

**CUTS GLOBAL WEBINAR
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The G20 Championing the Consumer Movement

Date: 23 August, 2023 Wednesday

Time: 05:30PM - 08:30PM (IST)

02:00 PM- 05:00 PM (CET), 09:00 AM- 12:00 PM (Brazil-BRT)

07:00 PM- 10:00 PM (Indonesia-WIB), 02:00 PM- 05:00 PM (South Africa- SAST)

Tentative Agenda**

<p>05:30 – 06:00 PM (IST) Welcome Address & Opening Remarks</p>	<p>Pradeep S Mehta, Secretary General, CUTS International Rebeca Grynszan, Secretary-General, UNCTAD</p>
<p>06:00 – 06:45 PM (IST) Panel Discussion and Q&A</p>	<p><u>Moderator</u> Shirish Deshpande, Chairman, Mumbai Grahak Panchayat</p> <p><i>Inaugural Session: The Evolution of Consumer Protection on the G20 Agenda: From Past to Present</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Exploring the history of consumer protection in the G20, tracing its evolution from early discussions to the present day. • An overview of key milestones, such as organising the first G20 Consumer Summit and a discussion of the successes and challenges in promoting consumer protection at the G20 level. <p><u>Speakers</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fernando Blanco, Former National Director for Consumer Defence, Argentina • Vijay K. Nambiar*, Principal Coordinator (Sherpa), G20Civil20
<p>06:45 – 07:30 PM (IST) Panel Discussion and Q&A</p>	<p><u>Moderator</u> Teresa Moreira, Head of Competition and Consumer Policies, UNCTAD</p> <p><i>Session 1: Emerging Issues in Global Consumer Protection</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Identifying the coming issues in consumers’ lives across the world. • Highlighting pathways for consultation, collaboration and cooperation. <p><u>Speakers</u></p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Rohit Kumar Singh, Secretary, Department of Consumer Affairs, India • Thezi Mabuza, Acting Commissioner, National Consumer Commission, South Africa • Tomaz Miranda*, Director, National Secretariat for Consumers, Brazil
07:30 – 08:15 PM (IST) Panel Discussion and Q&A	<p>Moderator Pradeep S. Mehta, Secretary General, CUTS International.</p> <p>Session 2: The Consumer Movement and the G20</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Explores the current state of consumer protection in select G20 member countries, the risks to consumers in the absence of adequate protection. • Benefits of prioritizing consumer protection in the G20 agenda. <p>Speakers</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Indah Suksmaningsih, Former Chairperson, Indonesian Consumers Foundation (YLKI), Indonesia • Saroja Sundaram, Executive Director, Citizen Consumer and Civic Action Group (CAG), India • Igor Rodrigues Britto, Director, International Relations, Brazilian Institute for Consumer Protection (IDEC), Brazil
08:15 – 08:30 PM (IST)	<p>Closing Session: The Way Forward</p> <p>Speakers</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pradeep Mehta • Teresa Moreira

**To be confirmed*

*** As on 11th of July, 2023*