

**WORKSHOP ON “ROLE OF CONSUMER REPRESENTATIVES TO FURTHER  
POWER SECTOR REFORMS IN UTTAR PRADESH”**

**LUCKNOW, UTTAR PRADESH**

**MONDAY, 27<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER, 2017 | HOTEL HYATT REGENCY, GOMTI NAGAR**

<b>10:00 – 10:30</b>	<b>Registration</b>
<b>10:30 – 11:30</b>	<p><b>Opening Session, “Electrifying UP: Beyond Political Will and Technical Solutions: Focus on Consumer Participation and Engagement”</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Udai S Mehta, Deputy Executive Director, CUTS International</li> <li>• Disha Agarwal, Program Associate (Renewable Energy), Shakti Sustainable Energy Foundation</li> <li>• Ashwini Swain, Consultant, CUTS International</li> <li>• Keynote Address by Suresh Kumar Agarwal, Chairman, Uttar Pradesh Electricity Regulatory Commission</li> </ul>
<b>11:30 – 11:45</b>	<b>Tea Break</b>
<b>11:45 – 13:30</b>	<p><b>Session I: Experience Sharing on Consumer Advocacy Strategies: Insights for Power Sector in UP</b></p> <p>The session would involve understanding the existing scenario in UP pertaining to consumer engagement in power sector. Additionally, experiences on operational models, required capacities and support systems amongst others, adopted by consumer advocacy groups from different states to initiate and sustain consumer advocacy interventions will be shared in the form of case studies. The experience will be shared along with insights on the potential to replicate or rather contextualize the models with respect to the state of Uttar Pradesh. The Session would witness presentations from consumer advocates representing Uttar Pradesh, Maharashtra, Rajasthan and Tamil Nadu.</p> <p><b>Chair</b> Sanjay Srivastava, Secretary, Uttar Pradesh Electricity Regulatory Commission</p> <p><b>Speakers</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Avadhesh Kumar Verma, Chairman, UP Rajya Vidyut Upbhokta Parishad, (Perspective from Uttar Pradesh)</li> <li>• Ashwini Chitnis, Fellow, Prayas, Energy Group (Perspective from Maharashtra)</li> <li>• George Cheriyan, Director, CUTS International (Perspective from Rajasthan)</li> <li>• K Vishnu Mohan Rao, Senior Researcher, Citizen Consumer and Civic Action Group (Perspective from Tamil Nadu)</li> </ul>
<b>13:30 – 14:30</b>	<b>Lunch</b>

<p><b>14:30 – 16:00</b></p>	<p><b>Session II: Group Work on Strategising Advocacy Interventions to address the unfinished reforms agenda in the Power Sector in UP</b></p> <p>The intent is to bring together various stakeholders including discom representatives, UPERC officials, consumer representatives, academia amongst others and provide them a space for interaction and discussion that is specifically dedicated to addressing challenges related to reforms in the power sector in UP. Therefore, a group exercise will be conducted wherein the participants will be divided into four multi-stakeholder groups to deliberate upon the imperatives needed to address the challenges and issues in the sector.</p>
<p><b>16:00 – 16:30</b></p>	<p><b>Closing Session</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• S.C. Jha, Director Commercial, Madhyanchal Vidyut Vitran Nigam Limited</li> <li>• Rama Shanker Awasthi, Managing Director/Owner, Energy Mantra India Pvt. Ltd.</li> <li>• Kanika Balani, Senior Research Associate, CUTS International</li> </ul>

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