International Conference on
Quality of Regulation: Case Research and Analysis

**Date:** Saturday, 27 March 2010  
**Time:** 0900 – 1500 hours  
**Venue:** Conference Room, III, Annex, India International Centre  
40, Max Mueller Marg, New Delhi 110003

**Context**

Regulation or the steering of production/consumption for the sake of augmenting social welfare is undertaken by various sectoral agencies with different immediate objectives. Thus, it is very difficult to develop an integrated and holistic framework for assessing the quality of regulation. Good quality of regulation is very important for the success of regulatory interventions in meeting their objectives.

Given the extreme usefulness of such a framework, CUTS International has undertaken a project, “**Quality of Regulation: Case Research and Analysis**” to demonstrate the use of a general model for assessing the quality of regulation which can be utilised by developing/developed countries in the near future.

The theoretical framework will involve an investigation into whether regulation is needed at all and use of a quantitative assessment technique and qualitative assessment methods which look at regulatory inputs or outcomes or both. There is enough flexibility in this approach for operating within the constraints imposed by the availability of data and information.

Three country papers have been commissioned - one each for Asia (India), Africa (Kenya) and Latin America (Brazil) to provide a comprehensive picture of the state of regulation in these regions. These papers will assess the quality of regulation in selected sectors and the findings will be collated and major lessons from these presented in a synthesis report.

The same two sectors -- petroleum and natural gas, and electricity -- will be covered by each country paper. Within petroleum and natural gas, the relative emphasis on the quality of regulation of each component (petroleum versus natural gas) will be determined by its relative importance in the national economy and the regulatory complexity involved.

The study would contain a discussion of the nation’s political and economic environment/setup as quality of regulation needs to be assessed in the context of the realities thus highlighted.
Programme

0900 to 0930  Registration & Tea

0930 to 0945  Welcome and Introduction
S L Rao, Chairman, ISEC, India
Siddhartha Mitra, CUTS International

0945 - 1045  Sector Study on Kenya
Speaker  David Ong’olo, Spellman & Walker Co. Ltd., Kenya
Chair  S L Rao, Chairman, ISEC, India
Panellists  Steve Thomas, PSIRU, The University of Greenwich, UK
           Sudha Mahalingam, Petroleum & Natural Gas Regulatory Board, India

1045 - 1145  Sector Study on India
Speaker  Payal Malik, University of Delhi, India
Chair  V K Mathur, Inapex Limited, India
Panellists  Devendra Kodwani, The Open University, UK
           Jaivir Singh, Jawaharlal Nehru University, India

1145 - 1200  TEA BREAK

1200 - 1300  Sector Study on Brazil
Speaker:  Eduardo Luiz Machado, Regulatory Expert, Brazil
Chair  S Chakravarthy, Adviser on Competition Policy and Law of India
Panellists  V Ranganathan, IIM Bangalore, India
           T L Sankar, Administrative Staff college of India

1300-1400  LUNCH

1400-1500  Rapporteur’s Presentation & Way Forward
Siddhartha Mitra, CUTS International
Cezley Sampson, Privatisation & Regulatory Consultant, Jamaica