

# CUTS HRC Activity Report

May-July 2017

## ONGOING PROJECTS

### SESA Programme: *Trade Promotion through Standardisation*

The Swedish International Development Cooperation Agency (SIDA) has been supporting a two-year programme (January 2013-December 2014) implemented by the Swedish Standards Institute (SIS) to build institutional capacity within the South-east and South Asia (SESA) regions on standard setting and standard implementation. CUTS HRC is the SESA programme's partner organisation for the South-east Asia region. The programme has been extended by SIDA and SIS till June 2017.

During the reporting period, the 17<sup>th</sup> issue of the Newsletter on 'Standards and Quality' (also the last issue) has been prepared and distributed to the relevant stakeholders. In addition, final reporting to SIS has been done as of July 15, 2017.



### Competition Distortions in Vietnam

The Competition Distortions Dossier is a quarterly newsletter produced by CUTS HRC comprising articles and analysis based on reliable published sources. It covers reforms and policies that the Government of Vietnam has put in place during the reporting period. This initiative will not only have an impact on the competitive and consumer protection but will also deal with specific cases of violations of competition and consumer protection laws and regulations.

During the reporting period, the 2<sup>nd</sup> issue of the Competition Distortions Dossier of 2017 (English and Vietnamese version) has also been prepared. The Dossier has been disseminated to the relevant stakeholders.



## REPRESENTATION

- On May 15, 2017, Alice Pham of CUTS HRC took part in the 24<sup>th</sup> General Meeting of the Pacific Economic Cooperation Council (PECC), entitled, 'A Vision for an Asia-Pacific Partnership for the 21<sup>st</sup> Century' in Hanoi, Vietnam.