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CUTS' INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE

Climate, Food, Trade Nexus

Linking East African Issues to the Global Context

About

This international conference by CUTS will bring into the global discussions lessons learnt from East Africa on the policy linkages between climate change, food security and trade.

The importance of policy linkages and coherence is regularly recognized by different governments and organizations. Taking into consideration policy linkages contributes not only to inclusive policy-making, but also to the creation of positive spillovers to balance divergent policy objectives and to enhance the capacity of policy makers.

Mutually reinforcing policy actions help to avoid conflicts among different types of public policies, thus to achieve the realization of agreed objective. While overlapping and incoherent policies ignore synergies and trade-offs within policy areas, risking to misunderstand priorities and to disturb agendas. For the realization of a holistic national, regional, and international development, policy linkages must be paid much attention by the policy makers.

CUTS International has been implementing a 3-year project titled "Promoting Agriculture-Trade-Climate Linkages in the East African Community (PACT EAC)" with funding support from the Swedish International Development Cooperation Agency (Sida) to build capacity of relevant stakeholders to synergise policies and practices related to trade, climate change and food security; and to assist EAC delegates in the relevant WTO discussions.

Event details

19 – 20 June 2014
09:00 AM - 18:00 PM
IHEID, Maison de la Paix
Chemin Eugène-Rigot 2, 1211 Genève

Key topics

- ► Why do climate change, food security and trade linkages matter in Africa?
- ► WTO: What policy options for the Post-Bali Food Security Agenda?
- ► What role for coalitions and alliances for development-friendly outcomes in the WTO?
- ► Role of trade policies in the EAC in ensuring food security
- ► EAC objectives and positions in UNFCCC negotiations
- ► Trade and environmental sustainability
- ► Climate early warning systems for food security
- ► Mainstreaming environmental issues into trade policy and negotiations
- ► EAC positions and priorities in the implementation of the Bali Package and post-Bali Doha work programme

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