

GOALS

As a 40 year old global think and action tank, CUTS International through its 6th overseas Center in Washington DC (CUTS WDC) aims to impact US-India relations in the broader Indo-Pacific context.

In association with like minded bodies, the Center will work in the following areas.



TRADE

Comparative and contemporary research leading to the enhancement of Indo-US bilateral trade and investment relations



ENERGY

Identify opportunities for the operationalisation of the US-India Strategic Energy Partnership (SEP)



STRATEGIC ISSUES

Identify opportunities for High technology trade and investment across defence and homeland security



TECHNOLOGY & INNOVATION

Identification of emerging and future technologies and the new wave of innovation, exploring avenues for co-operation between techno-democracies

METHODOLOGY

The Center will produce evidence-based research outputs and organise events to ensure strategic outreach to the relevant interest groups and communities.

The target audience will be policymakers, trade bodies, inter-governmental organisations, business representatives, think-tanks, academia, media, civil society and the informed public in the Indo-Pacific region.

"CUTS has developed from a modest NGO to a pre-eminent position, dealing with issues relating to the world trading system and is now on the frontline of research and advocacy on global trade issues."



Prof. Jagdish Bhagwati (Columbia University)

BACKGROUND

CUTS International is a unique policy research organisation with over 250 knowledge professionals working with its various centres and close affiliates. The organisation has centres in Accra, Lusaka, Nairobi, Geneva, Hanoi, New Delhi and Kolkata.

- Deeply engaged in impacting social and economic change at the grassroots and at the policy level
- Strongly networked with governments, international institutions and trade bodies viz. WTO, UNCTAD, UNDP, The World Bank, IFC, etc.

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ACTIVITY TIMELINE

Spring
2022

- Initiated project-based series of virtual workshops, with a workshop on the India-U.S. defense relations in the Indo-Pacific region, involving key relevant stakeholders
- Induction of domain experts and researchers
- Published research outputs internally on specified topics within the research agenda

Fall
2022

- Launch Event: The Indo-Pacific Civil Society Forum (IPCSF) initiated by this center as a sustainable platform for advocacy on critical issues
- Facilitated the fourth virtual workshop as part of the Defense News Condave Project, aimed at building the capacity of media professionals and researchers
- Set definitive timelines for the research agenda and project deliverables for the year 2022-2023, focussing on all four pillars of this center
- Prepared the annual report for the year and disseminated periodic publications, such as Monthly Briefs, Quarterly Updates and Occasional News Wraps

Summer
2023

- Organised an in-person day-long workshop, themed "U.S.-India Defense Dialogue", in Kolkata with over relevant 35 participants
- Prepared a road map for upcoming in-person workshops in five cities of India and collated research findings from both external sources and in-house experts
- Coordinated an event to support Innovative Finance for Climate and the Planet

Spring
2024

- Arranged two sessions on "Innovation and Industrial Bridge" and "Global Strategic Cooperation in the Indo-Pacific" in Hyderabad on January 05, 2024
- Administered a dialogue on "Deliverables to Deliveries" and on broader themes of the U.S.-India defense partnership in Chennai on February 06, 2024
- Organising a 40th Anniversary roundtable discussion entitled, "From Handshakes to Outcomes: Taking the U.S.-India Security Partnership Forward" to be held in Washington DC on March 13, 2024



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