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The Symposium is being organised by CUTS to deliberate on research findings that emerge in the first cycle of the Competition, Regulation and Development Research Forum (CDRF) project. Research papers would focus on political economy and governance constraints that developing countries face in implementing their competition and regulatory regimes.

Programme is spread over two and half days which includes the *Inaugural* in the evening on March 22, 2007 (Day One) followed by reception. Among the dignitaries, Dr Supachai Panitchpakdi (Secretary General, UNCTAD), Ernesto Zedillo (Former President of Mexico and Head, Yale Centre for the Study of Globalisation, USA) and Kamal Nath (Minister of Commerce & Industry, India) would be the high profile speakers at this inaugural session. This voltaic and rejuvenating evening would serve as the curtain raiser for the brainstorming sessions that would sequence in the following two days.

The *second* and *third* day of the symposium (i.e. March 23rd and 24th, 2007) would deliberate on substantive issues in a focused manner. The sessions are structured in the format of panel discussions for the research papers, where authors would make presentations on key findings of their papers. This will be followed by comments from panellists and participants, thus making each session very interactive. Parallel sessions, corresponding to the three sectors: electricity, telecom and financial services, would be organised on the third day. For finer details of the agenda please visit: www.circ.in/agenda-cdrf.htm

About **20 Research Papers** would be deliberated upon, in the symposium. These papers cover experiences of wide-range of developing countries including South Africa, Namibia, Kenya, Zambia, India, Pakistan, Sri Lanka, Bangladesh, Bhutan, Argentina, Brazil, Chile, Mexico, CARICOM Countries, Fiji, Turkey, Serbia, Malta, etc.

About **35 experts** have confirmed their participation as panellists. To view panellists' names click on <http://www.circ.in/panelists.htm>

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