



Progress Report: October to December 2019

This Quarterly Progress Report captures the progress of CUTS WDC, since its launch in April 2018, and provides an overview of activities (research and outreach) that have been undertaken, along with an insight into future plan. This Report covers the October-December, 2019 (Q7) period.

Your comments/inputs are welcome!

WISH YOU A VERY HAPPY NEW YEAR 2020!

EVENTS

Fostering Indo-U.S. Innovation Cooperation for Mutual Prosperity

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International

Roundtables on
**FOSTERING INDO-US
INNOVATION COOPERATION
FOR MUTUAL PROSPERITY**

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 30, 2019
At and with US-India Strategic
Partnership Forum (USISPF),
2550 M STREET, NW,
WASHINGTON DC-20037 USA
16:00 – 18:00 HRS

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 03, 2019
With US India Business Council (USIBC)
at MULTIPURPOSE HALL, KAMLADEVI
COMPLEX, INDIA INTERNATIONAL CENTRE,
NEW DELHI-110003 INDIA
10:00 – 12:30 HRS

As there remains tremendous scope for unleashing Indo-US cooperation on innovation in multiple sectors in India, CUTS Washington DC Center has been involved in addressing policy related issues to drive Indo-US economic and development interests forward.

Given this endeavour, two roundtables- one in Washington DC, USA and the other one in New Delhi, India, were organised on October 30, 2019, and December 03, 2019, respectively. The USA leg of the roundtable was organised in partnership with the US-India Strategic Partnership Forum (USISPF) and the Indian leg was organised in partnership with the US-India Business Council (USIBC).

These roundtables were an attempt to develop a road map to foster mutual understanding about the role of innovation in major and strategic sectors as well as identify the pain points towards their uptake from policy and regulatory perspective. The sectors in focus included, but were not limited to, Defence & Aerospace, Energy and Data & Technology.

Over 100 participants attended both the roundtables representing the private sector, government, diplomats, think tanks and media from both sides, i.e. India and USA.

A consolidated event report is hyperlinked in the image above and also available here: (<https://bit.ly/2SXWnOa>)

RESEARCH

1. **Monthly Brief:** Each month, the Center disseminates a monthly brief, which is a collation of global news stories and opinions with respect to its focus work areas: Trade, Energy and Strategic Issues, with an 'Editor's Note' on a trending and critical issue of the month. The Monthly Briefs developed during the reporting period are available here: (<https://bit.ly/39HRheN>)
2. **Occasional News Wrap:** A synopsis of news stories and opinions on specific yet trending issues of geo-economic, geo-political and geo-strategic importance has been introduced as ONW. In total, 04 ONWs were developed during the quarter: (<https://bit.ly/2Xld9oS>)

OUTREACH

- 1. Participation:** Udai S Mehta, Deputy Executive Director, represented CUTS at Indo Pacific Business Forum on November 04, 2019 in Bangkok, Thailand. He was part of the Indian delegation that also, on the sidelines, interacted with Wilbur Ross, US Secretary of Commerce alongwith Alice Wells, Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary, Bureau of South and Central Asian Affairs, Department of State, US and Kenneth Juster, US Ambassador to India.



- 2. Website:** The Center's website is regularly updated (<http://cuts-wdc.org>)
- 3. Email Forum:** 3941 Members and counting....
- 4. Social Media:** 150 Followers on [Twitter](#) and 111 Likes on [Facebook Page](#)

IN MEDIA

1. [Strong IP Laws, Access to Public Data Crucial for Innovation: US](#)- IANS, December 03, 2019
2. [US, India need to work together on innovation for mutual prosperity](#)- The Asian Age/Deccan Chronical
3. [Have the Building Blocks Been Put in Place for an Indo-US Pact on Bilateral Trade?](#)- The Wire, October 02, 2019

PLANNED ACTIVITY

1. **Policy Volume: The Innovation Route to Development - Indo-US Perspective, 2019**
The Volume, to be released in January-February 2020, will be an anthology of essays/articles/opinion pieces by industry leaders, thought leaders, government and non-government officials and thematic experts. The objective is to look at the role of innovation in accelerating growth and development in key sectors between India and the US, and the pain points towards their uptake from policy and regulatory perspective.

MISCELLANEOUS

1. The complete list of **International Advisory Board** members can be accessed at – (<http://bit.ly/2CAJ25H>)
2. The complete list of **Management Board** members can be accessed at- (<https://bit.ly/2MU2u2j>)
3. The **past Quarterly Progress Reports**, can be downloaded from this link- (<https://bit.ly/2K0NOiI>)
