

A Seminar on  
**“Regulatory Reform and Building Governance Capacities in India”**  
 Long Champ Hall, Taj Mahal Hotel, Mansingh Road, New Delhi  
**AGENDA**

Thursday, 3 December 2009	
1430 - 1500	<i>Registration</i>
15:00 – 15:15	<p>Opening remarks by OECD and India</p> <p><b>Mr. Richard Boucher</b> Deputy Secretary General, OECD</p> <p><b>Mr. Arun Maira</b> Member, Planning Commission of India</p> <p><b>Ms. Geeta Gouri</b> Member, Competition Commission of India</p>
15:15 – 16:45	<p><b>Session 1: Regulatory Reform and India's Regulatory Environment</b></p> <p><i>Moderator:</i></p> <p><b>Mr. Rolf Alter</b> Director, Public Governance and Territorial Development Directorate, OECD</p> <p><i>Presenter:</i></p> <p><b>Mr. Siddhartha Mitra</b> Director (Research), CUTS Centre for International Trade, Economics &amp; Environment</p> <p><b>Mr. Nick Malyshev</b> Senior Counsellor, Public Governance and Territorial Development Directorate, OECD</p> <p><i>Panel:</i></p> <p><b>Mr. Vijay Mathur</b> Former Chairman, Airports Authority and Chief Managing Director, Inapex Ltd.</p> <p><b>Ms. Geeta Gouri</b> Member, Competition Commission of India</p> <p>This session will focus on better understanding the context and issues that influence the success of regulatory reform. It will focus on understanding the interrelationship between regulatory reform and good governance more generally. This session will consider the degree to which reform programmes have assessed the capacity of government and the existing levels of intra-government communication in order to determine the relevance and appropriateness of different tools and approaches. The session will also examine India's regulatory environment and assess where and how regulatory barriers need to be reduced.</p> <p>As background information for this session, the OECD will circulate the study <i>The Evolution of Regulatory Policy in OECD Countries and Regulatory Management</i></p>

	<i>and Reform in India</i> (prepared in co-operation with CUTS International).
16:45– 17:00	<b>Coffee Break</b>
17:00 – 18:00	<p><b>Session 2: Identifying strategies for improving regulatory performance.</b></p> <p><b>Moderator:</b></p> <p><b>Mr. Greg Bounds</b> Policy Analyst, Regulatory Policy Division, OECD</p> <p><b>Panel:</b></p> <p><b>Mr. Arun Maira</b> Member-Industry, Planning Commission of India</p> <p><b>Mr. Mukesh Kacker</b> Director General, CUTS Institute for Regulation and Competition and former Joint Secretary, Government of India</p> <p><b>Ms. Payal Malik</b> Associate Professor of Economics, Delhi University and Adviser, Indicus Analytics</p> <p>The 2005 OECD Guiding Principles for Regulatory Quality and Performance emphasize the need for a coherent whole of government approach to create a regulatory environment that is favorable to the creation and growth of firms, investment and international trade. The design of regulation needs to take account of market conditions and meet the public interest. OECD Countries have used these principles and the analytical resources of the OECD to evaluate and improve their systems for regulatory management and achieve better regulatory outcomes.</p> <p>This session aims to identify particular challenges to the delivery of quality regulatory outcomes in India. It will draw on the analytical work of the OECD on the causes of regulatory failure and principles of regulatory quality. Topics will include; the use of evidence based approaches to policy development, reducing the burden of regulation on business, and institutional frameworks for improving regulatory outcomes.</p> <p>The session will also draw on contributions from regulators who will provide examples from specific regulatory sectors, and identify for discussion areas for improvement in regulatory processes.</p> <p>The OECD will circulate and present a recent OECD publication <i>Regulatory Impact Analysis: A Tool for Policy Coherence</i>.</p>
18:00 – 18:15	<p>Closing remarks</p> <p><b>Mr. Rolf Alter</b> Director, Public Governance and Territorial Development, OECD</p>