National Workshop on

India's Free Trade Agreements and MSMEs: Provisions, Linkages and Possible Impact

October 21st, 2011

Magnolia Hall, India Habitat Centre (IHC), Lodhi Road, New Delhi

Programme Schedule (Draft)

Timings	Session	Roles and Responsibilities
9.30 am	Registration	All Participants
10.00 am- 10.25 am	**Welcome & Opening Presentation**	Ganesh Pandey, Convenor, Shramik Bharti, Kanpur Neeti Malhotra, Country Director, India Liaison Office, Traidcraft Exchnage (U.K.) Ranja Sengupta, Senior Researcher, Third World Network
10.25 am – 12.30 pm	**Inaugural Session** **India's FTAs and the Impact on MSMEs: Challenges and Opportunities**	
	Chair: B L Das, India's Former Ambassador to the WTO (tbc)	
10:25am-12.30pm	Special Remarks	Abhijit Das, Director, Centre for WTO Studies, New Delhi
		Prof. Dev Nathan, Visiting Professor, Institute of Human Development, New Delhi
		Rajan Sudesh Ratna, Joint Director General, Directorate General of Foreign Trade, Department of Commerce, GOI
	Tea Break 11.30-11.45 am	
	Inaugural Session Continued: Perspectives on FTAS and MSMEs	Rama Devi, ALEAP, Hyderabad Anil Bharadwaj, Secretary General, FISME, New Delhi Anil Gupta, Immediate Past President, Indian Industries Association C De Lal Alvis, Immediate Past President, National Chamber of Commerce, Sri Lanka (tbc)
	Floor Discussion	

12.30-1.45 pm:	**India's Free Trade Agreements and MSMEs: A Sectoral Look**	
	Chair: Rajesh Mehta, Former Senior Fellow, RIS, New Delhi (tbc)	
	Presentations	Biswajit Nag, Associate Professor, Indian Institute of Foreign trade Rebecca Varghese Buchholz, Trade Policy Advisor, Traidcraft Exchange Kumar Gautam, Consultant, Third World Network
	Floor Discussion	
1.45-2.45 pm	**Lunch Break**	
2.45-3.45 pm	**India's Free Trade Agreements and MSMEs: Industry Responses**	
	Chair: Rajesh Mehta, Former Senior Fellow, RIS, New Delhi (tbc)	
		Ali Ahmad Khan, Executive Director, Council for Leather Exports (CLE)(tbc) Taj Alam, UP Leather Industries Association Mr. Vinnie Mehta, Executive Director, Auto Component Manufacturers Association (ACMA) (tbc) Indian Drug Manufacturers' Association (IDMA) Poultry Federation of India
	Floor Discussion	
3.45-4 pm:	**Tea Break**	
4.00-5.50 pm:	**Panel Discussion on** **"India's FTAs and the Impact on MSMEs: The Way Forward"**	
	Chair: Kavaljit Singh, Madhyam	
	Panelists	Tamal Sarkar, Director, MSME Foundation, New Delhi Ashim Roy, NTUI, New Delhi R K Das, General Manager, New Delhi Office, Small Industries Development Bank (SIDBI) Manab Majumdar, FICCI, New Delhi Sandhya Reddy, COWE, Hyderabad
	Floor Discussion	
5:50 – 6:00 pm	**Vote of Thanks**	Kumar Gautam, Consultant, TWN