

CUTS CRC Activity Report

July-September 2018

ONGOING PROJECTS



Green Growth and Energy Transformation

CUTS International in collaboration with Friedrich-Ebert-Stiftung (FES), BASK Research Foundation and Earth Day Network organised a **Techo- Financial Training and Contract Evaluation Workshop** as a part of the Green Growth and Energy Transformation (Grow GET) project at Kolkata on July 30, 2018.



The overall objective of the workshop was to capacitate private educational institutions, financial institutions and civil society organisations (CSOs) of various processes involved in the installation of Rooftop Solar PV (RTSPV). The workshop provided a theoretical perspective of factors to be

considered while installing RTSPV.

The next set of activities were planned so as to impart a practical/operational knowledge about the installation of RTSPV. To this end, as a run up to the **Workshop to Discuss Design Template of Project For Implementation**, at Kolkata on September 07, 2018, CUTS and BASK selected one of the schools in Kolkata, assessed its roof space, developed a project proposal including the technical and financial components and presented it before the participants during the workshop.



Based on the knowledge and stakeholder feedback gathered from earlier workshops, CUTS and BASK developed a training manual which was formally launched at the **Outreach Meeting** at Kolkata on October 11, 2018.



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Creating an Enabling and Inclusive Policy and Political Economy Discourse for Trade, Transport and Transit Facilitation

CUTS along with its partner organisations arranged 20 awareness generation and capacity building meetings at major land customs stations (LCSs), critical nodes and trade hubs in India, Bangladesh, Bhutan and Nepal. These meetings are part of 33 scheduled awareness generation meetings to be arranged under the project. Out of the 20 meetings, four were held in Bangladesh, two in Nepal, ten in India and four in Bhutan respectively.



The objective of these meetings was to ensure higher political buy-in and understanding of the Bangladesh, Bhutan, India and Nepal Motor Vehicles Agreement (BBIN MVA), its protocols and other international conventions so as to create an enabling environment for smoother implementation of the BBIN MVA.

Rest of the 13 meetings are scheduled to be completed by end of December 2018. Once meetings are over, based on their findings, 12 separate reports – three from each country on trade hubs, critical nodes and LCSs will be developed.



REPRESENTATION



- Sayantan Sengupta attended the Annual Energy-Environment Conclave, organised by Bengal Chamber of Commerce & Industry on August 23, 2018.
- Sayantan Sengupta attended a seminar on rooftop solar organised by Gujarat Energy Research Management Institute (GERMI), International Water Management Institute (IWMI) and Greenpeace at Gandhinagar, Gujarat.
- Arnab Ganguly attended the Annual General Meeting of BCC&I on September 12, 2018.