05 days Training Programme on
Regulatory Impact Assessment (RIA) in India

ABOUT CUTS

Consumer Unity and Trust Society (CUTS) is a non-governmental organisation doing policy research, advocacy and networking on contemporary issues of trade and development, economic regulation, competition and good governance.

It has three resource centres in Jaipur, one each in Calcutta, Chittorgarh and New Delhi in India and five overseas centres: in Lusaka, Nairobi, Accra, Hanoi and Geneva.

ABOUT CIRC

CUTS Institute for Regulation & Competition (CIRC) was established in 2005 by CUTS International. With the mission to be a Centre of Excellence on Regulatory and Competition Issues, CIRC primarily focuses on economic regulation in infrastructure sectors, and competition policy and law with an objective of reaching out to the target audience in India and other developing countries in Asia and Africa.

Its crucial role in research and capacity building in the area of competition policy and law and regulatory reforms has created an intellectual knowledge base.

26 - 30 OCTOBER, 2015

(Monday - Friday)

Jaipur
The objective of the training programme and national level advocacy seminar is to generate awareness, demonstrate the process and benefits of RIA. In addition, capacity of government officials, regulatory agencies, research institutions, practitioners and civil society organisations, will be built to adopt and conduct RIA.

Session I: Introduction to the RIA
Course: Goals and Methods

Session II: Good Regulatory Practices and India: Why RIA?

Session III: Getting It Right From the Beginning: Defining the Problem and Setting the Baseline.

Session IV: Basic RIA Concepts

Session V: Putting RIA into Practice: Choosing the Analytical Methods and Presenting the Analysis

REGULATORY IMPACT ASSESSMENT (RIA)

Regulatory instruments such as policies, legislations, rules, and regulations etc. (regulations) have widespread impacts, which affect multiple stakeholder groups in different ways. A sub-optimal regulation has the potential to increase the cost of administration and compliance, raise complexity and uncertainty associated with obligations, and most importantly, limits the likelihood of achievement of its objectives. Therefore, it is of paramount importance to understand the impacts of any regulation, proposed or in operation, to achieve favourable outcomes.

RIA is a process of systematically identifying and assessing the direct and indirect impacts of regulatory proposals and existing regulations, using consistent analytical methods. It involves a participatory approach via public consultation to assess such impact, determination of costs and benefits, and selection the most appropriate regulatory alternative.
Implementation of RIA improves overall regulatory quality, by factoring all the relevant expectations of stakeholders. Rigorous and transparent assessment of costs and benefits also increases the acceptability of regulation. The Government of India and several expert committees such as the Financial Sector Legislative Reforms Commission (FSLRC) have vouched for this.

This RIA course, by highly experienced public policy and RIA trainers, is expressly designed for stakeholders to improve policy results. The course will benefit anyone using RIA in environmental, social and economic fields as well as stakeholders who want to understand better how to use RIA constructively.

**Session VI: Administrative burdens and the use of the Standard Cost Model: Concepts and interactive case study**

**Session VII: Assessing Alternatives to Traditional Regulation**

**Session VIII: Mainstreaming RIA in the Policy Process: Institutional Strategies**

**Session IX: Consultation and data collection techniques for RIA**

**Session X: Second Interactive Case Study: Indian law**

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**Trainers/ Resource Persons**

Key resource persons would include Scott Jacobs, Managing Director, Jacobs, Cordova and Associates, United States.

Scott Jacobs is a leading global expert and author with 30 years of experience in regulatory reform and good business environments.

He has worked with over 50 developing and industrialized countries in Europe, Asia, Africa, and the Americas in designing and implementing some of the largest regulatory reforms in the world and as well as targeted policy/sectoral reforms.

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**Logistical Arrangements**

The Training Workshop will be organised from 26 to 30 October 2015 in Jaipur, Rajasthan. Venue details will be informed soon.

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**Pedagogy**

The participants will be provided with printed material. The Training Programme will include lectures, case studies and group discussions.