



EVENTS

Promoting Agriculture, Climate and Trade Linkages in EAC

CUTS Geneva Resource Centre, and CUTS ARC Nairobi with substantive support from other partner organisations in the EAC region implemented a project entitled “Promoting Agriculture-Climate-Trade linkages in the East African Community” (PACT EAC). It commenced on September 01, 2011 and will conclude on August 31, 2014.

Second National Reference Group Meeting

CUTS Africa Resource Centre (CUTS ARC), Nairobi organised a second National Reference Group Meeting (NRG) at Nairobi, on August 21, 2012. The meeting provided opportunities for the NRG members to gain an insight into the linkages between climate, trade and food security in Kenya, network and connect with other members as well as strengthen links with their Geneva-based WTO



delegates and create momentum for holistic national policies in the three mentioned areas.

Regional Annual Meeting

CUTS ARC, Nairobi organised Regional Annual Meeting at Kigali, Rwanda on September 17-18, 2012. The purpose of the meeting was to present the project’s first year’s outputs, namely: the five collaborative and evidence-based country research studies; draft training programme on trade-climate-food security linkages; advocacy documents; outputs and outcomes of the five NRGs, and notes for and reports on EAC Geneva Forum meetings.

State of the Kenyan Consumer 2012 Dissemination Workshop

A dissemination workshop was held at Nairobi, on September 06, 2012 for “The State of the Kenyan Consumer 2012 Report.” This study was done with support from the Akiba Uhaki Foundation (AUF) and its main objective was to empower the marginalised consumers to demand for their rights and to actively participate in ensuring good governance for better service delivery in Kenya.

SMEs Performance and Devolved Government System

A validation workshop was held at Nairobi, on December 11, 2012 for ‘SMEs Performance and Devolved Government System: A Regulatory and Institutional Assessment in Kenya’ (RICS) report. The project is funded by ICBE-Trust Africa and it seeks to analyse the institutional and regulatory challenges facing the SMEs in four different provinces in Kenya. Specific SMEs clusters are being looked at, to generate debate on the need for promoting SMEs sector in the country.

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Why Should Zambian Consumers be Interested in Competition Policy and Law

CUTS in coordination with Competition and Consumer Protection Commission (CCPC) organised a *workshop entitled. Why Should a Consumer be Interested in Competition Policy and Law* workshop. The objective of this workshop was to launch a booklet titled *Why Should Zambian Consumers be Interested in Competition Policy and Law* and also discuss the competition issues in the transport and health sectors in Zambia. This workshop was attended by various civil society organisations (ZACA, Consumer Alliance, commuter rights association, FES Zambia etc.), government bodies (CCPC and PRA), media personnel and a representative from the Ministry of Commerce, Trade & Industry.

Discussion Conclave on the Implementation of the Istanbul Programme of Action

CUTS International Lusaka in coordination with LDC Watch organised a CSO Brainstorming Meeting in Lusaka on July 31, 2012. The meeting was a follow up to the African Civil Society Regional Assembly towards the Implementation of the Istanbul Programme of Action (IPoA) for the LDCs in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia, in June 2012. It was attended by various members of CSOs on gender issues, agriculture, trade, economic development and the media. The objectives of the meeting were to introduce the IPoA and form a network of CSOs to brainstorm ways to monitor the implementation of the programme of action at country level.

FOURTHCOMING EVENTS

PACT EAC 3rd National Reference Group Meeting

CUTS International Geneva and CUTS ARC Nairobi will gather together members of the PACT EAC NRG for the third time at a meeting to be held in March 2013. The objective of this meeting will be to present the final findings of the PACT-EAC study and introduce the new study on “Trade Policy and Trade Politics and its Relationship with Climate Change and Food Security in the EAC.” The meeting will also offer opportunities for networking and policy advocacy of issues pertaining to climate change, food security and trade.

RICS Dissemination Workshop

The “SMEs performance and devolved government system: A regulatory and institutional Assessment in Kenya (RICS)” report will be disseminated in early February 2013.

REPRESENTATIONS

Daniel Asher participated in the Fourth Africa Dialogue on Consumer Protection Annual Conference in Morocco supported by US FTC on September 10-13, 2012.

Grace Njeri attended a meeting organised by Friedrich Ebert Stiftung (FES) at Arusha, Tanzania on October 10-11, 2012. The theme of the meeting was “Citizen Participation in the EAC Integration Process.”

Daniel Asher attended a stakeholders’ workshop to discuss the Draft Final Report for the Cost of Service study for the Electric Power subsector at Nairobi on November 08, 2012.

