

International Conference on
Quality of Regulation: Case Research and Analysis

Date: Saturday, 27 March 2010

Time: 0900 – 1500 hours

Venue: Conference Room, III, Annexe, India International Centre
40, Max Mueller Marg, New Delhi 110003

Context

Regulation or the steering of production/ consumption for the sake of augmenting social welfare is undertaken by various sectoral agencies with different immediate objectives. Thus, it is very difficult to develop an integrated and holistic framework for assessing the quality of regulation. Good quality of regulation is very important for the success of regulatory interventions in meeting their objectives.

Given the extreme usefulness of such a framework, CUTS International has undertaken a project, “**Quality of Regulation: Case Research and Analysis**” to demonstrate the use of a general model for assessing the quality of regulation which can be utilised by developing/developed countries in the near future.

The theoretical framework will involve an investigation into whether regulation is needed at all and use of a quantitative assessment technique and qualitative assessment methods which look at regulatory inputs or outcomes or both. There is enough flexibility in this approach for operating within the constraints imposed by the availability of data and information.

Three country papers have been commissioned - one each for Asia (India), Africa (Kenya) and Latin America (Brazil) to provide a comprehensive picture of the state of regulation in these regions. These papers will assess the quality of regulation in selected sectors and the findings will be collated and major lessons from these presented in a synthesis report.

The same two sectors -- petroleum and natural gas, and electricity -- will be covered by each country paper. Within petroleum and natural gas, the relative emphasis on the quality of regulation of each component (petroleum versus natural gas) will be determined by its relative importance in the national economy and the regulatory complexity involved.

The study would contain a discussion of the nation’s political and economic environment/setup as quality of regulation needs to be assessed in the context of the realities thus highlighted

Programme

0900 to 0930	Registration & Tea
0930 to 0945	Welcome and Introduction S L Rao, Chairman, ISEC, India Siddhartha Mitra, CUTS International
0945 - 1045	Sector Study on Kenya
<i>Speaker</i>	David Ong'olo, Spellman & Walker Co. Ltd., Kenya
<i>Chair</i>	S L Rao, Chairman, ISEC, India
<i>Panellists</i>	Steve Thomas, PSIRU, The University of Greenwich, UK Sudha Mahalingam, Petroleum & Natural Gas Regulatory Board, India
1045 - 1145	Sector Study on India
<i>Speaker</i>	Payal Malik, University of Delhi, India
<i>Chair</i>	V K Mathur, Inapex Limited, India
<i>Panellists</i>	Devendra Kodwani, The Open University, UK Jaivir Singh, Jawaharlal Nehru University, India
1145 - 1200	TEA BREAK
1200 - 1300	Sector Study on Brazil
<i>Speaker:</i>	Eduardo Luiz Machado, Regulatory Expert, Brazil
<i>Chair</i>	S Chakravarthy, Adviser on Competition Policy and Law of India
<i>Panellists</i>	V Ranganathan, IIM Bangalore, India T L Sankar, Administrative Staff college of India
1300-1400	LUNCH
1400-1500	Rapporteur's Presentation & Way Forward Siddhartha Mitra, CUTS International Cezley Sampson, Privatisation & Regulatory Consultant, Jamaica