

Project Summary

CUTS Africa Resource Centre (CUTS ARC), Nairobi with support from Trust Africa through the ICBE Research Fund is implementing a one year project on “Small and Medium Enterprises and Devolved Government System: An Assessment of the Regulatory and Institutional Challenges Affecting SMEs Development In Kenya (RICS)”. The general aim of the study is to analyse institutional and regulatory framework for SMEs vis-a-avis the devolved government system in Kenya, given the dispensation of the new constitution. The research output is expected to provide evidence and inputs that would be important in developing policy choices for improving the regulatory and institutional governance for SMEs at county levels .The specific objectives of the study include;

- To understand and analyse current and past regulatory and institutional framework inclined to SMEs and the effectiveness of the current regulatory /institutional framework in supporting the local development of the SMEs at the county level under the devolved government system.
- To analyse institutional and regulatory challenges facing the SMEs at county levels.
- To find out the mechanisms or channels through which the new devolved government will contribute to innovative and value addition activities at the county level.
- To provide evidence for the development of policy choices to support the development of SMEs strategy for the county governments

Expected Project Output

- Research report.
- County led SME Development policy paper.

Project Duration.

- February 2012 to January 2013.