

WORLD COMPETITION DAY 2022

Competition Policy and Climate Change

Monday, December 05, 2022 | 1430-1800 (IST)

Conference Hall

Institute for Studies in Industrial Development (ISID), New Delhi

Background

One of the important advocacy campaigns spearheaded by CUTS International since 2010 is the observance of the World Competition Day (WCD) on December 05. The aim of the campaign is to ensure that consumers from across the world realise the potential benefits from an effectively implemented competition regime, and also play their role in making competition regimes work worldwide.

December 05 is the day when United Nations Conference on Restrictive Business Practices approved the UN Set of Multilaterally Agreed Equitable Principles and Rules for the Control of Restrictive Business Practices in 1980. Motivated by the interest and support of many competition agencies and other stakeholders to the cause, the International Network of Civil Society Organisations on Competition ([INCSOC](#)) announced the first World Competition Day (WCD) on December 05, 2010.

Given the above, CUTS International; CUTS Institute for Regulation & Competition (CIRC) and Institute for Studies in Industrial Development (ISID) are organising a Panel Discussion to celebrate WCD 2022 on the theme of “[Competition Policy and Climate Change](#).”

Competition policy can play a role in greening the economy, including by incentivising for green innovation and empowering consumers to make informed decisions. Since, collective initiatives by businesses is mooted to fight climate change, competition policy is a key to ensure efficient allocation of capital needed to reach environmental goals.

At micro level, competition authorities can also integrate economic and non-economic environmental effects in competition assessments while dealing with anti-competitive agreements, co-operation agreements, abuse of dominance and merger control. They can also help remove restrictive practices in the transfer of green technologies.

However, in doing competition assessment, authorities may face challenges, such as determining the nature, scope and temporal extent of environmental effects. There are studies now available, including from the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD), which are offering clarity on how to deal with such challenges. Competition authorities, thus, first need to get sensitised and then work towards their capacity building on the interface between competition policy and climate change.

Agenda

1430-1500	Registration
1500-1515	Welcome Address Arvind Mayaram, former Finance Secretary of India and Chairman, CUTS Institute for Regulation & Competition (CIRC) Satyaki Roy, Associate Professor, Institute for Studies in Industrial Development (ISID)
1515-1630	Panel Discussion: Competition Policy and Climate Change Chair and Moderator Kirit Parikh, Chairman, Integrated Research and Action for Development (IRADe) Special Address Jyoti Jindgar Bhanot, Head, Antitrust Division and Secretary (I/c), Competition Commission of India Panellists Dhanendra Kumar, former Chairperson, Competition Commission of India Augustine Peter, former Member, Competition Commission of India Abha Yadav, Assistant Professor of Law, National Law University, Delhi Beena Saraswathy, Assistant Professor, Institute for Studies in Industrial Development (ISID)
1630-1655	Q & A
1655-1700	Vote of Thanks Ujjwal Kumar, Associate Director, CUTS International and Deputy Head CUTS-CCIER
1700-1800	High Tea