

Project Activities

- Research on the current status of the implementation of the AfT Agenda in Zambia
- Six provincial workshops on identified issues, challenges and opportunities in mainstreaming trade into Zambia's national development strategy
- Formation of 'provincial charters' comprising representatives of various beneficiaries that will play an informal (decentralised) role in linking grassroots with the national policy process
- Radio/TV programmes; printing and dissemination of advocacy material including a TV documentary on the EIF process in Zambia; organising informal and lobby meetings on AfT and the EIF

Expected Outcomes

- Existing trade-related initiatives tapped into by identified district and community level actors
- EIF and AfT processes are viewed from a gender perspective including aspects of decision-making and planning
- Linkages between Zambia's national development strategy and trade related issues created

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Better Exploration of Trade as a Means for Poverty Reduction

BETAMPOR



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Background

The Enhanced Integrated Framework (EIF) is a special initiative to mainstream least developed countries (LDCs) into the international trading system. First launched as the Integrated Framework in 1997 (to help LDCs to cope with the implementation of the Uruguay Round Agreement), it was revamped as EIF after a decision by the World Trade Organisation (WTO) Ministerial Conference held in Hong Kong in 2005. The EIF aims to identify the main constraints faced by LDCs in taking advantage of trade for their development and by proposing solutions to those constraints.

The Better Exploration of Trade as a Means for Poverty Reduction (BETAMPOR) Project is the latest intervention of CUTS International, Lusaka to contain leakages in Zambia Aid for Trade (Aft) agenda with the aim of contributing to meaningful development and reduction of poverty.

This two-year project was conceived after CUTS piloted a project (2009), whose outcome revealed a number of missing links in Zambia's realisation of the envisaged outcomes under its Aft agenda.



About the Project

The BETAMPOR project supported by the Finnish Embassy in Lusaka, Zambia, seeks to complement the activities under the EIF in Zambia such as raising awareness as well as capacity building on the EIF and related issues by reaching a larger number of grassroot constituents with the purpose of engaging them in the EIF process.

The project seeks to redefine trade and development related priority areas through better and more focussed participation of non-state actors (NSAs) in the trade policy-making process in Zambia, and in the planning and implementation of projects under trade-related initiatives such as the EIF.

This project would be implemented in collaboration with Civil Society for Poverty Reduction (CSPR), Zambia.

Objective

The objective of the BETAMPOR project therefore, is to build capacity of state and non state actors (especially at the grassroots) in order to strengthen and influence participation in the EIF process thus helping promote the utilisation and ownership of the process.

Methodology

Research

Two research activities will be undertaken. The first, a survey of the current state of implementation of the Aft (including EIF) agenda in Zambia in the context of the country's development. The second will involve an in-depth gender analysis of the EIF process in order to have gender mainstreamed in the EIF process. The study will also explore stakeholder awareness about the EIF agenda.



Capacity Building

Enhancement of capacity for state and non state actors will be a key to the success of this project. The activities will focus on building the capacity of grassroot organisations to effectively collaborate in the formulation and implementation of the EIF agenda and enable them to engage in the complex trade arena.

Advocacy

Advocacy will be aimed at making specific policy and practice changes with respect to Zambia's Aft agenda in general, its EIF agenda in particular and with the objective of mainstreaming trade into Zambia's national development strategy.

