



EVENTS

Post United Nations Environmental Assembly 2 Meeting

CUTS Nairobi, Kenya in partnership with Post United Nations Environmental Assembly (UNEA), Friedrich Ebert Stiftung (FES), Konrad Adenauer Stiftung (KAS) and Africa Network for Animal Welfare (ANAW) organised a post UNEA 2 meeting on September 20-21, 2016 at the United Nations office. The objective was to stimulate collaboration amongst various stakeholders to implement the UN Environment Assembly's Resolutions as well as the Paris Agreement, for the achievement of the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).

Regional Integration in Africa

CUTS Lusaka, Zambia in conjunction with Caritas Zambia hosted a conference on October 26, 2016. The conference was held to discuss regional integration in Africa. The discussions mainly focussed on the Tripartite Free Trade Agreement (TFTA) and the Continental Free Trade Area (CFTA) and their implications on regional integration in Zambia.

II National Reference Group Meeting

CUTS Nairobi, Kenya organised the Second National Reference Group (NRG II) meeting under the 'Promoting Agriculture, Climate and Trade Linkages in the East African Community' (PACT EAC 2) project on September 12, 2016, Nairobi. The objective of the meeting was to share the research findings with the stakeholders.

PACT-EAC 2 Regional Annual Meeting

Under the PACT EAC 2 project, CUTS Nairobi, Kenya conducted First Regional Annual Meeting (RAM 1) in Kampala, Uganda on August 08-09, 2016. The objectives of the meeting included: Learning about emerging policy research lessons on how agro-processing can become more climate-aware, trade-driven and food security enhancing in East Africa.

Strategic Planning Workshop

CUTS Lusaka (Zambia) held a strategic planning workshop on October 11, 2016. The meeting was called to draft a strategic plan for the period 2016-2020. The objective was to get inputs from the stakeholders.

National Climate Change Workshop

CUTS Nairobi (Kenya) in partnership with FES and Pan African Climate Justice Alliance convened a National Climate Change workshop on 'Implementation of Climate Change Policies' on October 25-26, 2016, Nairobi, Kenya. The workshop objectives were to deepen understanding on the current climate change processes at the global, national and county-levels in Kenya and to consolidate Kenya's position statement to the 22nd Session of the Conference of Parties of the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (COP 22).

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FORTHCOMING EVENTS

RTA Brainstorming Meeting with MoT

As part of the Competition Reforms in Key Markets for Enhancing Social & Economic Welfare in Developing Countries (CREW) Country activities, CUTS Accra, Ghana will be hosting a brainstorming meeting to discuss how to incorporate findings from the CREW Passenger Transport Sector into the Ministry of Transport's (MOT's) draft policy for the establishment of the Road Transport Authority (RTA) in Ghana.

Kenya Consumer Roundtable on Dairy and Horticulture Safety and Loss Issues

Under the 'Voice for Change' project, CUTS Nairobi is organising a consumer roundtable for 'Dairy and Horticulture Safety and Loss issues in Kenya' on November 17, 2016 in Nairobi, Kenya. The objective of the meeting will be to inform the consumer organisations on key safety and loss issues in Kenya's dairy and horticulture sectors and develop joint advocacy strategies with the consumer organisations.

World Competition Day Celebrations

As part of the World Competition Day Celebrations, CUTS Accra (Ghana) would host a Policy Dialogue to deliberate on the ongoing discussions in the cement sector between local manufacturers and importers. The event would be held at the Coconut Grove Hotel, Accra.

ONGOING PROJECTS

Civil Society

Poverty Observatory Group

Under the activities of the Civil Society-Poverty Observatory Group (CS-POG), an umbrella institution of 50 Non-government Organisations (NGOs) in Zambia, as the head of the Policy and Research Technical Working Group, CUTS Lusaka will be responsible for the implementation of the activities under the Public Finance thematic area. The project will involve organisation of trainings on social accountability and will commence in August 2016 and will run for a period of eight months.

CCPC Health Project

The objective of the 'CCPC Health Project: Understanding and Awareness Raising on Health Care Issues in Zambia/ Assessing the Regulatory Effect to the Health Care System in Zambia' project is to understand the health care issues and the regulatory effectiveness of the health system in Zambia.

State of the Economy II

The Energy Crisis and the Impact of the Economy

In light of the package that Zambia is currently negotiating with the International Monetary Fund (IMF), CUTS Lusaka will be undertaking a study and advocacy measures on the likely impact of the removal of fuel and electricity subsidies on consumers.

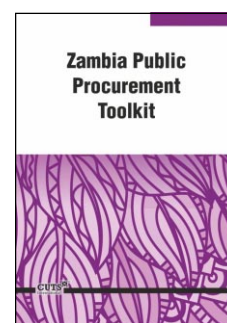
PUBLICATIONS

Research Reports

Zambia Public Procurement Toolkit

Public procurement refers to the purchase by governments and state-owned enterprises (SoEs) of goods, services and works. Public procurement is estimated to account for between 10 and 15 percent of gross domestic product (GDP) and is one of the biggest areas of spending by a government. In Zambia, an estimated 10 percent of GDP is spent on public procurement. This document is designed to provide a basic checklist covering the steps in a normal procurement cycle. It aims to simplify the requirements under the law, and build-in a pro-competitive framework for procurement officers to rely upon.

http://www.cuts-ccier.org/CREW/pdf/Zambia_Public_Procurement_Toolkit.pdf



Leveraging Regional Policy Successes to Improve Interventions by the FRA and the Performance of Maize Markets in Zambia

About 90 percent of white maize consumption is in Africa and Central America. It fetches premium prices in Southern Africa where it represents the main staple food. While grain marketing boards in Africa have remained major players in maize markets, their effects have been shown to be negative on both the development of agriculture markets and the participation of the private sector. In this report, some good lessons have been selected from other African countries that can act as best practices for the Food Reserve Agency (FRA) in Zambia.

