GOALS
As a 38 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.

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, Geneva, Hanoi, Lusaka, Nairobi, 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.

“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

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ACTIVITY TIMELINE

Spring 2018-Summer 2021
- Organised a Curtain Raiser in Washington DC to launch CUTS WDC Center on April 19, 2018
- Prepared terms of reference and commenced research
- Roundtables, consultations and interactions with relevant stakeholders and interest groups
- Launched Policy Volume, Briefing and Discussion Papers, Issue Notes, Policy Notes, Monthly Newsletters, Occasional News Wraps, and webinars on contemporary issues
- Center incorporated with the Government of the District of Columbia, Department of Consumer and Regulatory Affairs, Corporations Division

Fall 2021
- Finalising the Research Agenda for the year 2021-2022 which focuses on Technology & Innovation
- Identifying relevant and contemporary issues, based on which Policy Notes, Briefing Papers and Discussions Papers will be prepared on a regular basis
- Organising discussions on the research outputs of the Center for wider public dissemination
- Releasing periodic publications such as Monthly Bulletins and Occasional News Wraps

Winter 2021
- Rolling out of the Research Agenda 2021-22: Seeking contributions from domain experts on the topics under the Research Agenda
- Exploring potential research and collaboration opportunities which align with our interest areas
- Regular media outreach through Op-Eds and articles in popular media on topics relevant to the research agenda

Spring 2022
- Compilation of the research outputs from external and in-house experts for the Research Agenda
- Organising an outreach event to launch the compiled Policy Volume on Technology & Innovation

* As of April 2022