# Making North Indian States Competitive: Path to Inclusive and Sustainable Growth

**November 17-19th, 2016 | Hotel ITC Rajputana, Jaipur, Rajasthan**

## Agenda

### Day One: Thursday, November 17, 2016

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**Welcome Addresses**
- Pradeep S Mehta, Secretary General, CUTS International
- Arun Maira, Former Member, Planning Commission of India & President, CUTS International

**Thematic Addresses**
- Rajat Agrawal, Chairman, CII, Rajasthan State Council
- Albert Allen Foer, Founder & Senior Fellow, American Antitrust Institute
- Anthony DeSa, IAS (R), Former Chief Secretary, Govt. of Madhya Pradesh
- Richard Rahul Verma, H.E. United States Ambassador to India

**Inaugural Address**
- Rajpal Singh Shekhawat, Hon’ble Minister for Urban Development Housing, Local Self Government, Government of Rajasthan

**Vote of Thanks**
- Jonathan Kessler, Director, North India Office, U S Embassy
- Bipul Chatterjee, Executive Director, CUTS International

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| 10:00 – 11:30| Session I: Competitiveness & economic development in India               | Ajay Shankar, IAS (R), Former Member Secretary, National Manufacturing Competitiveness Council         | Pradeep S Mehta, Secretary General, CUTS International                                         | Gopal Krishna Agarwal, BJP National Spokesperson on Economic Issues  
R Sudarshan, Dean, Jindal School of Government and Public Policy, O.P. Jindal Global University, Haryana  
Sanjeev Ahluwalia, IAS (R), Advisor, Observer Research Foundation  
Ratnesh Kashyap, Former Chairman, CII, Rajasthan  
B.S. Ghuman, Professor, Department of Public Administration, Panjab University |
| 11:30 – 11:45| Tea Break                                                                |                                                                                                       |                                                                                                 |                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
| 11:45 – 13:30| Session II: Recent developments on ease of doing business in northern states in India | Arvind Mohan, Director, Institute of Management Sciences, University of Lucknow                       | Kishore Rungta, Chairman and MD, Man Structurals Ltd                                           | Anirudh Tewari, IAS, CEO, Punjab Bureau of Investment Promotion  
Amit Kumar Ghosh, IAS, Managing Director, Uttar Pradesh State Industrial Development Corporation  
Pritam Banerjee, Senior Director, Deutsche Post DHL  
Shihab Ansari Azhar, Private Sector Specialist, South Asia Trade & Competitiveness, The World Bank  
Jabir Ali, Professor, IIM Lucknow |
| 13:30 – 14:30| Lunch Break                                                             |                                                                                                       |                                                                                                 |                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
14:30 – 16:00  Session III: Are current skill development initiatives addressing the private sector’s demand for adequately trained workers?

Chair & Moderator  V K Mathur, Former Chairman, International Airport Authority of India

Co-Chair  Rohit Brandon, IAS (R), Honorary Professor, Institute of Development Studies

Presentation  Sabina Dewan, President and Executive Director, JustJobs Network

Panellists  • Abhishek Hegde, Head – Monitoring & Research, National Skill Development Corporation
• Selva Kumari Jayarajan, IAS, Joint Managing Director, Uttar Pradesh State Industrial Development Corporation Limited
• Anand Singhal, Former Chairman, CII Rajasthan
• S. P. Sharma, Chief Economist, PHD Chamber of Commerce and Industry
• Miniya Chatterji, Chief Sustainability Officer, Jindal Steel & Power
• Manish Goel, President, Indian Industries Association, Uttar Pradesh

16:00 – 16:30  Tea Break

16:30 – 18:00  Session IV: Role of small and medium enterprises in innovation driven economy

Chair & Moderator  Bipul Chatterjee, Executive Director, CUTS International

Co-Chair  Ajay Gupta, Managing Director, Kamtech Associates Pvt. Ltd.

Presentation  Mukesh Gulati, Executive Director, Foundation for MSME Clusters

Panellists  • R B Rahate, Deputy General Manager, MUDRA
• Rajiv Chawla, Chairman, Integrated Association of Micro, Small & Medium Enterprises of India, Haryana
• Anil Bhardwaj, Secretary General, Federation of Indian Micro & Small and Medium Enterprises
• Pankaj Gupta, President, Industries Association of Uttarakhand
DAY III: SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 19TH, 2016

10:00 – 10:30 Registration

10:30 – 12:30 Session V: What should governments do – What are the low hanging fruits?

Chair & Moderator Saurabh Chandra, IAS (R), Former Secretary, Ministry of Petroleum & Natural Gas

Co-Chair Anthony DeSa, IAS (R), Former Chief Secretary, Govt. of Madhya Pradesh

Panellist
- Yaduvendra Mathur, IAS, Chairman and Managing Director, EXIM Bank
- Siddharth, Principal Advisor, Industry, Govt. of West Bengal & Chairman, West Bengal Industrial Development & Promotion Board
- Ajay Shah, Professor, National Institute of Public Finance and Policy
- Shakti Sinha, IAS (R), Director, Nehru Memorial Museum & Library
- S. G. Vyas, Former Chairman, CII, Rajasthan & Managing Director Jagjanani Textiles Ltd

12:30 – 13:30 Closing Session

Chair Arun Maira, Former Member, Planning Commission of India & President, CUTS International

Rapporteur Nitya Nanda, Fellow, The Energy and Resources Institute

Addresses
- Basantt Khaitan, Managing Director, Wires & Fabriks (S.A.) Ltd & Vice Chairman, CII, Rajasthan
- Umesh Kumar, IAS, Additional Chief Secretary, Department of Industries and Chairman , RIICO, Government of Rajasthan
- Rao Rajendra Singh, Deputy Speaker, Rajasthan Legislative Assembly

Vote of Thanks Mandeep Kaur, Principal Programme Advisor, US Embassy Udai S Mehta, Deputy Executive Director, CUTS International

13:30 onwards Lunch