

# CUTS CRC Activity Report

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## ONGOING PROJECTS



### Green Growth and Energy Transformation

CUTS International in collaboration with Friedrich-Ebert-Stiftung (FES), BASK Research Foundation, Earth Day Network and Seva Kendra, Kolkata organised a series of stakeholder training and capacity building workshops. The overall objective of workshops 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. In addition, these workshops also served as a platform for two-way knowledge transfer between consumers, CUTS and BASK.

Based on the knowledge and stakeholder feedback gathered from the earlier workshops, CUTS and BASK developed a training manual which was formally launched at the Outreach Meeting at Kolkata on October 11, 2018. The meeting was organised by CUTS International in collaboration with BASK Research Foundation Earth Day Network and Seva Kendra Kolkata and supported by FES India.

The meeting registered participation from diverse stakeholder groups, including Bengal Chamber of Commerce and Industry, KPMG, educational institutions interested in installing RTSPV, solar project developers, academia and CSOs.



**Launch of the Training Manual for consumers on  
Grid Connected Rooftop Solar in West Bengal**

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and Washington DC (USA).



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

CUTS along with its partner organisations organised a series of stakeholder awareness-cum-consultations on BBIN Motor Vehicles Agreement (MVA) in Bangladesh, Bhutan, India and Nepal. The objective of these meetings was to ensure higher political buy-in and understanding of the BBIN MVA, its protocols and other international conventions so as to create an enabling environment for smoother implementation of the BBIN MVA.

In addition, meeting of the Project Advisory Committee (PAC) was organised at Kolkata on November 14, 2018. The meeting registered participation from Consul General of Nepal (Kolkata), Consul General of Japan (Kolkata), Asian Development Bank, Calcutta Customs House Association, Inland Waterways Authority of India, exporters & importers, freight forwarders and eminent researchers from different research organisations of BBIN.



**Awareness Generation Meeting at Birtamode, Nepal (Left)  
and Dhaka, Bangladesh (Right)**



**Consultation meeting with Project Advisory Committee and Policy Experts**

## CUTS as Knowledge Partner of FICCI at the Fifth North East Summit

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The Federation of Indian Chambers of Commerce and Industry (FICCI) in association with the Government of Arunachal Pradesh organised the fifth North East Connectivity Summit at Tawang, Arunachal Pradesh on November 14-15, 2018. CUTS International was one of the knowledge partners for the event. CUTS prepared a knowledge paper entitled “Cross Border Value Chains in North East India” that was circulated at the summit.



The overall objective of the summit was to catalyse economic connectivity and facilitate infrastructure intervention from both the public and private sectors in the NER. This summit was fifth in a series of summits held each year in one of the North East States of India (mentioned as NER henceforth). The first summit was held in Assam in 2014, followed by Meghalaya in 2015, Tripura in 2016, and Nagaland in 2017 respectively.

- Bratindra Bhattacharya participated in a Workshop on Value Chains organised by The World Bank at New Delhi, on October 04-05, 2018.
- Bratindra Bhattacharya and Debolina Mukherjee attended the SARCC meeting organised by CUTS at New Delhi on November 01-02, 2018.
- Arnab Ganguly participated in the Awareness Generation programme under EPTAF project organised by Unnayan Shamannay at Dhaka on November 08, 2018.
- Arnab Ganguly attended the fifth North East Connectivity Summit organised by Federation of Indian Chambers of Commerce & Industry (FICCI), North East and Government of Arunachal Pradesh at Tawang on November 14-15, 2018.
- Arnab Ganguly attended the India Economic Conclave organised by The Bengal Chamber of Commerce & Industry at Kolkata on December 14, 2018.

### REPRESENTATION

