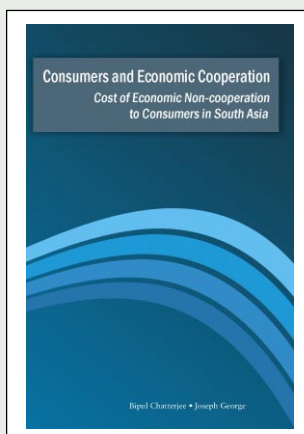
A CUTS delegation took an active part in UNCTAD XIII by presenting its views on several high-level panels on contemporary issues of trade, development and regulations and organising events on a number of issues including on interaction between trade and competition policy. CUTS produced daily bulletin from UNCTAD XIII and they were circulated through ‘CUTS Trade Forum’ which is an e-platform to exchange views and opinions on contemporary issues on international trade, trade-related regulations and economic development. CUTS’ views on the relevance and effectiveness of UNCTAD triggered an intense intellectual debate on “Reinventing UNCTAD”. Many reputed commentators on economic issues from around the world joined in this debate. Their views and opinions on the future of UNCTAD are captured in this volume.



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RESEARCH REPORTS



Consumers and Economic Cooperation *Cost of Economic Non-cooperation to Consumers in South Asia*

This report provides a basis for designing future strategies for enhancing the use of energy efficient products in India. It analyses consumer behaviour on energy efficient products, presents their perception on various issues relating to energy efficiency, and draws from international good practices. It is based on a survey of more than 20,000 households covering 19 major states and three union territories. Moreover, a number of traders and manufacturers of energy efficient electrical appliances were surveyed to understand supply-side factors. A total of 76 districts and 19 state capitals were covered.

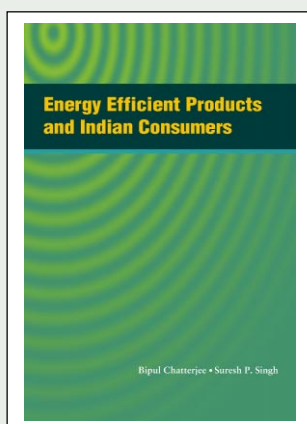
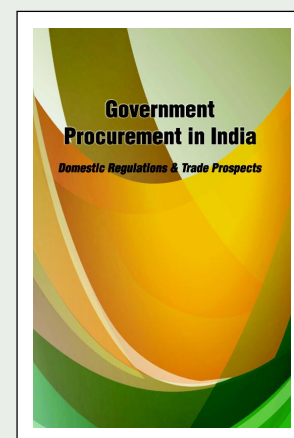
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Government Procurement in India

Domestic Regulations and Trade Prospects

Government procurement is an important element of the Indian economy. This report throws some light on the evolving nature of the Indian government procurement market. Some of these include: size of this market, procurement policy at the national and sectoral levels, impact of procurement policy on small and medium enterprises, types of inefficiencies and what could be done to make the system better equipped to meet emerging challenges, and preparedness of Indian companies to exploit the global procurement market. It also analyses the Public Procurement Bill, 2012, which has been tabled in the Indian Parliament and analysed various provisions of this Bill *vis-à-vis* the WTO GPA and the UNCITRAL Model Law on Public Procurement. It has provided a set of suggestions and recommendations to make the system more efficient and underlined the need for capacity building at various levels.

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Energy Efficient Products and Indian Consumers

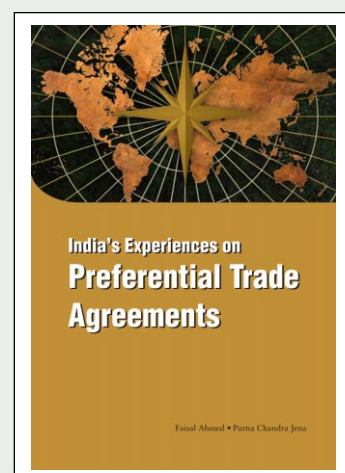
This publication offers new insights into simple ways in which South Asian countries can harness the benefits of imports by relying on each other's export competencies. They would only be required to re-source their current costlier imports from rest of the world with cheaper alternatives available in the neighbourhood with no risk to domestic industries. As the prospect of making new inroad into regional markets through a more open trade regime increases, producers will have reasons to cheer.

