

11th WINTER SCHOOL ECONOMICS OF COMPETITION LAW

With focus on Least Developed Countries (LDCs)

10 Live Sessions | 5-15 October 2026 | 20+ Hourse Expert Learning | Virtual Mode

BACKGROUND AND RATIONALE

Building on the success of its previous 10 editions, this intensive programme equips policymakers, regulators, legal practitioners, and development professionals with the economic foundations of competition law through the lens of Least Developed Countries (LDCs) in Asia and Africa.

Organised by the CUTS Institute for Regulation & Competition (CIRC), the research and capacity-building arm of CUTS International, this programme combines rigorous academic learning with regional case studies and practical regulatory insights. It empowers participants to design and implement competition policies that foster inclusive, resilient, and competitive markets in developing economies.

COURSE OBJECTIVES

Upon successful completion of the programme, participants will be able to:

- Understand core economic concepts underpinning competition law, including market power, consumer welfare, collusion, abuse of dominance, and vertical restraints, and apply them in the context of LDC market realities.
- Evaluate competition policy frameworks by critically assessing whether existing legal and regulatory approaches adequately address structural challenges such as informality, concentrated markets, state-owned enterprises, and digital transformation.
- Analyse competition cases from Asia and Africa using relevant economic tools to identify anti-competitive conduct, assess market dynamics, and evaluate enforcement outcomes.
- Assess institutional and enforcement challenges faced by competition authorities in LDCs and identify practical strategies for strengthening institutional capacity, regulatory effectiveness, and policy credibility.
- Develop evidence-based policy recommendations by formulating context-specific approaches to competition law reform, enforcement priorities, and market governance suited to the economic and institutional realities of LDCs.

TARGET AUDIENCE

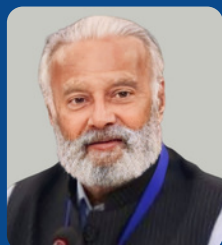
- Competition authority and sector regulator officers
- Legal practitioners in competition and trade law
- Economists, policy analysts and government officials
- Regional economic community and development organisation staff
- Researchers, faculty and think-tank professionals
- Law, Economics and Public Policy students

FACILITATION AND EXPERT RESOURCE PERSONS

Guest experts will ensure geographic diversity and contribute practical enforcement experience, grounding economic concepts in real-world competition law case studies and practice.



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PROGRAMME OVERVIEW

Programme Structure

The programme comprises ten live sessions delivered over two weeks (5+5 days), with one two-hour session each day. Designed as an intensive and interactive learning experience, it progressively builds participants' understanding from core economic principles to practical competition policy analysis through lectures, case studies, and discussions.

SESSION OVERVIEW

Day	Day-Date	Session Title
Day 1	Monday, 5th October 2026	Foundations: Understanding Competition Economics in LDCs context
Day 2	Tuesday, 6th October 2026	Market Power and Monopoly in Resource-Dependent Economies
Day 3	Wednesday, 7th October 2026	Cartels and Collusion: Evidence from Asia and Africa
Day 4	Thursday, 8th October 2026	Merger Control in Small and Concentrated Markets
Day 5	Friday, 9th October 2026	Consumer Welfare vs. Development Goals: The Standard Debate
Day 6	Saturday, 10th October, 2026	Digital Markets and Platform Economics in the Global South
Day 7	Monday, 12th October, 2026	Agriculture, Food Markets, and Competition Policy
Day 8	Tuesday, 13th October, 2026	Competition-Trade Nexus: Regional Integration and Market Access
Day 9	Wednesday, 14th October 2026	Institutional Design: Building Effective Competition Authorities
Day 10	Thursday, 15th October 2026	Sector-Specific Regulation: Telecoms, Banking, and Energy

TIME(IST): 4:30 PM TO 6:00 PM

PEDAGOGICAL DESIGN

The course adopts a multi-modal pedagogical approach that integrates conceptual grounding with applied practice. Learning is delivered through interactive lectures and discussions, case study analysis, comparative analysis of competition law regimes and enforcement experiences, and participant-led exchanges, enabling participants to connect economic theory with real-world policy challenges. All methods are designed to be directly relevant to the professional contexts of participants, prioritising transferable analytical and problem-solving skills over rote knowledge transmission.

Method	Description
Lecture + Discussion	Each session opens with a 45-minute conceptual lecture by a domain expert, followed by 30 minutes of structured Q&A and moderated peer discussion.
Case Study Workshop	Participants analyse real-world competition cases from Asia and Africa (20 minutes per session) using pre-circulated briefs, working in breakout groups.
Policy Simulation Exercise	Days 4, 6, and 9 feature live simulation exercises where participants role-play as competition authorities making enforcement decisions.
Comparative Jurisdiction Analysis	Participants are assigned comparative jurisdiction pairs (e.g., India vs. Kenya; Indonesia vs. Tanzania) and present findings in a plenary slot.
Daily Reflection & Synthesis	Each session concludes with a 10-minute structured synthesis, where the facilitator maps the day's learning to a running course framework diagram.

ASSESSMENT AND CERTIFICATION

The programme employs a continuous assessment model spread across the ten days, supplemented by two short written assignments. The assessment framework is designed to reward engagement, analytical thinking, and applied policy reasoning rather than mere retention.

Participants who complete at least six of the ten sessions and submit all required assessments will receive a Certificate of Completion. Those meeting the full assessment requirements with a passing standard will additionally receive a Certificate of Achievement.

FEES

Category	Indian Participants (INR)	International Participants (USD)	LDC Participants (USD)
Working Professional	₹23,482	\$495	\$395
Student	₹8,142	\$150	\$100

- * All fees are inclusive of applicable GST.
- * A discount will be provided for early bird and group registrations.
- * LDC rates are applicable only to participants from countries classified as Least Developed Countries (LDCs) by the United Nations. Proof of eligibility may be required.

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