

Facilitating the Adoption of Regulatory Impact Assessment (RIA) Framework in India



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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 Introduced the CUTS Institute for Regulation & Competition (CIRC) in September 2005. CIRC is an initiative towards creating an intellectual resource and knowledge base relating to competition policy & law and economic regulation. The Institute's activities are divided into two programme areas: Economic Regulation and Competition Policy & Law.

Training Programme & National Level Advocacy Seminar

**25-27 March, 2015
New Delhi**

Overview

As a part of an ongoing project entitled 'Facilitating the Adoption of Regulatory Impact Assessment Framework in India' with support from British High Commission, CUTS International in collaboration with CUTS Institute for Regulation & Competition (CIRC) is organising a 'Training Programme' and 'National Level Advocacy Seminar' on Regulatory Impact Assessment (RIA) on March 25-27, 2014.

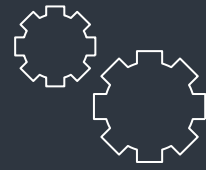
The objective of the training programme and national level advocacy seminar is to generate awareness, demonstrate the process and benefits of RIA. In addition, capacity of government officials, regulatory agencies, research institutions and civil society organisations, will be built to adopt and conduct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



Regulatory Impact Assessment (RIA)

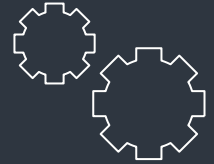
Regulatory instruments such as policies, legislations, rules, and regulations etc. (regulations) have widespread impacts, which affect multiple stakeholder groups in different ways. A sub-optimal regulation has the potential to increase the cost of administration and compliance, raise complexity and 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.



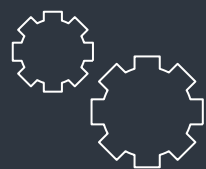
SESSION-I

What is RIA? Overview of RIA, Goals, and Purpose



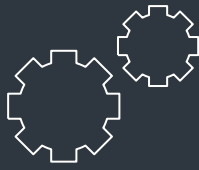
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Putting RIA into practice: choosing the Analytical Methods



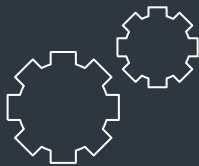
SESSION III

Examination of a Complete RIA (Case study)



SESSION IV

RIA in action: The Rationale and Results of RIA in other countries (International Experience)



SESSION V

Case Study & Presentations (Group Exercises)



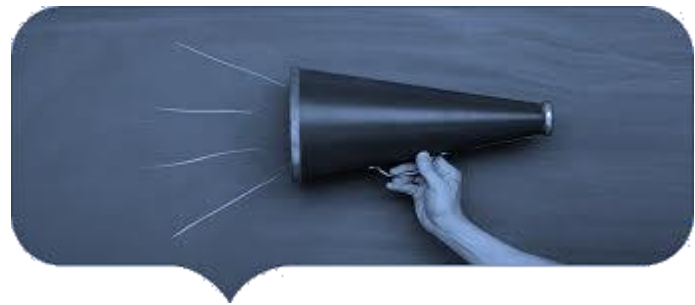
PANEL DISCUSSION

“Institutionalising RIA in regulatory/policy decision making in India”

Benefits

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 among stakeholders. As a result, there is greater clarity and predictability in regulatory process. The Government of India and several expert committees such as the Financial Sector Legislative Reforms Commission have vouched this.

Further, a review of existing regulation through the RIA tool helps in identifying and amending the sub-optimal provisions of regulation, thus achieving superior regulatory quality.



TRAINERS / RESOURCE PERSONS

Resource persons from within as well as outside India would share their knowledge and practical experience on RIA. Key resource persons from outside India include Scott Jacobs, Managing Director, Jacobs, Cordova and Associates, United States; and Malathy Knight John, Research Fellow, Institute of Policy Studies, Sri Lanka.

LOGISTICAL ARRANGEMENTS

The Training Workshop will be organised from 25 to 26 March 2015 followed by a National Level Advocacy Seminar on 27 March 2015 (1st half of day). Venue details will be informed soon.

There is **no charge / fees** for registration in the Training Workshop and National Advocacy Seminar. Similarly, there will be no financial support (travel, accommodation, living expenses etc.) to the participants from the organiser.

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