

World Competition Day 2016

5th December

03:30-06:00pm | Cypress Hall, India Habitat Centre | New Delhi, India

Theme 2016: "Linkages between Competition and Intellectual Property"

December 5th 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 on 5th December 2010. One of the important advocacy campaigns spearheaded by CUTS International since 2010 is the observance of the World Competition Day on 5th December. 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.

Given above background, this seminar is being organised by CUTS International in collaboration with CUTS Institute for Regulation & Competition (CIRC) to celebrate the World Competition Day 2016. This year, the theme for WCD 2016 is "Linkages between Competition and Intellectual Property".

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03:30–04:00pm	Registration & Networking Tea
04:00–04:10pm	Welcome Remarks: Dr. Arvind Mayaram , IAS(R), (Former Finance Secretary of India), Chairman, CUTS Institute for Regulation & Competition (CIRC)
04:10–04:30pm	Key Note Address: Dhanendra Kumar , Former Chairperson, Competition Commission of India
	E-Publication Release: Interface between Competition and Intellectual Property Rights
04:30–05:45pm	Panel Discussion: “Promoting Innovation and dissemination of technology for increased economic growth through Intellectual Property and Competition” In this knowledge economy, innovation is a leading factor to ensure competitiveness, economic growth, and job creation. Technology plays a pivotal role as it facilitates access and makes networks more valuable for consumers. Technology sectors can also raise regulatory challenges because they often rely on patented technologies. Keeping in view objective of patents, a tension can arise because patents protect the owner’s exclusionary right to exploit an innovation, while technology is meant for widespread use. Technology dissemination and access will promote access and will help in building new interfaces for producers and consumers to interact. Contemporary challenges faced by India will be deliberated by the following panellists. Chair and Moderator: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pradeep S Mehta, Secretary General, CUTS International Panellists: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Amitabh Kumar, Partner, J. Sagar Associates and Member, Governing Council, CIRC • Anil K Bhardwaj, Advisor Economics, Competition Commission of India • J Sai Deepak, Law Chambers of J. Sai Deepak • Santanu Mukherjee, Partner, Luthra & Luthra Law Offices and Chairman IP & Policy Regulatory Section of Indian National Bar Association (INBA)
05:45–06:00pm	High Tea