History
To confer a distinct identity to CUTS’ work on competition, investment and regulatory issues, CUTS CC&ER 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. CC&ER 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

Recent/Earlier Projects

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- Regulatory Governance in India |
- Capacity Building on Electricity Reforms in South Asia (RESA) |
- Comparative Study of Sector Regulation in DCs (RegFrame II & I)

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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)

Publications

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

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)

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Slot Analysis

Strengths
• Working in ‘niche areas’
• Promoting trilateral development cooperation
• Vibrant networking profile
• Reputed International Advisory Board

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

Limitations
• Human resource constraints

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

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