<http://www.cuts-ccier.org/CREW/pdf/Report->

[Leveraging_Regional_Policy_Successes_to_Improve_Interventions_by_FRA_and_the_performance_of_maize_markets_in_Zambia_NC.pdf](http://www.cuts-ccier.org/CREW/pdf/Report-Leveraging_Regional_Policy_Successes_to_Improve_Interventions_by_FRA_and_the_performance_of_maize_markets_in_Zambia_NC.pdf)

Tradequity

The July-September 2016 issue of the newsletter carries cover story 'Framework to Make Globalisation and Trade Work for Billions across Global South' with a Special Feature 'Boosting Competition in African Markets: Enhancing Growth and Eradicating Poverty'. Besides, the newsletter covers news on Economics and Development, Trade, Environment and Consumer issues.

http://www.cuts-international.org/ARC/pdf/Tradequity_No3-2016.pdf



REPRESENTATIONS

On October 21, 2016, **Appiah Kusi Adomako**, Centre Coordinator and **Edayatu Lamptey** from CUTS Accra had a meeting with the team members of the Sustainable Economic Development Division of the GIZ-Ghana to share ongoing project ideas being developed by the Accra Centre and also to discuss possible synergies between the same.

Chenai Mukumba, Centre Coordinator and **Muntanga Musiwa** of CUTS Lusaka Centre attended a debate organised by Jesuit Centre for Theological Reflection (JCTR) at the Intercontinental Hotel in Lusaka (Zambia) on October 13, 2016. The debate was on Sustainable Organic Agriculture and the participants were to come up with recommendations that could be used as position paper points.

Clement Onyango, Centre Coordinator of CUTS Nairobi (Kenya) attended meeting with member of one of the strongest consulting groups in Europe – GOPA consultants of Germany who visited East Africa on October 25, 2016 on Tradecom application and future prospects in Nairobi (Kenya).

Muntanga Musiwa of CUTS Lusaka, Zambia, attended a National Report Dissemination meeting on Mining legislation at Raddison Blu on October 27, 2016. The meeting was organised by Centre for Trade Policy and Development (CTPD) and Open Society Initiative for Southern Africa (OSISA). The purpose of the meeting was to present the findings of the research done by CTPD on mining legislation in Zambia as well as get input from relevant stakeholders.

Appiah Kusi Adomako, and **Edayatu Lamptey** of CUTS Accra had a meeting with delegates from the Trade Division from the Australian High Commission, Ghana on October 18, 2016. The meeting was held to discuss possible synergies between the two and the cycle of their funding/grant programme.

Rosebela Orio, **Kebenei Chepkoech Joan** and **Boniface Otieno Owino** of CUTS Nairobi attended the National Climate Change Workshop on 'Implementation of Climate Change Policies' on October 25-26, 2016, at Sarova Panafric Hotel, Nairobi, Kenya. The workshop objectives were to deepen understanding on the current climate change processes at the global, national and county levels in Kenya.

Leah Phiri of CUTS Lusaka, Zambia attended a meeting at Civil Society for Poverty Reduction (CSPR) on October 17, 2016. The purpose of the meeting was to participate in the social media event on World International Day for Eradication of Poverty.

Chenai Mukumba and **Leah Phiri** of attended a regional consultative meeting hosted by the United Nations Economic Commission for Africa on September 08-09, 2016. The purpose of the meeting was to discuss data collection at national and regional-levels and review country profiles for 2016 produced by the Commission.

Appiah Kusi Adomako and **Edayatu Lamptey** had a meeting with Sunil Kumar Roy, the Dean, Faculty of Social Science and Business Studies on September 29, 2016. The meeting was held at the Academic City College to discuss possible partnership between CUTS and Academic City College.

Rosebela Oiro, **Daniel Asher** and **Boniface Otieno Owino** of CUTS Nairobi attended a meeting organised by HIVOS under the Society of Petroleum Engineers-Energy (SPE-E) programme on September 23, 2016. The objective of the workshop was on finalisation of the individual work plans for each organisation and the joint activities under the partnership.



Lower Income Earners will Suffer more from Fuel Price Hike: CUTS

CUTS Lusaka, Zambia said that low income households will be worst hit by the increased prices of fuel. In a press statement issued in Lusaka, CUTS noted that the recent hike in fuel prices by the Energy Regulation Board would undoubtedly trigger a high cost of living. On October 14, 2016 the ERB increased petrol pump price to K13.70 per litre from K9.87, diesel to K11.40 from K8.59 and kerosene to K8.03 from K6.12. Low sulphur diesel is presently costing K13.69 per litre from K10.88. "Given the country's current fiscal position, CUTS is aware that stringent measures need to be taken. However, it is important to realise that measures that will strain the country's consumer base will have a negative impact on their spending power and their contribution to the growth of the economy", CUTS added.

<http://postzambia.com/news.php?id=20843>

Call for Government to Retain Focus on Low and Stable Inflation Rates

CUTS Lusaka, Zambia stated that Zambian consumer is facing many challenges ranging from high inflation, high mobile phone rates and access to affordable high quality healthcare services, among others. CUTS Lusaka Centre Coordinator, Chenai Mukumba has urged the government to retain focus on a low and stable inflation rates. Mukumba indicated that the government must ensure that citizens have access to affordable and high quality healthcare services. She mentioned that service to the consumer in the country should not be looked at by the leadership as a burden, but as a way to offer tangible benefits to the people who have voted them into power.

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