

**5th CUTS-CIRC Biennial Conference on Competition,
Regulation & Development**

Jaipur, 9–11 November, 2017

FOSTERING INNOVATION FOR SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT
**Revisiting Intellectual Property Rights, Competition from the lens of Optimal
Regulation**
GLOBAL CALL FOR PAPERS

1. Introduction

CUTS International and CIRC invite papers for the **Vth CUTS-CIRC Biennial Conference** on Competition, Regulation & Development. The conference aims to discuss the role of regulation and competition in creating appropriate incentives for fostering innovation for sustainable development.

The **background note** for the conference is available at: <https://goo.gl/pFfby9>

Papers are invited for **Plenary Sessions 1-4**. Each plenary will have 2 slots (*Number is tentative*) reserved for paper presentations (15 minutes for each presentation). The presentations will be succeeded by a moderated panel discussion (45 minutes) and an open floor discussion (15 minutes).

The organisers invite interested scholars/practitioners to submit a **500 word abstract**, on any of the **four plenary sessions** of the conference.

Subject to conditions, authors of **selected conference papers** will be provided an opportunity to participate in the conference, with a possibility of presenting their papers in the plenary sessions. Authors of selected papers would be supported by the organisers to participate in the conference. Support would be available in terms of air travel, accommodation and meals at the conference venue. Such papers, which may not be selected for presentation at the conference, could be published in a volume.

2. Important Deadlines

All contributions should be submitted to Mr Ashutosh Soni (ash@cuts.org) and Mr Parveer Singh Ghuman (psg@cuts.org). Last date for **submission of Abstract** (500 words) along with a brief **CV** (not more than two pages) is **Friday, 15th April, 2017**. Communication to authors of **successful Abstracts** will be done by end **April or mid-May 2017**.

The Last date of **submission of Full Conference paper** (3,000 to 4,000 words, excluding footnotes and annexures) is **30^h June 2017**.

3. Other Important Issues

Authors are requested to mention the specific 'Plenary' their paper is expected to be based on. Multiple submissions from single author are permissible. However, no author will have an opportunity to present more than one paper.

Preference will be given to forward looking, innovative and provocative ideas that challenge the status-quo, within the chosen themes. Papers grounded in research and evidence, offering novel insights, and suggesting out-of-box solutions will have greater possibility of selection.

Co-authorship is allowed. In case of successful selection, only one of the co-authors would be invited to present the paper at the conference. Selection of abstract or full conference paper does not guarantee a right to participate or present a paper in the conference. Judgement of organisers with respect to selection of abstracts and full conference paper will be final and not subject to challenge.

All selected papers would be compiled into an e-volume that would be subsequently published by CUTS and CIRC and disseminated globally. Submission of an article/abstract implies that the author(s) accepts the organisers' right to publish, use and disseminate the same.