

CHIEF REGULATORY OFFICERS MEETING

Colombo, Sri Lanka, 1st October 2012

Draft Concept Paper

Overview

The BDT created the Global Symposium for Regulators (GSR) in 2000 and Colombo, Sri Lanka will be host from 2nd to 4th October 2012 to the 12th edition of the event. The GSR has evolved over the years and has become the must-attend event for both policy makers and regulators.

In 2008, a new component was added to the GSR, in the form of a Global Industry Leaders Forum, taking place back to back with the GSR, and aiming at giving industry leaders the opportunity to debate and convey their views to GSR participants. The Forum evolved also over years, to become an integrated component of the GSR, fostering dialogue between industry representatives and regulators, in the form of the Global Regulators-Industry Dialogue (GRID) of the GSR.

This year, the GRID will take place during the first two days of the GSR, on 2nd and 3rd October, while the third and final day of GSR, on 4th October, will be reserved for regulators.

The BDT has decided to further enrich the GSR by adding a new discussion platform for Chief Regulatory Officers (CROs), and more generally executives in charge of public policies, institutional and government affairs. The first CROs meeting will take place on 1st October 2012, back to back with the GSR in Colombo, Sri Lanka.

Purpose

The CROs meeting aims at providing industry executives in charge of regulatory, public policy, governmental and institutional affairs with an opportunity to exchange views, opinions, and practices. By placing the meeting back to back with the GSR, the meeting also offers participants the possibility to prepare a common message to be conveyed (or not) during the GRID sessions of the GSR on the following day.

Format

The first CROs meeting will take place in the afternoon of the 1st October 2012 in Colombo, Sri Lanka (same venue as GSR).

The CROs meeting is reserved to ITU Sector Members industry representatives and therefore provides the relaxed and free-speech atmosphere of a peer-to-peer conversation.

The BDT will consult interested parties to identify a few themes. Following the consultation process, all participants will be informed ahead of the meeting and hence have the opportunity to prepare for the conversations. The BDT will provide secretariat support and will prepare, if so needed, a summary of the discussions for circulation among the participants (only).

The meeting will nevertheless remain as informal as requested to foster dialogue and creative approach.

Sustainability

With a view to limit the pressure on host country budgets, the BDT intends to make the CROs meeting self-sustainable. With this view, the meeting will be open to sponsorship and the CROs meeting will be included in the GSR visibility package.