



# Advancing United States and India Relations

## *Mission US\$500bn Bilateral Trade*

Tuesday, February 26, 2019

Lecture Room- 1, India International Centre, Annexe  
Lodi Road, New Delhi

### AGENDA

**16:30-17:00**     **REGISTRATION**

**17:00-17:10**     **INTRODUCTION**

**Udai Mehta**, Deputy Executive Director, CUTS International

*To set the tone for fostering a strong and resilient trade and economic partnership between India and the United States of America*

**17:10-17:30**     **KEYNOTE ADDRESS**

**Frank Islam**, CEO and Chairman, FI Investment Group, USA and Member, International Advisory Board, CUTS Washington DC Center

*The address will highlight the critical role that the Indian diaspora in the U.S. has played in shaping our bilateral relations. It aims at understanding the increasing importance of this diaspora in unleashing the potential of Indo-U.S. trade and economic partnership.*

**17:30-18:15**     **PANEL DISCUSSION: ROADMAP FOR THE MISSION US\$500BN BILATERAL TRADE**

*As expanding trade between the two countries is a necessary building block for serving their economic and strategic interests, it remains important for them to undertake regular and comprehensive assessment of mutual concerns. This discussion will aim at suggesting a roadmap that both the countries should adhere to in achieving this target.*

**Moderator:**     **Pradeep Mehta**, Secretary General, CUTS International

**Panellists:**     **Phil Shaw**, Chief Executive, Lockheed Martin India Pvt. Ltd.

**Ambika Sharma**, Managing Director – India, U.S.-India Business Council

**Santosh Kumar Sarangi**, Joint Secretary, Department of Commerce, Government of India

**Robert Garverick**, Minister Counsellor for Economic Affairs, Environment, Science and Technology, U.S. Embassy in New Delhi

**18:15-18:50**     **FLOOR DISCUSSION**

**18:50-19:00**     **CONCLUSION**

**Bipul Chatterjee**, Executive Director, CUTS International

*To summarise key points/recommendations that would emerge from the keynote address, panel discussion and floor interventions*