



Progress Report: April to June 2019

This Quarterly Progress Report captures the progress of CUTS WDC, since its launch in April 2018, and provides an overview of activities (research and outreach) that have been undertaken, along with an insight into future plan. This Report covers the April-June, 2019 (Q5) period.

RESEARCH

1. **CUTS Washington Monthly Brief:** Each month, the Center disseminates a monthly brief, which is a collation of global news stories and opinions with respect to its focus work areas: Trade, Energy and Strategic Issues, with an 'Editor's Note' on a trending and critical issue of the month (http://cuts-wdc.org/monthly_briefs.htm)
2. **Policy Notes:** Two page Policy Notes on contemporary issues with respect to the Center's focus work areas published during the reporting period:
 - a. **How to engage India in the Indo- Pacific: Converting AREA and Build into Action** - PN#11 (<https://bit.ly/2Jg9Uu5>)
 - b. **U.S. India IP Policies: How to bring convergence in narratives?** - PN#10 (<https://bit.ly/2xogoLh>)
3. **Occasional News Wrap:** A synopsis of news stories and opinions on specific yet trending issues of geo-economic, geo-political and geo-strategic importance has been introduced as ONW. In total, 14 ONWs are developed during the quarter: (<https://bit.ly/2Xld9oS>)

OUTREACH

1. **Website:** The Center's website is regularly updated (<http://cuts-wdc.org>)
2. **Number of Website Hits:** Unique Visits – 590; Returning Visits – 119
3. **Email Forum:** 3836 Members and counting....
4. **Social Media:** 104 Followers on [Twitter](#) and 105 Likes on [Facebook Page](#)
5. **Participation:** Pradeep S. Mehta, mentor and advisory board member, participated in the [44th Annual Meeting of the USIBC](#) in Washington, DC on 12-13 June and met many old and new friends. He briefed them about the Center's progress and also sought support'.

IN MEDIA

1. '[Hyperlink A Grand Alliance](#)' – Economics Times, June 21, 2019
2. '[Indo-US Trade Irritants: Negotiation Not Retaliation](#)' - IANS, June 20, 2019
3. '[Trump Must Avoid Trade Wars To Make America Great Again](#)'- The Wire, April 23, 2019
4. '[A Roadmap to Address Indo-US Trade Irritants](#)' –South Asia Monitor, April 04, 2019
5. '[Frank Islam in conversation with Pradeep S Mehta, Founder Secretary General, CUTS International](#)'- Washington Calling, South Asia Monitor, April 02, 2019

PLANNED ACTIVITY

1. Policy Volume: The Innovation Route to Development - Indo-US Perspective, 2019

(i) [Call for Papers/Articles](#)- The Volume, to be published in early October 2019, will be an anthology of essays/articles/opinion pieces by industry leaders, thought leaders, government and non-government officials and thematic experts. The objective is to look at the role of innovation in accelerating growth and development in key sectors between India and the U.S., and the pain points towards their uptake from policy and regulatory perspective.

(ii) [Call for Advertisements](#)- CUTS invites companies, institutions and development partners to advertise in the Policy Volume. The Volume will work as a resource material for policy makers, trade bodies, inter-governmental organisations, businesses, think tanks, academia, media, civil society and informed public in the Indo-Pacific region. CUTS will disseminate print and electronic versions of the Volume.

2. Indo-US Innovation Roundtables, Fall 2019, Washington DC and Winters 2019, New Delhi:

CUTS Indo-US Innovation Roundtables are being organised in partnership with U.S.-India Strategic Partnership Forum (USISPF) **on 30th October 2019** in Washington DC and **3rd December 2019** in New Delhi. Representatives from industry, academia and civil society will attend and deliberate on issues pertinent to Indo-US innovation partnership across Defence and Aerospace, Data and Technology and Energy. In addition, CUTS intends to release the above mentioned Policy Volume at these roundtables.

NOTICE BOARD

- **Bharath Gopaldaswamy** (<https://bit.ly/2LA3ZTd>) has joined CUTS Washington DC Center, as Senior Fellow. He will be based out of Washington DC and can be approached at bg@cuts.org .
- **The complete list of International Advisory Board members can be accessed at -**
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