

# CUTS HRC Activity Report

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## 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 15<sup>th</sup> issue of the Newsletter on 'Standards and Quality' (also the 4<sup>th</sup> issue of 2016) has been prepared and distributed to the relevant stakeholders.

### 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 have put in place in the reporting period, which is likely to have an impact on the competitive process and consumer protection. Besides, it deals with specific cases of violations of the competition and consumer protection laws and regulations.



During the reporting period, the 4<sup>th</sup> issue of the Competition Distortions Dossier of 2016 (both English and Vietnamese versions) has been prepared and distributed to the relevant stakeholders.