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

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Empanelment of Legal and Non-Legal Experts as Peer Reviewers for CTIL Commissioned Research Studies

About CTIL

The Centre for Trade and Investment Law (CTIL) was established in 2016 by the Ministry of Commerce and Industry, Government of India, at the Indian Institute of Foreign Trade (IIFT). The primary objective of CTIL is to provide sound, rigorous and comprehensive analysis of legal issues pertaining to international trade and investment law to the Government of India and other government agencies.

Since its establishment, CTIL has developed a dedicated pool of legal experts who regularly provide technical inputs and advisory support to various government agencies. The Centre also works towards strengthening India's participation in international trade and investment negotiations and dispute settlement proceedings.

Call for Experts

CTIL has commissioned and proposes to commission several research studies on contemporary and emerging issues of national and international relevance. In this regard, CTIL intends to constitute a panel of Peer Reviewers (Legal and Non-Legal Experts) comprising independent experts with relevant academic, professional and subject-matter expertise.

The empanelled experts will provide informed, timely and constructive feedback on the commissioned research studies, with a view to enhancing their quality, academic rigour, analytical depth and policy relevance. The panel will comprise experts from diverse disciplines, including law, economics, technology, environment and sustainability, public policy, political science and other related fields.

Areas of Expertise

The proposed studies will broadly cover the following themes:

- Trade, Investment and Free Trade Agreements
- Trade, Gender, Indigenous Peoples and Inclusivity
- Trade, Environment, Climate Change and Sustainable Development
- Government Procurement, International Commitments and Trade Regulation
- Critical Minerals, Critical Goods and Services, and Emerging Technologies

Application Details

Interested experts are invited to submit their applications through email to *ctiloffice@iift.edu on or before* ***22 November 2026,*** with the subject line:

"Application for Empanelment as Peer Reviewer – CTIL Research Studies"

The application should include the following documents and information:

Cover Letter: Briefly outlining the applicant's relevant expertise, qualifications and professional experience in the identified research themes, along with details of previous research, publications, assignments or studies undertaken in relevant areas.

Curriculum Vitae (CV): A detailed and updated CV highlighting academic qualifications, professional experience, research interests and relevant publications.

Mode of Engagement: The cover letter should clearly indicate whether the applicant intends to undertake the assignment individually or through a firm/consortium.

Team Details: In case of applications submitted by firms or consortia, details of the proposed team members, including their names, designations, qualifications, relevant experience and contact information, should be provided. CVs of all proposed team members who may be engaged in the preparation or review of the studies must also be enclosed.

Further Process

Following the receipt and preliminary assessment of applications, CTIL will issue a Request for Proposal (RFP) to the eligible and shortlisted applicants for the respective studies. The RFP will specify the objectives, scope of work, deliverables, timelines, budget, terms and conditions, and other relevant details of the assignment.

Empanelment shall not, by itself, guarantee the award of any particular research or peer-review assignment. Engagements will be made on a requirement basis, subject to the terms and conditions specified by CTIL.

Contact Information

For queries or clarifications regarding the proposed research studies or the empanelment process, interested applicants may write to:

Email:ctiloffice@iift.edu
Copy to: anshdha.ctil@iift.edu