



## BUTTRESSING US-INDIA ECONOMIC RELATIONS

### *India's Emerging Role in the Indo-Pacific Region*

*Invitation to Launch Meeting of CUTS International-Washington DC Center (CUTS-WDC)*

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2:00 pm – 6:00 pm

Cosmos Club, 2121  
Massachusetts Avenue  
NW 20008, Washington DC

- More than a decade after the global financial crisis, the global community continues to witness significant geo-economic shifts with concomitant challenges and opportunities in the geo-strategic and geo-political spheres. Expectedly, the centre of gravity of this shift is moving more towards the Indo-Pacific region – a vast swathe from the west coast of the United States of America to the Bay of Bengal.
- Why and how should the Quad of Australia, India, Japan and the United States of America enhance their cooperation beyond maritime security engagement in the Indo-Pacific region?
- Would buttressing U.S.-India economic relations help in bridging the two-way gaps and create a politically acceptable narrative for a potential U.S.-India Free Trade Agreement?

#### Key Speakers include:



**Subhash Chandra Garg**  
Secretary, Department of Economic Affairs, Ministry of Finance, Govt. of India



**Ambassador Alice Wells**  
Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary for South and Central Asia, US State Department, Washington DC



**Ambassador Katrina Cooper**  
Deputy Chief of Mission, Embassy of Australia, Washington DC



**Ambassador Santosh Jha**  
Deputy Chief of Mission Embassy of India, Washington DC



**Arvind Subramanian**  
Chief Economic Advisor to the Government of India



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Executive Director International Monetary Fund



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**Rufus Yerxa**  
President, National Foreign Trade Council



**Nisha Biswal**  
President, US India Business Council



**Mukesh Aghi**  
President & CEO, US India Strategic Partnership Forum



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Director of Global Economic Attitudes, Pew Research Center

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