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India's Experience on Preferential Trade Agreements

This study is a comprehensive extension of CUTS' earlier work and evaluates India's negotiating experiences on preferential trade agreements. It draws lessons from some select engagements such as like India-Sri Lanka Free Trade Agreement, Bay of Bengal Initiative for Multi-sectoral Technical and Economic Cooperation, India-Thailand Comprehensive Economic Cooperation Agreement, India-MERCOSUR Preferential Trade Agreement, India-Singapore Comprehensive Economic Cooperation Agreement, India-ASEAN Free Trade Agreement. The focus is on evaluating and analysing India's negotiating process and its preparedness for negotiation. The study makes case based analyses of good practices highlighting ways of preparedness adopted by other countries.

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DISCUSSION PAPER

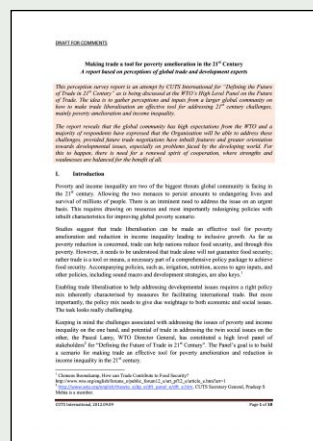
Defining the Future of Trade Need for a Geneva Consensus

With right conditions and right policy mix, trade liberalisation can be an effective tool for poverty amelioration and reduction in income inequality leading to inclusive growth. Though this can be contested through micro studies, broadly speaking it is evident from trade liberalisation in the 20th century and its impact on economic growth and development. Given the emerging challenges in the 21st century, is it possible for the multilateral trading system under the aegis of the WTO to address them? This Discussion Paper argues that it is possible provided two conditions are met with a reasonable degree of success. And for this to happen, a Geneva Consensus is to be evolved for multilateralism to work better.



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PERCEPTION SURVEY



Making trade a tool for poverty amelioration in the 21st Century A report based on perceptions of global trade and development experts

This perception survey report is an attempt by CUTS International for "Defining the Future of Trade in 21st Century" as is being discussed at the WTO's High Level Panel on the Future of Trade. The idea is to gather perceptions and inputs from a larger global community on how to make trade liberalisation an effective tool for addressing 21st century challenges, mainly poverty amelioration and income inequality.

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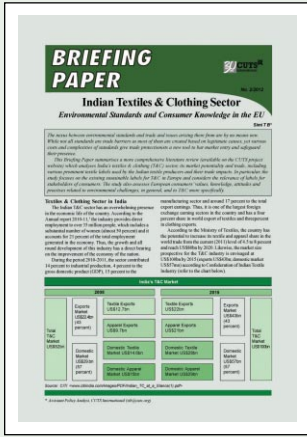
BRIEFING PAPERS

Trade and Environment Linkages Empirical Evidences from Textiles & Clothing Sector in India

A nation prospers if its developmental process allows for an efficient allocation of resources. At present, rapid industrialisation is occurring in the South at the cost of environmental degradation. As such, there is a growing concern about the need for compliance to environmental standards by industries to minimise their environmental impacts. Given this backdrop, this Briefing Paper empirically analyses the effect of environmental standards in Indian T&C sector.

