

6th CUTS-CIRC Biennial Conference on Competition, Regulation and Development

MAKING COMPETITION AND REGULATORY REGIMES MATTER IN INCREASINGLY ONLINE DEVELOPING WORLD

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Multipurpose Hall, Kamaladevi Complex
India International Centre
New Delhi

Agenda

DAY I: SUNDAY, 1 DECEMBER 2019

17:30–18:00 • Registration

18:00–20:00 • Opening Session

Setting the Context: Role of Competition and
Regulation in Fostering Development and
Reducing Inequalities

Chair

- Pradeep Mehta, Secretary General, CUTS International

Speakers

- Sangeeta Verma, Member, Competition Commission of India
- George K. Lipimile, Director and Chief Executive Officer, COMESA Competition Commission
- Amit Kapoor, Honorary Chairman, Institute for Competitiveness
- David J. Gerber, University Distinguished Professor, Chicago-Kent College of Law
- Baijayant 'Jay' Panda, National Vice President and Spokesperson, Bhartiya Janata Party and Former MP, India
- Arvind Mayaram, Chairman, CUTS Institute for Regulation and Competition & Former Finance Secretary, Government of India

20:00 onwards • Dinner

DAY II: MONDAY, 2 DECEMBER 2019

09:00–09:30 • Registration

09:30–11:00 • Session 1

Putting our Fears on the Table:

An Honest Assessment of Challenges Posed by
the Online Economy and Responses Thereto

Chair

- Rene Van Berkel, Representative - Regional Office, India, United Nations Industrial Development Organization

Presenters

- Caron Beaton-Wells, Professor, The University of Melbourne
- Raju Parakkal, Associate Professor, Thomas Jefferson University

Discussants

- Barak Y. Orbach, Professor, University of Arizona James E. Rogers College of Law
- Jonathan Wong, Chief of Technology and Innovation, UN Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific
- Payal Malik, Adviser (Economics) & Head Economics Division, Competition Commission of India
- Thomas Cheng, Associate Professor, The University of Hong Kong

11:00–11:30 • Tea

11:30–13:00 • Session 2

The Special Case of Developing Economies: Are they Uniquely Placed in Online Economy? What Measures Can They Formulate to Leverage Online Economy for Sustainable Development?

Chair

- Amit Kapoor, Honorary Chairman, Institute for Competitiveness

Presenters

- David J. Gerber, University Distinguished Professor, Chicago-Kent College of Law
- Garima Sodhi, Senior Fellow, CUTS Institute for Regulation & Competition

Discussants

- Joel Abraham, CEO, Fijian Competition and Consumer Commission
- Seema Gaur, Chief Economic Adviser, Department of Rural Development, Government of India
- Janis Racko, Member of the Council, The Competition Council of Latvia
- Kusha Haraksingh, Immediate Past Chairman and Commissioner, Caricom Competition Commission
- Duangthip Chomprang, Director, International Institute for Trade and Development

13:00–14:00 • Lunch

14:00–15:30 • Session 3

Interface Between Competition Regime and Sector Specific
Regimes in Online Economy: Challenges and
Opportunities in Developing Economies

Chair

- George K. Lipimile, Director and Chief Executive Officer, COMESA Competition Commission

Presenters

- Ryohei Yoshinari, Assistant Director (ICN matters), Japan Fair Trade Commission
- Pierre Horna, Legal Affairs Officer, Competition and Consumer Policies Branch, UNCTAD

Discussants

- Sayanti Chakrabarti, Joint Director (Economics), Competition Commission of India
- Geeta Gouri, Former Member, Competition Commission of India
- Abdullah Hussain, Partner, L&L Partners
- Peter Misiani Mwencha, Lecturer, Kenyatta University

15:30–16:00 • Tea

16:00–17:00 • Closing Session

Gazing at the Crystal Ball: The Way Forward for Online Economy
in Developing World for Sustainable Development

Chair

- Arvind Mayaram, Chairman, CUTS Institute for Regulation and Competition & Former Finance Secretary, Government of India

Speakers

- Rathin Roy, Director, National Institute of Public Finance and Policy
- Amit Kapur, Joint Managing Partner, J. Sagar Associates
- Allan Asher, Chair, Foundation for Effective Markets & Governance
- Bipul Chatterjee, Executive Director, CUTS International