

Report of Representation

Strengthening Institutional Capacity on Sustainability Criteria for Bio-Energy

Katmandu, Nepal, April 19-21, 2011

Amarjeet Singh represented CUTS Hanoi Resource Centre (CUTS HRC) in the workshop on ‘Strengthening Institutional Capacity on Sustainability Criteria for Bio-Energy’ (ISO 13065), organised by South Asia Watch on Trade, Economics & Environment (SAWTEE) and Swedish Standards Institute (SIS) with support from Swedish International Development Cooperation Agency (SIDA) in Kathmandu, Nepal on April 19-21, 2011. The objective of the workshop was to involve stakeholders from South and Southeast Asian region on draft ISO standards for Sustainability Criteria for Bio-energy and build their capacity to effectively participate in the standardisation process. SIS is working as a secretariat for this ISO Project Committee (ISO/PC 248).



More than 52 representatives comprising of national standard bodies, civil society organisations, energy and standardisation experts from Nepal, Bangladesh, Pakistan, Sri Lanka, Cambodia, Vietnam, Nepal, India and Indonesia attended the workshop.

The **first day** was the introduction to the project and the theme. After the inaugural session, there were presentations on the project and the theme. On the **second day** there was discussion on the



comments submitted by participating countries, followed by group exercise to review the draft standards. The **third day** proceedings commenced with a presentation about ISO 26000 standards for social responsibility in order to provide an overview of the standards and help participants better understand the process and terminologies involved. The participants were divided into seven country groups to review and finalise their comments

for submission to ISO. Amarjeet was in the Vietnamese group and after thorough discussions, comments were finalised and submitted to ISO. During the closing session, there were discussions about findings, conclusions and the way forward.

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