



Intergovernmental Group of Experts on Competition Law and Policy

Fifteenth session, 19–21 October 2016, Geneva, Switzerland

Capacity-building in competition law and policy

Friday, 21 October 2016 (11.30 a.m.–1 p.m.)

Palais des Nations, Room XVII (first floor)

This round table will focus on how to enhance the effectiveness of capacity-building in competition law and policy, and strengthen coordination in this regard among providers and recipients of technical cooperation.

Topics that may be considered include how to better identify and prioritize needs in this regard, how to strengthen the absorptive capacities of young competition authorities, how to strengthen dialogue among competition authorities, how to increase and better target resources mobilized for such purposes, the modes of delivery of technical assistance and the contributions that UNCTAD could make to strengthen action in this regard.

Accordingly, taking into consideration the long-standing experience of UNCTAD in providing capacity-building in competition Law and policy to developing countries and countries with economies in transition, as well as its new global strategy on capacity-building, this round table brings together experts and provides a discussion forum that brings together development partners and beneficiaries from all regions to share experiences, views and ideas on how to move forward on this vital issue.

To facilitate discussion, the secretariat proposes the following issues:

- (a) How might the effectiveness of capacity-building in competition law and policy in developing countries be enhanced?
- (b) How might coordination among providers and recipients of technical cooperation be strengthened?
- (c) How might the absorptive capacities of young competition authorities be strengthened, and the modes of delivery of technical assistance be enhanced?
- (d) How might dialogue among competition authorities be strengthened in order to increase and better target resources mobilized for such purposes, and what contributions might UNCTAD make to strengthen action in this respect?
- (e) What role might donors and other development partners play to make the approach mentioned above effective?
- (f) How might the new global strategy of UNCTAD be used as a key tool to enhance the effectiveness of capacity-building in competition law and policy for young competition authorities in developing countries?

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Work programme

11.30–11.40 a.m. **Presentation by UNCTAD secretariat**

11.40 a.m.–1 p.m. **Panel discussion**

Panellists

- Mr. Adama Diomande, Director, Competition, West African Economic and Monetary Union Commission
- Mr. Max Büge, Principal Adviser, Economic Policy Advice and Private Sector Development, Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit
- Mr. Sadaaki Suwazono, Director, International Affairs Division, Fair Trade Commission, Japan
- Ms. Giovana Hurtado, Director of the COMPAL School. INDECOPI, Peru.

12.30–1 p.m. **Interactive debate**

Including contributions by:

- Mr. Benjamin Chinhengo, Assistant Director, Competition and Tariff Commission, Zimbabwe
- Mr. Merkebu Zeleke, Director General, Trade Practice and Consumer Protection Authority, Ethiopia
- Mr. Pahouinde Kologo, Director, Competition and Consumer Commission, Ministry of Trade, Industry and Handicrafts, Burkina Faso

Delegates wishing to speak during the session are invited to inform the UNCTAD secretariat accordingly by contacting Mr. Yves Kenfack (yves.kenfack@unctad.org).