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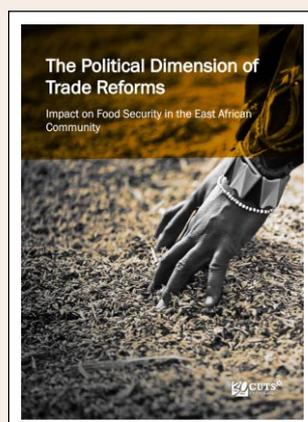
Better Governance for Inclusive Growth *CUTS 30th Anniversary Lecture Series* 2013-2014

To mark its 30th Anniversary, in 2013-14, CUTS International organised a series of lectures around the world, engaging eminent scholars and practitioners with the topics of its interest and work on Trade, Regulations and Governance. This Lecture Series examined whether the resources are adequate in meeting contemporary and emerging development challenges; is political will lacking and why it may be so and what are the macro-micro gaps in addressing development challenges and how they may be bridged. The volume not only covered views/concerns of non-state actors on contemporary issues in development discourse but also provides a much needed direction to strengthen the state and civil society relationship through historical evidence, and not just views.



www.cuts-international.org/30thAnniversaryLectures/pdf/Better_Governance_for_Inclusive_Growth.pdf

RESEARCH REPORTS



The Political Dimension of Trade Reforms *Impact on Food Security in the East African Community*

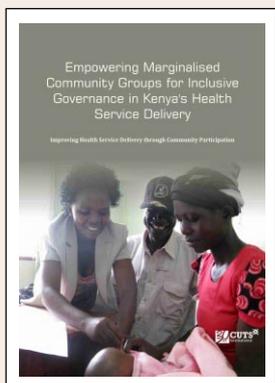
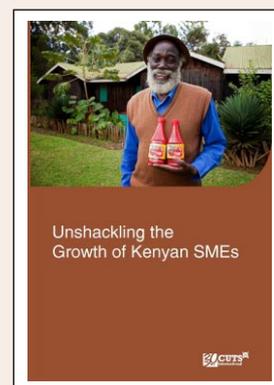
This report focusses on the impact of trade reforms on food security within the EAC region is quite timely. It offers evidence-based policy recommendations with regard to cross-border trade, particularly in maize and rice. It provides recommendations for uptake at the regional and national level, incorporating governments and non-state actors. These recommendations are critical to ensuring that the national and regional policies that are adopted and implemented facilitate intra-regional trade of food, which would, in turn, mitigate food insecurity in the vulnerable populations within EAC.

www.cuts-international.org/arc/Nairobi/pdf/The_Political_Dimension_of_Trade_Reforms.pdf

Unshackling the Growth of Kenyan SMEs

The report gives an understanding of the current and past regulatory and institutional framework inclined to Small and Medium Enterprises (SMEs) and evaluates their effectiveness in supporting local development of SMEs at the county level. It also provides evidence for the development of policy choices to support the development of an SME strategy for county governments and gives some understanding on the mechanisms through which the devolved government systems will contribute to innovation and value addition activities at the county level.

www.cuts-international.org/ARC/Nairobi/pdf/Unshackling_the_Growth_of_Kenyan_SMEs.pdf



Empowering Marginalised Community Groups for Inclusive Governance in Kenya's Health Service Delivery: *Improving Health Service Delivery through Community Participation*

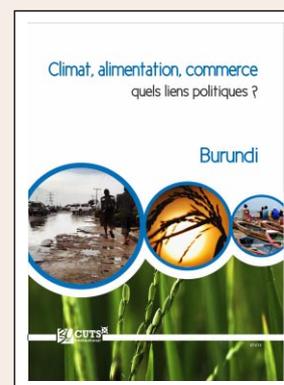
The study analysed the allocation and expenditures for the health sector in Kenya with the reflection on the specific priority needs of marginalised groups including disabled, youths and women in the national budgetary allocation and the corresponding expenditure over the last five years. It also highlighted on the challenges and opportunities for the realisation of equitable and quality health service delivery to the marginalised groups in Kenya through budgetary allocations.

www.cuts-international.org/ARC/Nairobi/EMACIGHES/pdf/Study_Report-Improving_Health_Service_Delivery_through_Community_Participation_in_Kenya.pdf

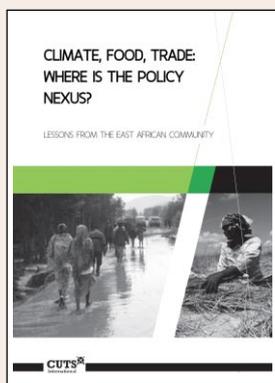
Climat, alimentation, commerce : quels liens politiques? – Burundi

