

International Conference on Competition Law

Competition law – an effective tool for
making markets work for inclusive growth

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"Competition law is an instrument of national economic and social transformation. It awakens incumbents, spurs innovation and boosts entrepreneurship thus making markets work equitably for everyone."

Justice P N Bhagwati
former Chief Justice of India,
former Chairman, UN Human Rights
Commission

Invitation

Dear All,

One of the primary aims of competition is to diffuse socioeconomic power of the incumbents and broaden the economic and social base by encouraging participation of new entrants and thus, fostering innovation and growth. It improves consumer welfare by stirring up inter-firm rivalry that compels each firm to excel to satisfy the customer by offering better deals and newer products with superior quality at lower prices.

Competition law has been one of the fastest growing areas of economic laws worldwide as around 108 countries have already adopted it. These include emerging economies like China, Thailand, Korea, Malaysia, Singapore and Vietnam where stringent competitive regulation is considered to be a constructive step to the development of market economy.

The upcoming International Conference on Competition Law organised by the World Council on Corporate Governance in association with India's International Academy of Law aims to examine the status of competition law in various jurisdictions with particular reference to India and the emerging economies where it is being increasingly viewed as an instrument for inclusive growth.

India has been rightly selected as the venue of the conference as it has got a new competition law - Competition Act 2002 as amended in 2007. It has also established the Competition Commission of India with effect from October 2003 and has commenced enforcement of the law with effect from 20 May 2009. As a consequence, Indian companies are keen to truly understand the role of the competition law and its impact on their day-to-day operations.

The conference aims to disseminate state of the art information and practice on competition law in various jurisdictions and provide a learning experience for the Indian and foreign companies, law firms, regulatory and judicial authorities and other stakeholders. It also aims to provide a blueprint on how competition law and policy can be evolved to become a powerful tool for fair and competitive markets that, in turn, promote inclusive growth.

I look forward to welcoming you at the conference.

Yours faithfully,

Justice P N Bhagwati
Chairman, International Academy of Law



THEME

Competition Law – an effective tool for making markets work for inclusive growth

OBJECTIVES

- To analyse and examine the role of competition law in various jurisdictions worldwide.
- To create awareness among the Indian industry of the role of new competition law and its impact on their businesses
- To create awareness among the foreign companies having business interest in India on the role of Competition Act and its impact on their businesses.
- Identify differences and commonalities between competition law in India and other mature jurisdictions.
- Developing a road map for companies to comply with requirements of Indian Competition Act
- Develop guidance for the competition authorities, government organizations, regulatory bodies and judicial functionaries based on state of the art practices in dealing with violations of competition law and dealing with abuse of dominance and exclusionary conduct
- Development of Competition Law and Policy – The Road Ahead

CONFERENCE STRUCTURE

In keeping with strongly solution-oriented focus, the conference follows a format to allow, to encourage, participants to contribute in a choice of different ways. Panel discussions and Working groups will be established to address key questions.

The findings of each group will be presented and distilled into a volume of Conference proceedings to be distributed among relevant institutions and marketed as the definitive text – with recommendations and guidelines – at the leading edge of global competition law thinking.

BUSINESS OPPORTUNITY FOR LAW FIRMS ENGAGED IN COMPETITION LAW

As such Competition Law is the fastest growing area of economic laws in emerging economies. ICCL will have a large attendance of Indian and international companies who are keen to understand the law. ICCL is an unparalleled, opportunity to project and profile your company's strengths in Competition Law by sponsoring the conference and tap business in the emerging economies.

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GENERAL INFORMATION

Venue : Hotel Le Meridian, New Delhi

Date : 6 -7 November, 2009

Timings : 0900 to 1800 hrs

Language : English

Hotel Accommodation: Limited accommodation has been reserved to

be booked on first come first served basis.

OUTLINE PROGRAMME*

FRIDAY, 06 NOVEMBER 2009

0830 – 0930 Registration

Plenary 1

0930 – 1030 Opening session

1030 – 1045 Coffee break

Plenary 2

1045-1145 Workshop on Competition Law:

- Why competition law
- Economic fundamentals of competition law
- The scope and ambit of competition law
- Social objective of competition law
- Non-efficiency objective of competition law

1145 – 1300 Overview of the Indian Competition Act, 2002

1300 – 1400 Lunch

1400 – 1500 Vertical agreements and competition concerns

1500 – 1600 Abuse of dominance and exclusionary conduct

1600 – 1615 Coffee break

1615 – 1715 Horizontal restraints and competition concerns

1715 – 1830 Mergers and Acquisitions

1830 – 2100 Dinner and cultural programme

Day Two

0930 – 1030 Investigating cartels - Analysis of case studies

1030 – 1045 Coffee break

1045 – 1130 Challenges in implementation of Competition Law - How companies can ensure compliance

1130 – 1230 Perspectives on competition law from mature jurisdictions like EU, US etc

1230 – 1300 Competition advocacy & corporate governance

1300 – 1400 Lunch

1400 – 1500 Development and implementation of Competition Law in neighboring jurisdictions like China, Japan, South Korea, Vietnam & Thailand

1500 – 1515 Coffee Break

1515 – 1630 Competition Law and policy - IPR, innovation, social change

1630 – 1730 Competition Law - the Road Ahead

Panellists from Competition Law experts, adjudicating authorities & appellate authorities.

*Programme is subject to change notice

