Program Name: Two weeks Online Capacity Building Program for Regulatory Officials of FOIR Member Organizations.
Program Date: 13th September- 24th September, 2021
Program Theme: **Shaping the Future of Regulations in Emerging Digital Era**
Online Session: Blackboard (LMS)
No. of participants: 36
Participant Profile: Officers of FOIR Member Organizations.

PROGRAM OUTLINE:

The Forum of Indian Regulators Centre at Indian Institute of Corporate Affairs has successfully conducted Two weeks Online Capacity Building Program for Regulatory Officials of FOIR Member Organizations between 13th September- 24th September, 2021. The theme of the training program was "**Shaping the Future of Regulations in Emerging Digital Era**". A total of thirty-six participants from different regulatory bodies such as TRAI, PNGRB, CERC and other State Electricity Commissions attended the online capacity building program. The programme focused on technological innovations and tools that can better the performance of the participants.

A total of ten sessions covered the pertinent areas over a course of two weeks on subjects relating to:
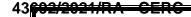
- Interface of Competition Law and AI Technology
- Indian Government's approach towards emerging technology
- Overview of challenges to regulators in emerging digital era
- Legal and regulatory framework for new emerging markets in digital era
- Use of data and digital tool to improve regulation
- Why blockchain is essential for regulators
- Regulatory Policy and COVID-19 pandemic
- Emerging technology and its interface with Electricity sector
- Using technology as a tool for better governance.
- Internet of Things (IoT) & its regulations.

The pedagogy of the program was based on online class room sessions, interactive discussions for experiential learning and exercises based on case studies and problem based questions in order to make the session engaging and for helping those seeking answers to the challenging questions and aspects on the theme.

PROGRAM FLOW:

Governments and regulators play pivotal role in encouraging digital innovation and in incentivizing the development of these technologies for the benefit of the society. These organizations are bestowed with responsibility to foster broad public and consumer interests and curb any potential negative externalities of these developments by providing general rules that reflect societal values and preferences. Often, however, regulatory frameworks lack the agility to accommodate the increasing pace of technological developments. Digital technologies also challenge deeply the way governments regulate for instance, by blurring the traditional definition of markets; challenging enforcement; and by transcending administrative boundaries domestically and internationally. On the above note Dr. Abha gave brief background of the topic and mandate of the program.

Dr. (Prof.) G. S. Bajpai, Vice-chancellor, Rajiv Gandhi National University of Law, Punjab presided as chief guest in the inaugural ceremony held on 13th Sep, 2021. Dr. Bajpai while highlighting the importance of adapting to technological advancements in the regulatory sector addressed that the emerging technologies can bring with them adverse effects such as challenges in terms of data governance including emerging issues like data privacy, discrimination, or the ethical use of data. The experts engaged for delivering session included **Dr. Rolf Alter**, Member at United Nations Committee of Experts on Public Administration (UNCEPA); **Prof. Kati Cseres**, Associate Professor of Law at the Amsterdam Centre for European Law and Governance (ACELG)**; Mr. Ananth Padmanabhan**, Dean at Daksha Fellowship; Mr. Vikas Kanungo, Senior Consultant - Digital Development Global Practice, The World Bank; Mr. Ishan Roy, Head- Blockchain, Tamil Nadu E-governance, Agency); Prof. Anita Yadav, Associate Professor, Delhi University; Ganesan Umapathy, Advocate, Supreme Court of India, Dinesh Dayma, Assistant Professor of Law at Campus Law Centre, Faculty of Law, University of Delhi, New Delhi. Associate Professor; Dr. Geetanjali Batra, Associate Professor at Atal Bihari Vajpayee School of Management and Entrepreneurship and Dr. Abha Yadav, Director FOIR Centre IICA.

The participants appreciated the efforts put together by the team and the program content along with faculties on board for the training sessions. The certificate of successful competition of the capacity building program along with the academic kits will be sent by post to the organizations of the respective officers. The program was directed and moderated by Dr. Abha Yadav, Director FOIR Centre (IICA) and Associate Professor, School of Competition Law and Market Regulations.

Images of the participants and speakers during the online program: