

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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| 17:00 – 18:00 | Registration |
| 18:00 – 20:00 | Inaugural Session: “Need, importance and challenges of competitiveness - transformative change to achieve double digit growth in India” |
| | CUTS video documentary: 30 years of CUTS |
| Welcome Addresses | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Pradeep S Mehta, Secretary General, CUTS International• Arun Maira, Former Member, Planning Commission of India & President, CUTS International |
| Thematic Addresses | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• 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 | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Rajpal Singh Shekhawat, Hon’ble Minister for Urban Development Housing, Local Self Government, Government of Rajasthan |
| Vote of Thanks | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Jonathan Kessler, Director, North India Office, U S Embassy• Bipul Chatterjee, Executive Director, CUTS International |
| 20:00 – 20:30 | Cultural Show, followed by Dinner |

DAY II: FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 18, 2016

- 09:30 – 10:00** **Registration**
- 10:00 – 11:30** **Session I: Competitiveness & economic development in India**
- Chair & Moderator** Ajay Shankar, IAS (R), Former Member Secretary, National Manufacturing Competitiveness Council
- Co-Chair** Pradeep S Mehta, Secretary General, CUTS International
- Panellists**
- 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**
- Chair & Moderator** Arvind Mohan, Director, Institute of Management Sciences, University of Lucknow
- Co-Chair** Kishore Rungta, Chairman and MD, Man Structural Ltd
- Panellists**
- 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	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 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	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Basant 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