

Cost of Economic Non-Cooperation to Consumers in South Asia
Kathmandu, 3-4 February 2011

Programme Agenda

Friday, 3rd February, 2012	
0930-1030	<p>Opening</p> <p>Posh Raj Pandey, Executive Chairman, South Asia Watch on Trade, Economics and Environment</p> <p>Bipul Chatterjee, Deputy Executive Director, CUTS International</p> <p>Nick Langton, Country Representative, The Asia Foundation</p> <p>Edwin Laurent, Adviser & Head-International Trade and Regional Co-operation, Economic Affairs Division, Commonwealth Secretariat</p> <p>SAARC Secretariat Representative*</p> <p><i>Chief Guest</i> Hon'ble Lekh Raj Bhatta, Minister, Ministry of Commerce and Supplies, Government of Nepal</p>
1030-1100	Break
1100-1300	<p>Trade Liberalisation and Consumer Welfare in South Asia</p> <p><i>Chair</i> Amrit Lugun, Director, SAARC Secretariat</p> <p>Rashid S. Kaukab, Associate Director, CUTS International</p> <p>Arbaaz Nyeem, Institute for Policy, Advocacy and Governance, Bangladesh</p> <p>Qasim Shah, Director Programme Development, Sustainable Development Policy Institute of Pakistan</p> <p>Saman Kalegama, Executive Director, Institute of Policy Studies of Sri Lanka</p>
1300-1400	Lunch
1400-1600	<p>An Advocacy Agenda for Mainstreaming Consumer Interest in Regional Trade and Economic Cooperation</p> <p><i>Chair</i> Shafqat Munir, President, Journalists for Democracy and Human Rights, Pakistan</p> <p>Bipul Chatterjee, Deputy Executive Director, CUTS International</p> <p>Quazi Faruque, President, Consumers Association of Bangladesh</p> <p>Syed Masood AlamRizvi, Secretary General, Federation of Pakistan Chambers of Commerce and Industry</p> <p>Mian Abrar Hafeez, Secretary General, Consumer Rights Commission of Pakistan</p>
1600-1630	Break

1630-1800	Group Discussion
Saturday, 4th February, 2012	
0930-1100	Presentation from Group Discussion
1100-1130	Break
1130-1300	<p>Trade Costs in South Asia: An Agenda for Future Studies</p> <p><i>Chair</i> Veronique Salz-Lozach, Director, Economic Reforms Division, The Asia Foundation</p> <p>M. A. Razzaque, Economic Adviser, Commonwealth Secretariat</p> <p>Saikat Sinha Roy, Assistant Professor of Economics, Jadavpur University</p> <p>Raihan M. Chowdhury, Head, Business and Economy Section, The Financial Express, Dhaka, Bangladesh</p> <p>Ratnakar Adhikari, Executive Director, South Asia Watch on Trade, Economics and Environment</p>
1300-1400	Lunch
1400-1500	<p>Rapporteurs' Presentation & Closing</p> <p><i>Chair</i> Edwin Laurent, Adviser & Head-International Trade and Regional Co-operation, Economic Affairs Division, Commonwealth Secretariat</p> <p>Amitendu Palit, Head- Development & Programme and Visiting Research Fellow, Institute of South Asian Studies, Singapore</p> <p>Syed Al-Muti, Project Director, The Asia Foundation</p> <p>Bipul Chatterjee, Deputy Executive Director, CUTS International</p>
1530-1700	<p>Partners Meeting (Restricted Participation)</p> <p><i>Finalisation of Advocacy Agenda and Phase 2 Studies</i></p> <p>The Asia Foundation</p> <p>I-PAG, Bangladesh</p> <p>CUTS International, India</p> <p>SAWTEE, Nepal</p> <p>SDPI, Pakistan</p> <p>IPS, Sri Lanka</p>