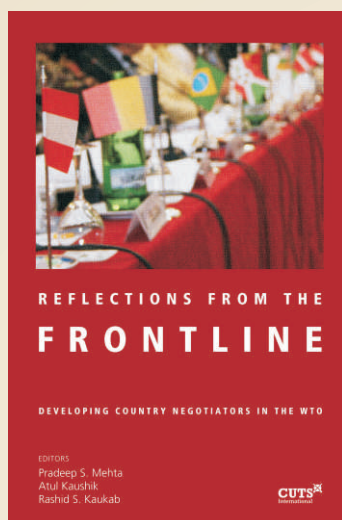


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The publication gives a substantive account of the evolution of the WTO Doha Development Agenda (DDA) negotiations and the role of developing country coalitions and alliances. The reflections are those of the former and current developing country negotiators based on their first-hand experience of WTO negotiations, particularly on the development dimension. They have described the progress including developments at key moments like the WTO Ministerial Conference in Cancun (2003) and Hong Kong (2005); and have drawn lessons from negotiating strategies and tactics applied to-date by developing countries.

The sixteen chapters included in the publication give a rich resume of increasing and more effective developing country participation in the WTO. Authors have brought to fore the twists and turns of the decade long Doha Round, often based on their own experience and perspectives. Such intimate insights are rarely found in existing literature on the WTO negotiations. Authors have also offered suggestions to unlock the stalemate in the DDA and reach a balanced and development-friendly conclusion.

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The picture this book provides is one of active participation and deep involvement of developing countries in the life of the World Trade Organisation across all its activities. It speaks of their negotiating positions, of their ideas and efforts to shape the future of the organisation. I recommend it for anyone seeking to understand how the WTO has evolved in the last decade and where we are today.

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