

COMPETITION POLICY ALMANAC RECEIVES ACCOLADES AT UN CONFERENCE
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Frederic Jenny noted international competition expert observed while releasing the book, "Competition Regimes in the World - A Civil Society Report" that the volume is a unique contribution to competition literature. He added that the book would plug a significant knowledge gap relating to competition scenarios the world over. This book is a joint publication of CUTS International and the International Network of Civil Society Organisations on Competition (INCSOC).

Members of the international competition community participating in United Nation's Fifth Review Conference on Competition in Antalya, Turkey, where the book was released were eager to grab a copy of it.

The book presents a compilation of brief country essays on competition regimes from across the world and covers 117 jurisdictions. The publication comprises of the voluntary contribution of country essays by various INCSOC (International Network of Civil Society Organisations on Competition) members, experts and practitioners on the subject.

INCSOC was floated by several civil society organizations in 2003 and currently has a membership base of 105 from 53 countries.

Pradeep S Mehta, Secretary General of CUTS and editor of the volume emphasized the role that civil society organizations need to play for strengthening competition regimes.

George Lipimile, Executive Director of Zambia Competition Commission observed that the book is possibly the first attempt to present together competition scenario of so many developing countries. Gesner Oliveira a competition expert and former Head of the Brazilian competition authority observed that the uniqueness of the book lies in the fact that it analyses the competition process in the informal sector which comprises a significant part of the economy in many developing countries.

By reading the book, one can know about 150 years of evolution of competition law, along with its different aspects of legislation and implementation, opined Santiago Roca of the Peruvian competition agency.

Allan Asher, co-chairperson of INCSOC observed that the book will serve as an important tool in the hands of consumer and other civil society activists, who are trying hard to get a better deal for the consumers in different parts of the world.

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