Competition Reforms in Key Markets for Enhancing Social and Economic Welfare in Developing Countries

(CREW Project)

INCEPTION MEETING

13-14 March, 2013

Hotel ITC Rajputana, Jaipur (India)

Development Partners¹:

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**Day One: Wednesday, 13th March 2013**

Registration: 0830hrs

**Opening Session: 0900 to 0950hrs**

- **0900hrs to 0910hrs:** Pradeep S Mehta, CUTS International
- **0910hrs to 0915hrs:** Eiko Kauffman, GIZ (Germany)
- **0915hrs to 0930hrs:** Geeta Gouri, Competition Commission of India (CCI)
- **0930hrs to 0945hrs:** Fred Jenny, OECD Competition Committee
- **0945hrs to 0950hrs:** Vote of Thanks

**Tea Break: 0950 to 1015hrs**

**Technical Session One: 1015 to 1200hrs**

*Session Title: “Methods and Approaches for Assessing Benefits of Competition & Regulatory Policy Reforms”*

- Why is it important to measure benefits
- Who needs to be convinced and how?
- What are some of the methods/approaches employed?
- What are the challenges/impediments faced?
- What results have been/are seen emerging?
- What are some of the gaps in information?

**Presentations (15-20 mins each)**

[In addition to covering some of the above mentioned bullet points, each presenter would also share her/his views of how their research methods/approach can be applicable in the CREW project]

- Owen Gabbitas, National Productivity Commission, Australia
- Natalie Timan, Office of Fair Trade, UK

Floor Discussions (45 mins)

**Rapporteur:** Eberhard Feess, Frankfurt School of F&M, Germany

**Chair:** Geeta Gouri, CCI, India
Networking Lunch\(^2\): 1200hrs to 1330hrs

**Technical Session Two: 1330 to 1515hrs**

**Session Title:** “Benefits of Competition Reforms for Producers and Consumers – *Country Experiences and Evidence*”

**Presentations (12-15 mins each)**

[In addition to covering some of the above mentioned bullet points, each presenter would also share her/his views of how their research methods/experiences can be applicable in the CREW project]

- Scott Davenport, Trade & Investment, NSW, Australia
- Karen Ellis, Overseas Development Institute, UK (*Skype Presentation*)
- Godius Kahyarara, Department of Economics, University of Dar-es-Salaam

Floor Discussions (45 mins)

**Rapporteurs:** Miguel Laric, DFID (UK) & Eiko Kauffman, GIZ (Germany)

**Chair:** Pierre Jacquet, Global Development Network (GDN)

**Tea Break: 1515 to 1530hrs**

**Technical Session Three: 1530 to 1800hrs**

**Session Title:** “Convincing Policymakers and Garnering Greater Support for Competition Reforms”

- *How does one communicate with policymakers?*
- *What evidence is required, especially in developing countries – where are the gaps?*
- *What tools/methods can work?*
- *How to gather data in developing countries?*
- *What could be possible limitations?*

\(^2\) Video Documentary: 30 Years of CUTS (15 mins) to be shown
Presentations (12-15 mins each)

[In addition to covering some of the above mentioned bullet points through ‘Case Studies’, each presenter would also share her/his views of how some of their experience can be useful for the CREW project]

- Fred Jenny, OECD Competition Committee
- Chilufya Sampa, CCPC, Zambia
- Rafaelita M. Aldaba, PIDS, The Philippines
- Tania Begazo, Competition Policy Team, IFC, World Bank (Skype Presentation)
- Heidi Sada Correa, CFC, Mexico (Skype Presentation)

Floor Discussions (45 mins)

Rapporteur: David Ong’olo, Kenya

Chair: Pradeep S Mehta, CUTS International

Visit to Chokhi Dhani\(^3\) for a tour and Dinner: Bus will depart at 1900hrs

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\(^3\) Refer [http://www.chokhidhani.com/village/index.html](http://www.chokhidhani.com/village/index.html) for an overview of Chokhi Dhani
DAY TWO: THURSDAY, 14TH MARCH 2013 (FIRST HALF)

Technical Session Four: 0900 to 1100hrs

Session Title: Extracting Key Elements for the CREW Project

- Presentation on CREW Project (20 mins)
  - Rijit Sengupta, CUTS International
- Rapporteur’s Presentations (12-15 mins each)
  - Eberhard Feess, Frankfurt School of F&M, Germany
  - David Ong’olo, Kenya
  - Eiko Kauffman, GIZ (Germany)
- Floor Discussions (45 mins)

Chair: Pradeep S Mehta, CUTS International

Tea Break: 1100 to 1115hrs

Technical Session Five: 1115 to 1245hrs

Session Title: Closing Panel: Emerging Lessons & Way Forward for Competition Reforms in Developing Countries

- Pierre Jacquet, President, GDN (10-12 mins)
- George K Lipimile, ED, COMESA Competition Commission (10-12 mins)
- Subir Gokarn, Former Deputy Governor, RBI, India (10-12 mins)
- Fred Jenny, OECD Competition Committee (10-12 mins)

Q&A Session (30mins)

Chair: R Shyam Khemani, Principal, MiCRA, USA

1245 to 1300: Closing of Conference & Valedictory

Pradeep S Mehta, CUTS International

Networking Lunch: 1300 to 1400hrs

1400 to 1830hrs: Project Advisory Committee (PAC) Members Meeting

*This meeting only to be attended by PAC members and the CREW Project Team members*