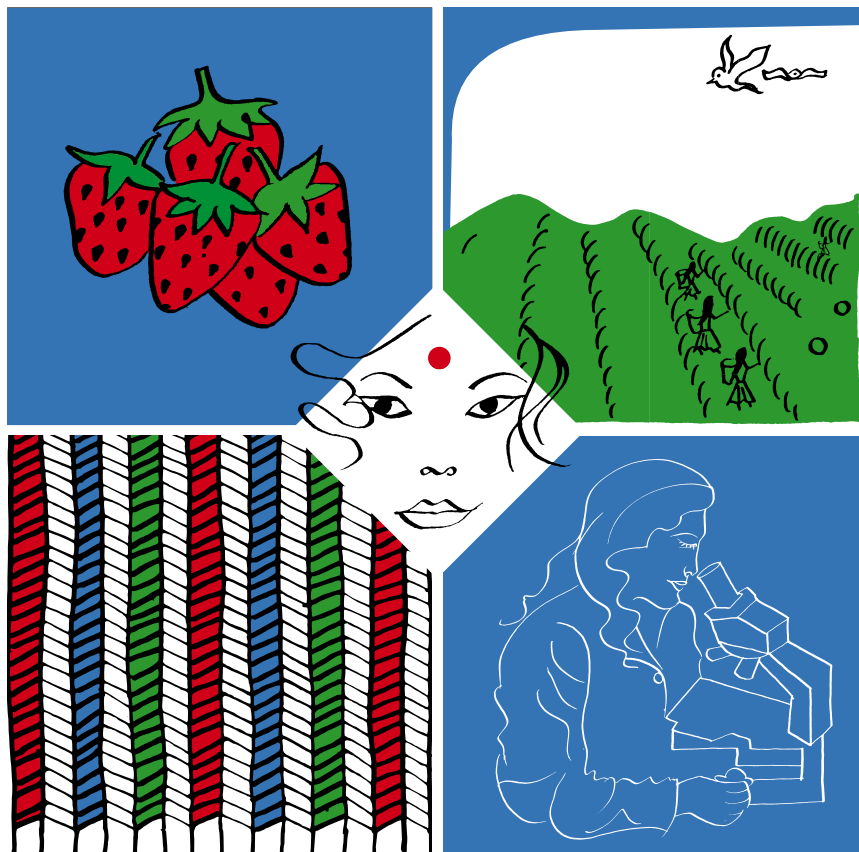


# Moving Towards Gender Sensitisation Of Trade Policy



INTERNATIONAL SEMINAR ORGANISED BY  
UNCTAD, MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (GOVT. OF INDIA) & DFID PROJECT ON  
'STRATEGIES AND PREPAREDNESS FOR TRADE AND GLOBALISATION IN INDIA'

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The seminar will provide a forum to international trade and gender experts, policy makers, academia and civil society to discuss gender concerns in the context of trade liberalisation and globalisation, with particular reference to India and generally to developing countries.

Recent research undertaken by UNCTAD/DFID/India Project/UNDP and experiences in other countries, reveal that women are important stakeholders in the process of trade-led growth and development. This must be recognized and harnessed by the Government as part of the broad trade-policy formulation strategy for integrating women into the international trading system and improving their livelihood.

Trade liberalisation and globalisation needs to be made more gender-inclusive. Gender sensitisation of trade policy needs to be taken seriously at the international level so that appropriate support measures can be provided to increase opportunities for integrating the gender dimension into trade and development more effectively.

The primary objective of the international seminar is to sensitise stakeholders, policy makers and experts about trade and gender linkages in India and globally.

It is hoped that insights emerging from the seminar will have an impact on negotiators and policy-makers so that trade policy formulation becomes sensitive to gender concerns for trade and development.

The seminar falls within UNCTAD's wider efforts to promote pro-poor approaches to trade and development.

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**PROGRAMME**

**25 February, 2008**

Registration: 11:15 hrs–12:15 hrs

Inaugural Session: 12:15 hrs– 13:15 hrs

Chief Guest: Ms. Meira Kumar, Minister for Social Justice and Empowerment

Guest of Honour: Dr. Supachai Panitchpakdi , Secretary General of UNCTAD

Special Guest: Mr. G.K. Pillai, Commerce Secretary (Govt. of India)

Lunch: 13:15 hrs–14:00 hrs

14:00 hrs–15:30 hrs

**Session 1:** Gender Dimensions of International Trade—Evidence from India

Tea Break 15:30 hrs–15:45 hrs

15:45 hrs–17:00 hrs

**Session 2:** Women in Trade: Journey to Success

**26 February, 2008**

10:00 hrs–13:00 hrs

**Session 3:** Sector-Specific Gender Dimensions of International Trade: Fisheries, Handicrafts and Services

Lunch: 13:00 hrs–14:00 hrs

14.00 hrs–17:00 hrs

**Session 4:** Trade and Gender: Experiences of Other Countries and Regions

**27 February, 2008**

10:00 hrs–12:00 hrs

**Session 5:** Mainstreaming of Gender in Trade Negotiations:Voices from Policy Makers and Gender Experts

12:00 hrs–13:00 hrs

**Session 6:** Concluding Session

Lunch: 13:00 hrs–14:00 hrs



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2003–2009

Making trade-driven globalisation  
work for the poor



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## Objectives of the Project

The overriding objective of the Project 'Strategies and Preparedness for Trade and Globalisation in India' (the Project) is to assist the Government of India, chiefly the Ministry of Commerce and Industry, Department of Commerce and stakeholders at the national, state and local levels to assess impacts and opportunities emerging from globalisation; to build capacities to influence evolving international trade rules, and to enhance India's preparedness for globalisation. The Project is a 6 year initiative being implemented by United Nations Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD). The Ministry of Commerce and Industry (MoCI), Department of Commerce Government of India is a copartner in this Project. The Project is supported by Department for International Development (DFID), Government of UK.

## Some Success Stories

Broad based stakeholder consultations organised by the Project provided a platform to diverse groups of stakeholders mostly from poor sections of the society, to articulate their views on WTO/FTA issues of significance to them. Active participation by representatives of farmer organisations, fisherfolk leaders, trade unions, people's movements, workers associations, consumer organisations, export organisations, policy think tanks etc. resulted in providing technical inputs to the Government, for informing its negotiating approach at Doha Round of WTO negotiations and FTA negotiations.

The Project has undertaken studies such as those on proposed FTAs (Indo- Thai, Indo-ASEAN, Indo-EU), demonstrating how outward-looking trade policies and concern for the poor can go hand-in-hand. This assisted the Department of Commerce in finalising the list of sensitive products on an economic basis and in an objective manner. Several analytical studies have been undertaken on issues of concern to India. These include a comprehensive research study titled 'Green Box Subsidies: A Theoretical and Empirical Assessment' prepared by the Project.

Research conducted under the Project has contributed to informing India's negotiating proposals at the WTO on, among others, trade facilitation, Agreement on Subsidies and Countervailing Measures, and Anti-Dumping Agreement.

Poverty linkage of the Project is getting a fillip from successful implementation of Component II. Sector networks created under Component II and sector specific newsletters have increased the outreach to the grass root level. Trade related database and software have been created for analysing impact of certain aspects of global trade and disseminating information. Design development workshops for artisans and development of product catalogues are important initiatives under the Project to link poor to global markets. Basic information on some of the agreements under the WTO is being disseminated in regional languages through easy to read booklets.