

**A PILOT PROJECT ON CAPACITY BUILDING ON ELECTRICITY
REFORMS IN NEPAL, BANGLADESH AND INDIA
(WEST BENGAL & RAJASTHAN) – RESA Project**

**LAUNCH MEETING AND TRAINING SEMINAR AGENDA
(Thursday, 13 – Friday, 14 March 2008)**

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Time	Opening Session
0830-0900	Registration
0900-0945	Pradeep S. Mehta, Secretary General, CUTS International, Jaipur Sunil Mitra, Principal Secretary, Dept of Power, West Bengal Lasse Bjørn Johannessen, Minister-Counsellor/DCM, Royal Norwegian Embassy, New Delhi Ashok Basu, Member, State Planning Board, West Bengal
0945-1045	Project on Capacity Building on Electricity Reforms in India, Bangladesh and Nepal: objectives, scope, partners and activities Rajesh Kumar, CUTS International
1045-1100	Vote of Thanks Keya Ghosh, CUTS International
1100-1115	Tea/Coffee
	Training Seminar Agenda
1115-1215	Electricity Reforms in Bangladesh and Nepal Taifur Rahman, Unnayan Shammany, Bangladesh Navin Dahal, SAWTEE Nepal Discussant – Allan Asher Chair: Ashok Basu
1215-1315	Electricity Reforms in Rajasthan and West Bengal (India) Deepak Saxena, Rajasthan, CUTS-CART, Rajasthan Keya Ghosh, West Bengal, CUTS-CRC, West Bengal Discussant - H.D.Charan Chair: Ashok Basu
1315-1330	Closing Remarks Ashok Basu
1330-1430	Lunch
1430-1450	Regulatory Reforms in Electricity Sector in India, Bangladesh and Nepal Enforcement of Electricity Reforms Acts; major challenges to effective regulation; transparency and accountability in decision making process; involvement of CSO's; etc Anish De, Mercados - Energy Markets International
1600-1630	Tea/Coffee

1630-1800	<p>Electricity Tariff Regulation: Issues and Challenges Tariff making process in the new regulatory regime; approval of annual revenue requirement- cost components, energy management and investment regulation; protection of consumers' interest in tariff fixation process Payal Malik, NCAER Simulation Exercise and Group Discussion</p>
Friday (March 14, 2008)	
0900-1030	<p>Role of Consumer in Regulatory Decision-Making Process Consumers participation in regulatory decision-making process- rational, philosophy and challenges; making effective participation in the regulatory process; evidence from India, etc Shantanu Dixit, Prayas Simulation Exercise and Group Discussion</p>
1030-1100	Tea Break
1100-1230	<p>Capacity Building of CSOs in Electricity Reforms Need and tools of capacity building of CSOs; CUTS experience in promoting role of consumers, CSOs, etc in electricity reforms in Rajasthan; networking and communication tools; etc Deepak Saxena, CUTS International Group Discussion</p>
1230-1300	<p>Closing Remarks Pradeep S. Mehta</p>
1300-1400	Lunch
1400-1600	<p>Project Partners Meeting Project execution, division of responsibilities, activities, timelines, training programmes, communication, reports and updates, etc Udai Mehta/Rajesh Kumar, CUTS International</p>