



Seventh Meeting of the UNCTAD Research Partnership Platform

Wednesday, 19th October 2016 (10:00 - 13:00)
Room XVII, Palais des Nations, Genève

Considering the important role of research and policy analysis in the development of appropriate policies and legislation responding to the challenges faced in the area of competition law and policy, and consumer protection, UNCTAD created the Research Partnership Platform (RPP) in 2010. RPP is an initiative that aims at contributing to the development of best practices in the formulation and effective enforcement of competition and consumer protection laws and policies so as to promote development.

RPP brings together researchers from research institutions, universities, competition authorities and civil society, and provides a platform where they can undertake joint research and other activities, exchange ideas on the issues and challenges in the area of competition and consumer protection faced particularly by developing countries and economies in transition.

The role of UNCTAD is to facilitate and provide guidance on the research and analysis undertaken by researchers within RPP, with a view to benefiting from the research findings in its technical assistance and capacity building activities. The research undertaken within the RPP would result in joint publications (research papers, policy briefs and research-based analytic notes) on competition law and policy, and consumer protection issues.

Since 2010, the members of the RPP, interested researchers and UNCTAD staff have come together at the margins of the annual session of the Intergovernmental Group of Experts on Competition Law and Policy, and exchange views on ongoing projects and discuss new research proposals.

Currently we have **twelve** active projects under the RPP. During this year's RPP meeting, we will discuss the developments within some of these projects and hear a number of new research project proposals.

For more information on RPP and the ongoing projects, visit the RPP website at:
<http://unctad.org/en/Pages/DITC/CompetitionLaw/ResearchPartnership/Research-Partnership-Platform-on-Competition-and-Consumer-Protection--.aspx>

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WORK PROGRAMME

10:00 - 10:10	Opening of the Seventh Meeting of the Research Partnership Platform
	Introductory remarks by Ebru Gökçe , Coordinator of the Platform and Economic Affairs Officer, Competition and Consumer Policies Branch, DITC, UNCTAD
10:10 – 11:25	PART I: PRESENTATIONS OF ONGOING PROJECTS
	<p>During this session, presentations on the progress made with some of ongoing projects and the preliminary findings will be given by the coordinators of these projects:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Dr. Iris Benohr, University of London School of Law <i>Financial Consumer Protection in the Banking Sector</i>• Dr. Ying Yu, Wolfson College, University of Oxford <i>Best Practices of Consumer Redress</i>• Laura Best, Nelson Mandela Metropolitan University School of Business Management <i>Incorporating Sustainability into Consumer Protection Policy</i>• Prof. Tania Zuniga-Fernandez, CEPIC, ESAN University, Peru <i>Competition and Concentration in Latin American Emerging Economies</i>• Dr. iur. Fabio Babey, Zurich University <i>Class Actions in Competition Law</i>
11:25 – 12:10	PART II: PRESENTATIONS OF NEW PROJECTS
	<p>During this session of the meeting, presentations will be made of the new projects initiated under the auspices of the platform, including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Dr. Marek Martyniszyn, Queen's University Belfast School of Law <i>Developing Countries' Experience with Extraterritoriality in Competition Law</i>• Marianela López-Galdos, Competition Law Center, George Washington Law School <i>Efficient Market Competition & Law Reforms: In Search of Synergies to Boost Development</i>

	<p>(a research project with Prof. William E. Kovacic)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dr. Sven Gallasch, University of East Anglia Law School and Centre for Competition Policy, and Dr. Mor Bakhoun, Max Planck Institute for Innovation and Competition <i>Increasing the Access to Affordable Medicine in Developing and Least Developed Countries: between regulation and competition</i>
12:10 – 12:55	PART III: PRESENTATIONS OF PARTNERS' RESEARCH
	<p>This part will be devoted to presentations by RPP partners of research complimentary to the work being carried out under the RPP, including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dr. Ying Yu, Wolfson College, University of Oxford <i>Due Process of Consumer Protection - Legal theoretical foundation of the revised United Nations Guidelines for Consumer Protection (UNGCP)</i> • Prof. Ariel Ezrachi, Centre for Competition Law and Policy, University of Oxford <i>'Virtual Competition - The Promise and Perils of the Algorithm-Driven Economy'</i>
12:55 – 13:00	Wrap-up and closing