

CUTS Side Event at the 13th WTO Ministerial Conference (MC13)

Why Should the WTO's Dispute Settlement System be Put Back on Track?

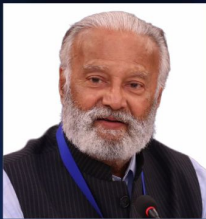
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1030hrs - 1200hrs
(Abu Dhabi Time)

IN PERSON

Room 1, NGO Area, Abu Dhabi National
Exhibition Centre (ADNEC) Abu Dhabi



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At the last Ministerial Conference, WTO members undertook to work towards a "fully and well-functioning dispute settlement system accessible to all WTO members by 2024." CUTS has been relentlessly advocating for the full restoration of the WTO Dispute Settlement System (DSS), with a standing, well-functioning AB. Only this can ensure the WTO's continued relevance as a guarantor of predictable and rules-based trade.

The 13th WTO Ministerial Conference (MC13) in Abu Dhabi will now determine the future of the WTO DSS. What is the likelihood of members being able to deliver a clear outcome on dispute settlement reform at MC13? What does the future hold for the appellate stage of the two-tiered DSS, long hailed as the WTO's crown jewel? Join our in-person MC13 Side Event at Abu Dhabi to hear experts share their thoughts on these aspects and their vision for the future of the WTO dispute settlement system.