Centre for Trade and Investment Law
Indian Institute of Foreign Trade, New Delhi

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Call for Experts

About CTIL

The Centre for Trade and Investment Law (CTIL) was established in the year 2016 by the Ministry of Commerce and Industry, Government of India, at the Indian Institute of Foreign Trade (IIFT). CTIL's primary objective is to provide sound and rigorous analysis of legal issues pertaining to international trade and investment law to the Government of India and other governmental agencies. The Centre has already created a dedicated pool of legal experts who routinely provide technical inputs to various agencies of the Government and work towards enhancing India's participation in international trade and investment negotiations and dispute settlement.

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CTIL is commissioning a study on the topic "**India's Compliance with UNCAC Obligations**."

India, as a State Party to the United Nations Convention against Corruption (UNCAC), has undertaken commitments to align its domestic legal framework with the Convention's obligations. Given India's expanding role in global trade and its engagement in multilateral initiatives such as the Indo-Pacific Economic Framework (IPEF) Pillar IV, ensuring strong anti-corruption compliance is essential.

While previous UNODC reports have acknowledged India's progress, a comprehensive mapping exercise evaluating India's legal and institutional frameworks vis-à-vis UNCAC obligations remains necessary. This study seeks to identify existing gaps, propose reforms, and develop actionable recommendations to strengthen India's anti-corruption framework.

The study will:

- Conduct a comprehensive mapping and comparative analysis of India's anti- corruption legal framework against UNCAC obligations;
- Assess compliance with key UNCAC provisions on preventive measures, criminalization, law enforcement, and international cooperation;
- Identify legislative and institutional gaps and evaluate the implementation of recommendations from previous UNODC reports;
- Develop actionable legal and policy recommendations for harmonizing India's framework with UNCAC requirements; and
- Provide insights to support India's engagement in multilateral anti-corruption initiatives, including IPEF Pillar IV.

Eligibility Criteria

CTIL intends to engage qualified experts, consultants, or research agencies based in India with relevant experience and expertise in areas such as anti-corruption law, international legal frameworks, compliance analysis, and governance reform. Specifically, applicants should demonstrate:

- Proficiency in conducting primary and secondary legal research;
- Prior experience in the field of anti-corruption policy, criminal law, or international law;
- Familiarity with the UNCAC framework and relevant UNODC evaluation methodologies;
- Possess quantitative and qualitative evaluation approaches;
- Experience in comparative legal analysis and institutional assessment; and
- Experience and sufficient reach to conduct detailed stakeholder consultations.

Application Details

In light of the outlined topic for the study, prospective experts are encouraged to submit their applications via email to ctiloffice@iift.edu with the subject line ***"India's Compliance with UNCAC Obligations"*** by **10th November 2026** along with Cover Letter, CVs and any other pertinent details for consideration.

The cover letter should indicate the relevant expertise and experience in the field of the study, as well as information on previous work or studies conducted by the expert. The cover letter should also indicate if the expert(s) will be conducting the study individually or as a firm or a consortium. The cover letter should include name, designation, experience and contact information of persons that the applicant intends to engage or who will be engaged in the preparation of the study. In case of firms or consortium, CVs of all persons that may work on the study must be included.

Further Process

After receipt of applications, CTIL will release the Request for Proposal (comprising of the object, purpose, scope, budget, conditions, etc.) for the study to respective eligible applicants, who will then be required to submit their bids/proposals comprising of technical and financial proposals. Upon evaluation of the proposals, CTIL shall issue a Letter of Intent to the selected Consultants. The study is expected to be completed within 12 weeks from the date of engagement

Contact Information

For queries and clarifications regarding the study or empanelment modalities, please write an email to ctiloffice@iift.edu with a copy to ridhish.ctil@iift.edu and harshita.ctil@iift.edu.