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GOVERNING STRUCTURE

CIRC has a compact governing structure, which includes the Governing Council, an Academic Council and a Managing Committee. It also has a rich tapestry of a visiting faculty along with that of the core faculty.

These bodies have several eminent persons like economists, judges and former civil servants. The visiting faculty provides an additional benefit of having experts in Economic Regulation and Competition Policy and Law from various corners of the world rendering useful contribution for the Institute's agenda.

AFFILIATIONS / ASSOCIATION WITH:

- National Law University, Delhi (NLUD)
- Competition and Regulation European Summer School and Conference (CRESE), Greece
- Institute for Transport Studies (ITS), University of Leeds, UK
- The Trade Policy Training Centre in Africa (TRAPCA), Africa
- Gujrat National University(GNU), Gandhi Nagar
- OP Jindal Global University (JGU), Sonapat, India
- American Antitrust Institute (AAI), Washington DC, USA
- Central University, Haryana
- The African Forum(AFS)
- Vistra ITCL India Pvt. Ltd



CUTS Institute for Regulation & Competition

Enhancing Knowledge Strengthening Capacity

CUTS Institute for Regulation & Competition (CIRC) is an independent not-for-profit think tank with a mandate to undertake policy research and advocacy in the field of regulation and competition. Governments all over the world including India are increasingly ceding executive Quasi-judicial space to independent regulators. In sectors where regulators have not emerged as yet, executive function is being made non-discretionary through tighter regulations.

Public Private Partnerships have become one of the key instruments for expanding public assets and services efficiently and with assured long term quality maintenance. This format also reduces the up front capital requirement for the governments. Even though in recent times PPPs have come under stress, their importance in the development process is only increasing. The UN clearly envisaged critical role of the private sector in the delivery of SDGs by 2030. Keeping this in view, CIRC has added infrastructure and PPPs to its work programme and is working towards setting up of Global Initiative of Sustainable Infrastructure (GISI). There is a need for re-thinking the PPP framework to inject greater transparency in the process and involve participation of the beneficiary communities at key points in the transaction chain.

CIRC An Overview

CUTS Institute for Regulation & Competition (CIRC) is a befitting response to the need of the community in the area of law and economics and Public Private Partnership (PPP). The Institute has an in- house team of converging professional skills, which include competition law, regulation, economics, natural resource management, sustainable development and business management



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CIRC Core Activities

The Institute's activities are divided into three broad programme areas: Economic Regulation, Infrastructure Development & PPPs, Competition Policy & Law. The unique feature of CIRC is that the quality of educational and training programmes is at par with the noted global Infrastructure. CIRC is also offering various online courses.

With a robust research base on infrastructure PPP, competition and Regulatory laws, CIRC is uniquely positioned in providing capacity building programmes, consultancy and relevant advisory to the clients across industries and professions within India as well as in Asia and Africa.

The Perspective

CIRC has been incubated as a High Performing Knowledge Institute (HPKI) in the area of consumer protection, competition policy and law, and economic regulation. The eventual goal of CIRC is to become a world class institution addressing the breadth and depth of capacity building needs in the infrastructure space including People First PPPs.

With the right measures consistent with the goals and values, it would be possible to become a multi-locational institute of international repute and serve an international need (particularly in the developing world) that remains inadequately addressed at present.

CIRC offers courses on Competition Law to familiarise the participants with the basic understanding of the law with recent legal developments and to establish a clear link between the new theories and the day today work of practitioners. Regulatory requirements and market undercurrents create interesting dynamics in emerging markets where resources and skills can be scarce. To fill this gap, CIRC is also offering a number of short-term courses. The unique feature of CIRC is that the quality of educational and training programmes is internationally acknowledged.

What do we Offer?

Online and In House Courses

Courses on Competition Policy & Law in partnership with **National Law University, Delhi(NLUD)**

CIRC is offering Post Graduate Diploma course and Certificate courses on Competition Policy and Law. These courses inculcate necessary knowledge and skills among the participants to deal with the issues relating to anti-competitive agreements, abuse of dominance & regulation of combinations(M&As), IPR etc.

CIRC also offers online courses on Competition Act in India and Zambia. It plans to launch similar courses in other countries, such as Kenya and Pakistan.

CIRC conducts an International Winter School on "Role of Economics in Competition Law" in partnership with international experts from US and Europe every year.

With support from Ministry of External Affairs under ITEC, CIRC has organised a two week training programme on Competition Policy & Law for 13 African countries. This has helped capacity building of developing and least developed countries.

Courses on Economic Regulations

CIRC also offers Online Certificate course on Law and Practice of Public Private Partnerships (PPPs). This programme imparts knowledge and skills required for negotiating and executing PPP projects.

CIRC conducted four workshops for power sector officials and two workshops for Railways and public sector employees. Such workshops have helped capacity building of public sector and private sectors on important financial and regulatory issues.

Competition Advisory Services

The nature of competition law is dynamic. So, we keep full track of events and investigations happening in India and other jurisdictions. Based on our expertise and experience, CIRC engages best talent from across the globe to provide expert provides consultancy services to clients across industries in matters dealing with competition law and trade regulation issues.

Training Programmes and Workshops

CIRC conducts corporate training programmes and workshops aimed at better compliance that are tailor-made to the needs of individual clients. CIRC training programmes provide specific and actionable check lists on different functional areas so as to ensure competitive advantage. Apart from training workshop, CIRC Provides participants with resource material which has been written, edited and reviewed by experienced resource persons. Some of the training programmes and workshops organised by CIRC during the last two years were:

- Training Programme for IAS/IPS/IFS officers on Public Procurement under Department of Personnel and Training(DIPP), Govt of India
- Trainings on the Role of Economics in Competition Law Appreciation Course for the Malaysian Competition Commission(MCC)
- Competition Law Workshop for Public Sector Enterprise Competition Law Workshop for Marketing Professionals
- Workshops for power sector officials on financial and regulatory issues
- Capacity building for railways and public sector employees on regulations
- Special Course on Competition Policy & Law for African Countries under ITEC programme of Ministry of External Affairs, Government of India

Research

CIRC under takes research work in the area of PPP, Infrastructure, competition, Intellectual Property Rights, law and economics, which also builds up a sound resource base in providing action based learning.

Just to name a few research projects undertaken during the last two years:

- India Competition and Regulation Report (A biennial research report)
- Creation and updation of National Public Procurement Observatory for World Bank
- Promoting competition and innovation for efficient use of Intellectual Property (CompIP Project)

- Development of an efficient delivery model for water and Sanitation in Odisha through people's first PPP.
- Conducting a consumer survey on trends and its impact on digital payments
- Business Regulation and Corporate Conduct
- Sector Studies on Competition Impediments in select sectors in India
- Study on Consumer Participation in Electricity Sector
- Study of Regulatory Impact Assessment in Electricity Sector
- Sustainable Development Investment Portfolio
- Competition Reforms in Key Markets for Enhancing Social & Economic Welfare in Developing Countries' (CREW Project)

Seminars & Conferences

CIRC organises seminars and conferences on different themes related to its programme areas. Some important events organised in the recent past are:

- A biennial international conference in partnership with CUTS
- Round table discussion on growth of ICT sector in India
- People's first PPP in achieving the SDG
- Seminar on Regional Electricity Cooperation and Trade in South Asia
- Round Table discussion on standard essential patents
- Policy dialogue on Valuing Vital Resources: Potentials of integrated approaches tow after energy and agricultural sustainability in India, in association with Chatham House, UK
- Special Academic Lecture and Panel Discussion o n Emerging Issues in Competition Law
- Panel Discussion on Main streaming Public Private Partnership