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AGENDA FOR SIDE EVENT ON ‘POLICY UNCERTAINTY IMPEDES INVESTMENT’

Date: 16th October, 2014
Venue: Building E, Room no. XXIII, Palais des Nations, United Nations Office, Geneva
Time: 13:00 – 15:00 hours

13:00 – 13:15: Registration & Tea

13:15 – 13:45: Opening Session

- Welcome address by Pradeep S Mehta, Secretary General, CUTS International
- Presentation on ‘Policy Uncertainty Impedes Investment’

Evidence points to inverse relationship between policy uncertainty and the level of investment. While political and regional milieu play their part, policy and regulatory prescriptions at domestic and international levels substantially influence uncertainty, thus impacting investment.

There is a need for country specific interventions with the objective to assist select low and middle income countries, specifically in South Asia and Sub-Saharan Africa to adopt and implement measures to reduce investment related policy uncertainty at domestic, bilateral and multilateral levels.

The presentation will summarise preliminary research undertaken by CUTS International on the subject and set out specific issues for discussion for the panel.

Presenter: Prabhash Ranjan, Assistant Professor, South Asian University

13:45 – 15:00: Panel discussion

The panel will discuss the issues highlighted in the presentation, the causes, impacts and possible measures to reduce policy and regulatory uncertainty to promote investment. The objective of panel discussion will be to develop an action plan and a roadmap to work towards reducing uncertainty and reviving investments.

Panelists:

- Ken Poonoosamy, President, Mauritius Board of Investment
- Rajneesh Narula, Director, John H. Dunning Centre for International Business, Henley Business School
- Anca Radu, Policy Officer-Investment, European Commission
- Pradeep S Mehta, Secretary General, CUTS International