

**CDS UNCTAD Seminar on
International Competitiveness and Inclusive Development
20-21 October 2008**

20 October 2008	
10:00 to 11:00am	<p>Inaugural Session Welcome Address: Prof K N Nair, Director CDS Opening remarks: Dr. Shahid Ahmed, UNCTAD India Key note Address: Dr AV Jose, Honorary Visiting Professor, CDS. Inaugural Address: Prof A Jayagovind, Vice Chancellor, National Law School, Bangalore Vote of thanks: Dr P L Beena, CDS</p>
11:00 to 11:30am	Tea break
11:30am to 1:00 pm	<p>Session 1 Regional Trading Arrangements and International Competitiveness Chair: Prof P S George Discussants: Dr K N Harilal, Dr Vijayamohan Pillai Dr Uttam Bhattacharya, Debashis Chakraborty and Biswajit Nag, Regionally Sharpening the Multilateral Agenda? India's Recent Involvement in Trade Blocs Saba Ismail and Shahid Ahmed, Testing the Convergence Hypothesis: Evidence from South Asian Countries A M Ravindran, Implications of trade Related Intellectual Property Rights (T R I P S) on Global Trade And Inclusive Growth</p>
1:00 to 2:00 pm	Lunch break
2:00 to 3.30pm	<p>Session 2 Commodities, Competitiveness and Inclusive Development Chair: Prof D Narayana Discussants: Dr C Veeramani, Dr K N Harilal, Dr Arindam Banerjee Ushree Sen Gupta and Uttam Bhattacharya, Trade in agricultural commodities in India during the WTO period B H Nagoor, Commodity specific competitiveness of India's Agricultural Exports in post WTO period Nalin Kumar, Supply side constraints and importer mandated regulations: Evidences from Indian Agricultural exports supply chain.</p>
3.30 to 3:45pm	Tea break
3:45 to 5:15pm	<p>Session 3 Commodities, Competitiveness and Inclusive Development (contd..) Chair: Dr K N Harilal Discussants: Dr Uttam Bhattacharaya, Prof R.K. Sharma, Prof D Narayana, Prof P. Shivanandan Dhanya V, Globalisation and International Commodity policy: The Case of Coffee A Amarender Reddy, Competitiveness of oilseeds and edible oil sector in India: Implications on farmers, processors and consumers Toms Joseph & Tharian George K, From Trade Controls to Liberalisation: Sequencing the Contexts and Outcomes of Trade Policy Changes in Indian Natural Rubber Sector Jayasekhar S, Fisheries export from India: Growth, competitiveness and challenges in the context of emerging international food quality standards.</p>

<p>21 October 2008</p> <p>9:30 to 11:00am</p>	<p>Session 4 Industrial Competitiveness and Sectoral Issues</p> <p>Chair: Prof K. Pushpangadan Discussants: Prof M. Mohanan Pillai, Dr M Parameswarn, Dr P L Beena, Dr C Veeramani</p> <p>N A Khan, Building Competitiveness in SSI sector in the backdrop of Inclusive growth. (Pre reform period to post reform period)</p> <p>K.V. Ramaswamy, Trade, Restructuring and Labour: A Study of the Textile and Apparel Industry in India</p> <p>Jatinder Singh, Inclusive Development, FDI and Competitive Market Structure of Host Country: Case of Indian Manufacturing Industries</p> <p>Anoo Anna Anthony, Sustaining 'Export Excellence' - Experiences in the Kannur Home Furnishing Cluster</p>
<p>11:00 to 11:30am</p>	<p>Tea break</p>
<p>11:30am to 1: 00 pm</p>	<p>Session 5 IT software and Services:</p> <p>Chair: Prof Mohanan Pillai Discussants: Dr Vinoj Abraham, Prof K J Joseph</p> <p>Nirmala Padmanabhan, Software Industry and Gender Inclusive Development under Globalisation: A Perspective from Kerala</p> <p>Zakir Husain & Mousumi Dutta Husain, Do Working Women 'Satisfice'? A Study of Kolkata's IT Sector</p> <p>P. Vigneswara Ilavarasan & Francis Hutchinson, Open Windows of Opportunity and Local Interdependencies: The IT/ITES Sector and Economic Policy at the Sub-national Level in India</p>
<p>1:00 to 2:00 pm</p>	<p>Lunch break</p>
<p>2:00 to 3.30pm</p>	<p>Session 6 Trade and Employment</p> <p>Chair : Prof R K Sharma Discussants: Dr A V Jose, Prof K Pushpangadan, Dr Shahid Ahmed, Dr A.V. Jose</p> <p>Dibyendu Maiti, Bibhas Saha, Kunal Sen: Liberalisation and Labour Market Dualism in Organised Sector: Theory and some Evidence from India</p> <p>Uma S Impact of Trade Liberalisation on Employment: The Case of Indian Manufacturing Industries</p> <p>K V Ramaswamy , Wage, Inequality in Indian Manufacturing: Is it Trade, Technology or Labour Regulations?</p> <p>Afsha Dokadia, A Theoretical framework of internet Job search to study Employment in India</p>
<p>3.30 to 3: 45pm</p>	<p>Tea break</p>
<p>3:45 to 5:005pm</p>	<p>Valedictory Session</p> <p>Chair: Prof K N Nair</p> <p>Summing up and the way forward: Prof K J Joseph</p> <p>Special Address: Prof Sugata Marjit Director, Centre for Studies in Social Sciences, Calcutta.</p> <p>Valedictory Address: Prof Thomas Isaac, Finance Minster, Government of Kerala</p> <p>Vote of Thanks: Dr Hrushikesh Mallick</p>