

# 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 Partners<sup>1</sup>:



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<sup>1</sup> The CREW project is support by DFID (UK) and by BMZ (Germany), facilitated by GIZ (Germany)

## **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"***

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- *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?*
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#### **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<sup>2</sup>: 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”***

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- *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?*
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<sup>2</sup> 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*<sup>3</sup> for a tour and Dinner: Bus will depart at 1900hrs**

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<sup>3</sup> Refer <http://www.chokhidhani.com/village/index.html> for an overview of *Chokhi Dhani*

## **DAY TWO: THURSDAY, 14<sup>TH</sup> 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<sup>4</sup>**

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<sup>4</sup> This meeting only to be attended by PAC members and the CREW Project Team members