Mainstreaming International Trade into National Development Strategy  
* A Pilot Project in Bangladesh and India 
Inception Workshop, 7-8 February 2007, Kolkata

**Agenda**

*Wednesday, 7th February 2007*

**0930 – 1100** Opening

*Factors to be looked at for mainstreaming international trade into national development strategy*

- Pradeep S Mehta, Secretary General, CUTS International
- S. N. Menon, Former Commerce Secretary, Government of India
- Veena Jha, Coordinator, UNCTAD India Programme
- Atiur Rahman, Chairman, Unnayan Shamannay

**1100 – 1130** Tea/Coffee

**1130 – 1330** Session 1 Relationship between openness and growth: Research questions and methodology

- Rajiv Kher, Joint Secretary, Department of Commerce, Government of India
- K. Rangarajan*, Kolkata Centre Head, Indian Institute of Foreign Trade
- Sugata Marjit, Reserve Bank of India Professor of Industrial Economics, Centre for Studies in Social Sciences, Kolkata
- Selim Raihan, Assistant Professor, University of Dhaka
- N.C. Pahariya, Fellow, CUTS International

**1330 – 1430** Lunch

**1430 – 1600** Session 1 Continued

**1600 – 1630** Tea/Coffee

**1630 – 1830** Session 2 Political economy of trade liberalisation: Research questions and methodology

- Ibrahim Khaled, Former Deputy Governor of the Bangladesh Bank
- Taiabur Rahman, Associate Professor and Chairperson, Department of Development Studies, Dhaka University
- Indranil Bose, Head, Department of Political Science, St. Xavier’s College, Kolkata
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0930 – 1100  Session 3 Effective advocacy techniques: What works for whom

Manab Majumdar, Director & Team Leader, WTO Division
Federation of Indian Chambers of Commerce and Industry

Bipul Chatterjee, Deputy Executive Director, CUTS International

Taifur Rahman, Project Coordinator, Unnayan Shamannay

1100 – 1130  Tea/Coffee

1130 – 1300  Closing

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