Grace Njeri participated in the TRAPCA’s 7th Annual Conference in Arusha on November 22-23, 2012. The theme of the conference was “Promoting Services Trade in Developing Countries: Chasing A Black Cat in a Dark Room.”

Grace Njeri and **Susanne Rabisch** attended a workshop on “The Standardisation Process and the African Consumers’ Participation” organised by the African Standardisation Organisation at Nairobi on December 04, 2012.

Daniel Asher attended the communications equipment and systems technical committee (KEBS TC89) meeting at Nairobi on December 04, 2012. The meeting discussed the draft Kenya standard: CD/ENG/11:2012: Set-top box decoder for free-to-air second generation digital terrestrial television broadcasting system (DVB-T2).

Munu Martin Luther and **Susanne Rabisch** attended the stakeholder meeting on accessing funds from the UNFCCC Climate Change Adaptation Fund organised by the national implementation entity: National Environmental Management Authority at Nairobi on December 18, 2012.

Tommy Singongi attended a workshop on the DTIS review concept note on September 20, 2012 which was held at the Ministry of Commerce, Trade and Industry. The workshop was attended by World Bank DTIS review team, EIF NIU staff, other Ministry of Trade staff, Donor Facilitator (Finnish Embassy), CSOs and few private sector players.

Simon Ngona attended the fifth SADC regional training workshop on Competition and Consumer Law Policy in South Africa on November 13-14, 2012.

NEW PROJECTS

Regulatory Reforms in the EAC Electricity Sector: A Case Study of Kenya and Tanzania

CUTS is carrying out a project called “Regulatory Reforms in the EAC Electricity Sector: A Case Study of Kenya and Tanzania (REKETA)” with support from the African Capacity Building Foundation (ACBF). The main objectives of the project are to facilitate effective representation of consumers/civil society to take up action research and advocacy on regulatory/policy issues in the electricity sector; and create a vertical mechanism to take the concerns and views from the grassroots to the policy level along with having horizontal linkages between different players at the same level.

Hands off the Land

CUTS is implementing a research based project entitled ‘Hands off the Land’ funded by the European Commission (EC). The project aims at raising public awareness especially in four countries – Netherlands, Germany, Austria and Poland and the target groups are general public, journalists, social justice activists.

The overall objective of the project is to contribute to a better compliance by European and home states regarding the promotion and protection of the Human Rights to Adequate Food and Water as defined in the General Comment No. 12 and 15 in the UN-International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights (ICESCR) in Mali, Mozambique, Zambia, Cambodia and Colombia, especially in relation to large-scale investment in land and agricultural policies. The duration of the project is of three years.

Better Exploration of Trade as a Means for Poverty Reduction – Phase II

CUTS International Lusaka is implementing a project entitled ‘Better Exploration of Trade as a Means for Poverty Reduction: An Inclusive Approach to Aid for Trade and Enhanced Integrated Framework in Zambia’ (BETAMPOR) Phase II. The objective of this project is to build capacity of state and non-state actors (especially at the grassroots) in order to strengthen and influence participation in the EIF process thus helping promote the utilisation and ownership of the process.

Assessment of the Status of the Zambia’s Agriculture Sector Development Framework

The aim of the research is to produce an evidence-based and first-hand finding on the status of the Zambian Agriculture Sector Development Framework and its contribution to the livelihood of small scale farmers and producers, by reviewing relevant government policies/programmes and assessing the status of their implementation. The research should bring out a compelling case for the inclusion, support and development for small holder farmers in mainstream agriculture.

Consumer Perception Study for the Zambia Information and Communications Technology Authority

CUTS is undertaking a survey of the customer perception and quality of experience with fixed line and internet services and obtain feedback on public awareness of the role of regulator in the ICT sector.

PUBLICATIONS

Books

Why Should Zambian Consumers be Interested in Competition Policy and Law

This booklet provides concepts relating to competition law and draws examples from the Zambian jurisdiction for the benefit of all relevant stakeholders in the country. Examples from other jurisdictions have been included as a way to broaden the scope of understanding on competition law application across sectors and situations.

www.cuts-international.org/ARC/Lusaka/pdf/

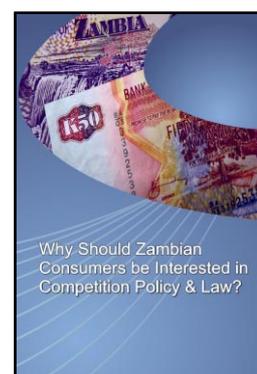
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State of the Kenyan Consumer 2012

This report analyses the current state of an average Kenyan consumer *vis-à-vis* the eight ‘rights of a consumer as recognised under the United Nations Guidelines on Consumer Protection (1985, expanded in 1999). It also includes an assessment of consumer experiences across five sectors in the country, viz.: water supply, public transport, electricity, telecommunication and public healthcare. This assessment was undertaken through a survey covering four towns in Kenya namely Kisumu, Mombasa, Nyeri and Nairobi.

