

## History

To confer a distinct identity to CUTS' work on competition, investment and regulatory issues, CUTS CCIER was established in 2003 in Jaipur, India. The Centre has been undertaking need-based, outcome-oriented research on specific policy issues (aligned with its Programmatic Areas) to influence the process of evolution and implementation of these policies. CCIER adopts a multi-stakeholder approach to facilitate composite dialogues amongst the policy community, academia, civil society, media and other key stakeholders to ensure that its findings have broad-based acceptability and stimulate practice/policy changes.

## Mission

Promoting fair markets to enhance consumer welfare and economic development

## Programmatic Areas

- Competition Policy & Law
- Investment Climate
- Economic Regulation
- Consumer Protection

## Objectives

- promoting research activities in DCs on themes coinciding or having linkages with the programmatic areas;
- wider outreach and dissemination of knowledge and skills to build capacity of civil society, government and business;
- evolving approaches to facilitate active participation of consumers in the process of socio-economic policy reforms; and
- developing and maintaining extensive global network(s).

## Modus Operandi

- Linking Research/Evidence with Policy Processes
- Outreach and Dissemination
- Capacity Building (including Training) and Networking

## Resources

- Over 15 professional staff
- 30 Fellows (world over)
- 19-member International Advisory Board



State Level Launch of a Project 'Demand Side Management & Renewable Energy in India: Capacity Building of CSOs', Ahmedabad, August 2011

- Over 200 networking partners from 50+ countries
- Two well renowned listserv (FunCompForum and CompetitionOnlineForum) to stimulate discussions on programmatic issues

## Recent/Earlier Projects

### Competition Policy & Law

- Competition Reforms in Key Markets for Enhancing Social & Economic Welfare in Developing Countries (CREW)
- National Competition Policy & Economic Growth in India (ComPEG)
- India Competition and Regulation Reports (2013, 2011, 2009, 2007)
- Competition Regimes in the World – A Civil Society Report
- Campaign on World Competition Day (WCD)
- Collusive Behaviour in Healthcare Delivery in India: Need for Effective Regulation (COHED)
- Overlap between Competition Authority and Sector Regulatory Authorities – Lessons for India
- Multi-country Competition Policy and Law projects (7Up4, 7Up3, 7Up2 and 7Up1)
- Competition Regulation & Development Research Forum (CDRF)

### Economic Regulation

- A Study to Build Capacity of CSOs on Demand Side Management and Renewable Energy Issues in India (DREC)
- Regulatory Governance in India
- Capacity Building on Electricity Reforms in South Asia (RESA)
- Comparative Study of Sector Regulation in DCs (RegFrame II & I)

Release of a CUTS Publication 'Rethinking Business Responsibility in India', New Delhi, November 2013



## Consumer Protection

- Unfair Trade Practices in India: An Analysis
- Consumer Protection Regimes in the World (CPRW)
- Consumer Protection Regime of Bhutan and Ghana

## Investment Climate

- Critical Dimension of Indian Investments in Africa (IIA)
- Business Regulation and Corporate Conduct in India (BRCC)
- Working Group on Business Regulatory Framework, India
- Investment for Development (IFD)

## Future Projects

### Competition Policy & Law

- India Competition and Regulation Reports (2015 & 2017...)
- Multi-Country Competition Policy and Law Project (7Up5)
- Competition Policy & Law Project in MENA Countries

### Economic Regulation

- Political Economy of Regulation and Competition in South Asia
- Regulation and Consumer Interest in Key Economic Sectors in India
- Sensitisation and Demand Generation for Clean Energy Resources
- Regulatory Impact Assessment

### Consumer Protection

- Linking CPL and Consumer Welfare: Enhancing Awareness at the Grassroots to Influence Policy
- Strengthening Consumers' Voice for addressing UTPs
- Consumer Satisfaction Surveys in Utility Sectors

### Investment Climate

- Investment Reforms for Economic Development in South Asia
- Research and Advocacy for Streamlining FDI in Specific Sectors
- Business Responsibility and Corporate Conduct

## Publications

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| • Research Reports | • Discussion Papers | • Monographs  |
| • Briefing Papers  | • View Point Papers | • Issue Notes |
| • Policy Briefs    | • Bill Blowups      | • Newsletters |
| • E-Newsletters    | • Quarterly Dossier |               |

Inception Meeting of a Project 'Competition Reforms in Key Markets For Enhancing Social & Economic Welfare in Developing Countries', Jaipur, March 2013



## Achievements

- Advocating for a World Competition Day
- Member of Expert Group on Business Responsibility, Ministry of Corporate Affairs, Government of India
- Initiated the idea for an Africa Competition Forum
- Member of Steering Committee on Industry, Planning Commission, Government of India
- Member of Committee on National Competition Policy, Ministry of Corporate Affairs (2011), Government of India
- Evolved a well-recognised (OECD DAC) model for engaging civil society in competition reforms in DCs
- Assisted national governments and regional authorities on competition policy & law issues
- Establishment of CUTS Institute for Regulation & Competition (CIRC)
- Facilitated the establishment of PARFORE – forum for Parliamentarians in India
- Formation of International Network of Civil Society Organisations on Competition (INCSOC)



## Slot Analysis

### Strengths

- Working in 'niche areas'
- Promoting trilateral development cooperation
- Vibrant networking profile
- Reputed International Advisory Board

### Limitations

- Human resource constraints

### Opportunities

- Capacity building on competition issues in Asia and Africa
- Corporate governance and CSR work in India
- Promoting consumer movement in developing countries
- Awareness and advocacy on clean energy sources

### Threats

- Non-cooperation from other organisations
- Donor influence
- Political/policy changes
- Conflict and regime changes



A few International Advisers of CCIER at the release of a CUTS book, November 2005

## International Advisory Board

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