This research study, undertaken by a multi-disciplinary team of two Burundian experts in French, aims to fill the current knowledge gaps on this three-dimensional relationship and to provide recommendations for more holistic policy responses to the challenge of climate-related hunger, including through trade. To do so, the authors reviewed the existing literature and relevant policies in place in all three areas of food security, trade and climate change, before examining existing and missing links between them. This work was supported by field visits and interviews of relevant stakeholders who helped understand the actual situation at the grassroots level.

www.cuts-international.org/ARC/pdf/PACT_EAC_Research_Studies_Burundi-French.pdf



MONOGRAPH



Climate, Food, Trade: *Where is the Policy Nexus? Lessons from the East African Community*

This monograph is a synthesis of five country research studies, undertaken by a multi-disciplinary team of experts in Burundi, Kenya, Rwanda, Tanzania, and Uganda. The studies aimed at filling the current knowledge gaps on this three-dimensional relationship and to provide recommendations for more holistic policy responses to the challenge of climate-related – food insecurity, including through trade. The research studies were undertaken as part of CUTS project entitled, “Promoting Agriculture-Climate-Trade Linkages in the East African Community” (PACT EAC).

www.cuts-international.org/arc/pdf/Synthesis_Report-Lessons_from_East_Africa.pdf

Enabling Investment Climate for Energy Sources Focus on Sustainable Energy in Eastern and Southern Africa

Electricity is a fuel for economic development. However, several countries in Eastern and Southern Africa (ESA) are lagging far behind in meeting the minimum electricity requirements of its citizens. This Discussion Paper looks into sustainable models of electricity infrastructure development pattern in a few selected countries of ESA. The purpose is also to help develop the basis for CUTS intervention in facilitating a multi-stakeholder led process for reviewing country/ regional approaches towards development of the electricity sector in ESA.

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BRIEFS



Improving Health Service Delivery through Community Participation in Kenya Case for Kisumu County

A critical factor of health-related initiatives in Kenya is the cultivation of the capacity and platform for the effective participation of marginalised groups in social accountability aspects of healthcare services. The Briefing Paper addresses the challenges in the health service delivery at both national and county government, the study recommends a raft of measures to be undertaken by both the national and county governments.

www.cuts-international.org/ARC/Nairobi/EMACIGHES/pdf/Advocacy_Policy_Brief_No_2-2014.pdf

Child Consumer Protection Online Child Safety Case for Kenya

The internet has, in a short space of time, become fundamental to young people's education and entertainment needs. Children's consumer protection efforts are still at a nascent stage and require special efforts, technical assistance and resource commitments. Children as consumers have the right to enjoy all eight consumer rights including right to safety, information and education. The Briefing Paper lays stress on the fact that the government need to spearhead the enactment of a stronger legal and policy regime that governs the protection of children within cyberspace. Government, parents, teachers and the civil society working on consumer rights need to come together to educate children on the perils of the cyberspace and how they could safeguard themselves.

www.cuts-international.org/ARC/Nairobi/pdf/Child_Consumer_Protection-Online_Child_Safety_Case_for_Kenya.pdf



FACTSHEET

Fuel Subsidy Removal in Zambia

The overall objective of this Factsheet is to contribute to a deeper understanding of the nature and dynamism of the fuel subsidy removal on the Zambian economy (carried out in early 2013).

It seeks to evaluate the welfare implications of the fuel subsidy reform implemented in Zambia by assessing the impact of the fuel subsidy removal on key sectors of the economy. The Factsheet assesses the reform process against best practice, discusses issues that need to be addressed when designing subsidy reforms to enhance success and assesses the extent to which the reform process has stakeholders buy-in.

www.cuts-international.org/ARC/Lusaka/LECOP/pdf/Factsheet-Fuel_Subsidy_Removal_in_Zambia.pdf



NEWSLETTER/E-NEWSLETTERS



Tradequity

A free quarterly newsletter which covers news and analysis on trade and sustainable development issues relevant for African countries key stakeholders and scholars.

www.cuts-international.org/ARC/Tradequity.html

CUTS Africa in Action

CUTS Africa (Lusaka, Nairobi and Accra) produces a quarterly report summarising major activities undertaken during the period. This document provides a quick overview of the various operations of the Centres and corresponding outputs/outcomes.

www.cuts-international.org/ARC/Lusaka/CUTS_Africa_in_Action.html



Consumer Watch

This quarterly e-newsletter is a joint initiative of CUTS ARC and Zambia Consumer Association (ZACA), published with the objective of enhancing consumer welfare through sensitisation, information dissemination and capacity building of consumers, business entities and the government.

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