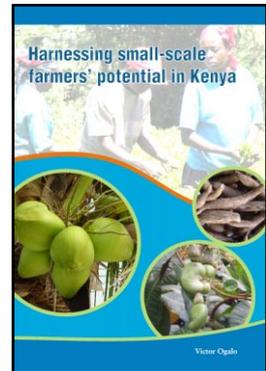
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Harnessing small-scale farmers' potential in Kenya

This report presents the study findings and analysis and contributes to the overall project aimed at building an effective small-scale farmer's policy advocacy movement for sustainable and equitable agricultural development in Kenya.

www.cutsinternational.org/ARC/Nairobi/KAPMAD/index.htm



Policy Briefs



Consumer Experiences across Key Service Sectors in Kenya

This policy brief summarises the findings of this study entitled, 'State of the Kenyan Consumer 2012' in order for the busy policymakers to take cognisance of urgent issues pertaining to consumer protection in the country.

www.cuts-international.org/ARC/Nairobi/pdf/

[Consumer Experiences Across Key Service Sectors in Kenya.pdf](http://Consumer%20Experiences%20Across%20Key%20Service%20Sectors%20in%20Kenya.pdf)

What will East Africans Eat in 2040? Who Will Produce the Food and How?

The policy brief analyses various scenarios explaining how stakeholders perceive the evolution of agricultural development and food security. East Africans face a tremendous complexity of systemic pressures on agricultural development and food security.

[www.cuts-international.org/ARC/Nairobi/pdf/What Will East Africans Eat in 2040.pdf](http://www.cuts-international.org/ARC/Nairobi/pdf/What%20Will%20East%20Africans%20Eat%20in%202040.pdf)



REFLECTIONS FROM MEDIA

Electricity Cost tops Consumers' List of Worries

Business Daily Africa, September 03, 2012

The high cost of electricity and healthcare are a major cause of concern for consumers in urban areas, a new survey shows. Some 70 percent of those interviewed singled out electricity as too expensive, with 50 percent complaining about exorbitantly priced healthcare. Medicare costs have risen sharply owing to inflation and raising of salaries to match public sector increases. Majority of urban dwellers are also worried about high costs of transport, dilapidated health-care facilities and frequent power blackouts.

www.cuts-international.org/ARC/Nairobi/media/

[Electricity cost tops consumers list of worries.htm](http://Electricity%20cost%20tops%20consumers%20list%20of%20worries.htm)

Release correct and accurate information on Fuel Shortage

Lusaka, July 19, 2012

It is quite disappointing that even after continued assurances by government that Fuel and Diesel shortages will normalise, the opposite seems to be true. CUTS, therefore take this opportunity to urge government to provide correct and accurate information so that consumers can make informed decisions and choices as they face this harsh situation which brings little hope.

www.cuts-international.org/ARC/Lusaka/press_release/

[Release correct and accurate information on Fuel Shortage-](http://Release%20correct%20and%20accurate%20information%20on%20Fuel%20Shortage-)

[CUTS Urges Government.htm](http://CUTS%20Urges%20Government.htm)

East Africa should reassess Stand on EPAs

Business Daily Africa, October 04, 2012

The East African Community is yet to complete signing of the EPAs. There are a few contentious issues that are being ironed out by both parties; including conditions for economic and development cooperation, rules of origin, export taxes, and the most favoured nation clause. There is a growing sense of optimism by the negotiators that a deal is in sight and that interested parties' concerns will be taken care of. But many past deadlines have been missed and the EU has given yet another deadline of January 21, 2014.

www.cuts-international.org/ARC/Nairobi/article/

[East Africa should reassess stand on EPAs.htm](http://East%20Africa%20should%20reassess%20stand%20on%20EPAs.htm)

Establish a Mineral Audit Agency

Lusaka, July 06, 2012

CUTS Lusaka commends the move by the government to tighten mines regulations but feels that this move will only be successful if the Zambia Government adopted the move by the Tanzanian government to establish a "Mineral Audit Agency" or something similar. The mandate of such an Agency would be to monitor, and audit quantities, quality of minerals, financial and tax records of mining entities at all mining areas for large, medium and small scale miners.

www.cuts-international.org/ARC/Lusaka/press_release/

[Establish a Mineral Audit Agency-CUTS-](http://Establish%20a%20Mineral%20Audit%20Agency-CUTS-)

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