

CUTS Calcutta Resource Centre

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Mission: *Promote economic equity and sustainable development within and across borders in Eastern South Asia through evidence based advocacy and consumer empowerment*

RESOURCES: *The Centre has a dedicated team comprising of a mix of people from disciplines such as Economics, Development Studies, Energy Engineering and Business Management. The Centre also has active networking with many eminent and key experts in the region who guide its work on the focus issues*

PROGRAMME AREAS

The Centre focuses on the following programme areas:

- *Trade and Regional Connectivity*
- *Energy & Sustainability*
- *Consumer Empowerment & Safety*
- *Good Governance and Grassroots Economic Development*

Regional Integration:

Working on various aspects such as Regional connectivity, trade, cooperation in Bay of Bengal Region

Energy and Sustainability:

Working on various aspects such as Electricity Reforms, Energy Security, Energy Trade, Renewable Energy & Sustainability issues within the BBIN countries.

Consumer Empowerment & Safety:

Working with West Bengal Electricity Regulatory Commission (WBERC) towards enhancing consumer's knowledge on electricity act etc.

OUTREACH:

Publications: *Published several books, monographs, briefing papers, articles and training manuals under different projects*

Networking: *Strong association with different CSOs/ Think Tanks in Bay of Bengal Region including Nepal, Bhutan, Bangladesh, Myanmar and East and North Eastern India (West Bengal Bihar, Assam, Tripura, Mizoram, Arunachal Pradesh and Meghalaya)*

Field & Policy Research, Programmes Implementation and Events: *Capable team to conduct field and policy research and implement projects across Bay of Bengal Region and in Eastern and North Eastern parts of India; and organise summits, dialogues, meetings, workshops and training programmes of national and international levels on its focus areas*

FUTURE PLANS:

- *To work towards Regional Economic Cooperation, Trade, Regional Connectivity Bay of Bengal Region.*
- *To promote sustainable development with emphasis on Energy Security*
- *To build Civil Society Capacity on Regulatory and Policy issues to enhance their participation in Policy Making*
- *To strengthen work on Consumer Empowerment and Safety with focus on Consumer Awareness and Capacity Building*