



Capacity Building through Regulatory Networking

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Growth of Regulatory Associations

- Between 1990 and 2005, more than 200 regulatory commissions formed around the world (Brown, et al. 2006)
- Since 1990, at least 19 regulatory associations formed (Berg and Horrall 2008)
- Regional collaborative groups
- Treaty-based organizations
- Research Consortia

Motivation for Networks



- Physical Links and Coordination
- Regional Policy Coordination
- Global and Regional Interests
- Attract External Financing for Infrastructure
- Common Research Interests

Regulatory Network Outputs



- Events and meetings
- Data for benchmarking
- Public pronouncements
- Stakeholder material
- Capacity building for professional staff
- Best practice laws, procedures, and rules
- Regulatory network news
- Technical studies

Questions to Consider



- Motives of the founding leaders?
- Optimal funding sources?
- Ultimate objectives of those providing seed money?
- Embedding within larger organizations improve performance?
- Optimal region or size for network?
- Impacts of networking?
- Effective training programs?

Conclusions



- Regulatory networks are growing in number and scope
- Motivations for formation vary – often physically linked
- Regulatory networks can offer diverse benefits to members
- Addressing key questions can shape focus and speed attainment of goals

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