

Capability Statement

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MISSION

Pursuing economic equity and social justice within and across borders by persuading governments and empowering people

RESOURCES

- Headquartered at Jaipur, India with 20 experienced research and programme staff and support of six resource centres: Lusaka, Zambia; Nairobi, Kenya; Hanoi, Vietnam; and London, UK for international activities and at Calcutta and Delhi in India for national and regional activities
- Affiliated to important international organisations and to a number of national committees
- An international advisory board comprising of 15 members from diverse backgrounds
- Comfortable working atmosphere with necessary equipment for efficient functioning and timely delivery
- A well-developed and reader-friendly web site: www.cuts-citee.org
- In-house editorial and desk-top publishing

ATTRIBUTES

- Outcome-based, centrist approach for research, advocacy and networking
- Focusing on areas where a vacuum exists
- Working simultaneously at the grassroots to the international level, which helps in conducting policy advocacy in a coherent manner

OUTREACH

- *Economiquity*: a bi-monthly e-newsletter on WTO Issues, Regional Economic Cooperation and Developmental Issues, which is sent out to more than 5,000 interested readers worldwide
- Monthly e-newsletters on the above-stated programme areas
- Research reports, briefing papers, monographs and viewpoint papers are regularly published and disseminated

NETWORKING

- Network-based activities with more than 60 research institutions and non-governmental organisations all over the world
- Active participation in WTO Ministerial Conferences and meetings and conferences of inter-governmental organisations like UNCTAD, OECD
- Catalysed the formation of a number of networks, such as Kathmandu-based South Asia Watch on Trade, Economics & Environment (SAWTEE), Geneva-based International Centre for Trade and Sustainable Development
- Only and the first NGO in the official Indian delegation to the WTO Ministerial Conference in Hong Kong

EVENT MANAGEMENT

- Organised a huge number of seminars and conferences all over the world with clearly articulated outputs and outcomes

PROGRAMME AREAS

WTO Issues

- Conducting network-based research and advocacy for manifesting a range of civil society concerns, views and perspectives on the Doha Round of WTO negotiations

Regional Economic Cooperation

- Working on various aspects of South-South and South-North economic cooperation

Developmental Issues

- Implementing a number of networking-based and outreach-oriented projects on trade and poverty, trade and environment, and institutions and pro-poor growth

Capacity Building

- Transferring experiences from South Asia to other parts of the world, especially in Africa and South East Asia by sharing the know-how and do-how of capacity building