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Indian Textiles & Clothing Sector Environmental Standards and Consumer Knowledge in the EU

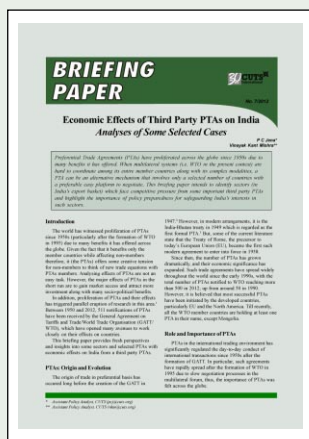
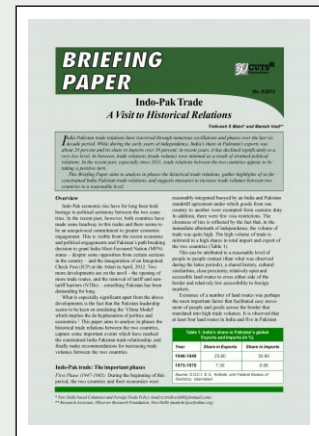
This Briefing Paper summarises a more comprehensive literature review (available on the CUTS project website) which analyses India's textiles & clothing (T&C) sector, its market potentiality and trade, including various prominent textile labels used by the Indian textile producers and their trade impacts. In particular, the study focuses on the existing sustainable labels for T&C in Europe and considers the relevance of labels for stakeholders of consumers. The study also assesses European consumers' values, knowledge, attitudes and practices related to environmental challenges, in general, and to T&C more specifically.

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Indo-Pak Trade A Visit to Historical Relations

India Pakistan trade relations have traversed through numerous oscillations and phases over the last six decade period. In the recent past, especially since 2011, trade relations between the two countries appear to be taking a positive turn. This Briefing Paper aims to analyse in phases the historical trade relations, gather highlights of so far constrained India Pakistan trade relations, and suggests measures to increase trade volumes between two countries to a reasonable level.

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Economic Effects of Third Party PTAs on India Analyses of Some Selected Cases

PTAs have proliferated across the globe since 1950s due to many benefits it has offered. When multilateral systems (i.e. WTO in the present context) are hard to coordinate among its entire member countries along with its complex modalities, a PTA can be an alternative mechanism that involves only a selected number of countries with a preferable easy platform to negotiate. This briefing paper intends to identify sectors (in India's export basket) which face competitive pressure from some important third party PTAs and highlight the importance of policy preparedness for safeguarding India's interests in such sectors.

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The Trans-Pacific Strategic Economic Partnership Will it divide the Asia-Pacific?

Negotiations on the Trans-Pacific Strategic Economic Partnership (TPP) were to be wrapped up last year before the Asia Pacific Economic Cooperation (APEC) leaders' meeting in November 2011. However, lack of consensus between members on provisions of the Agreement has extended negotiations. This Briefing Paper provides a background on the TPP initiative and states that the Agreement will continue to dominate the strategic economic discourse on the regional architecture of the Asia-Pacific irrespective of its outcome.

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Civil Society's Participation in Trade Policy Making Case of CUTS International

Trade measures are becoming more important determinants of international trade and they have more direct linkage with human development impact of trade for trade policy makers to better understand this linkage. The civil society is in a better position to evaluate social, economic and environmental sustainability impact of trade. A cursory glance of the trade policy of many countries tells us that there is hardly any policy on imports aligning consumer interests with producer interests. The above-stated points form the core mandate for civil society's participation in trade policy making. They underline a paradigm shift in the multilateral trading system. It is about enhancing transparency and fostering accountability.

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On Compliance in the WTO Enforcement Amongst Unequal Disputants

This Briefing Paper identifies factors influencing participation and compliance at the WTO Dispute Settlement Mechanism: it outlines the general features of remedies expostulated, delineates difficulties in identifying a deviation by a developing country member, and juxtaposes the different enforcement capacities of developing countries. It also details the process of cross retaliation which is widely heralded as an equalising enforcement capacity granted under the WTO regime, and draws attention to the notion that misdirected attempts seeking to revamp the current state of affairs in entirety may result in disrupting *status quo*.

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CUTS-TradeForum

'CUTS-TradeForum' is an e-platform to exchange views and opinions on contemporary issues of international trade, trade-related regulations and economic development. It helps its stakeholders to share information and participate in regular discussions and debates.

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