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**ROUND TABLE ON CAPACITY BUILDING IN  
CONSUMER PROTECTION**

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# **ISSUES TO BE ADDRESSED**

**1. UNCTAD'S MANDATE ON CAPACITY-BUILDING IN CONSUMER PROTECTION**

**2. UNCTAD'S GLOBAL STRATEGY IN CAPACITY BUILDING**

**3. QUESTIONS FOR DISCUSSION**



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# 1. UNCTAD'S MANDATE ON CAPACITY-BUILDING IN CONSUMER PROTECTION

Section VII (B (e)) of the Resolution on Consumer Protection adopted by the General Assembly on 22 December 2015 requested UNCTAD "to provide capacity-building and technical assistance to developing countries and economies in transition in formulating and enforcing consumer protection laws and policies.



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## 2. UNCTAD'S GLOBAL STRATEGY IN CAPACITY BUILDING

- To ensure buy-in and commitment by beneficiary countries, all activities are planned and implemented with involvement by their competition and consumer protection agencies and other national, regional and global networks where appropriate.



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## 2. UNCTAD'S GLOBAL STRATEGY IN CAPACITY BUILDING cont..

- The strategy focuses on the following:
  - technical assistance for competition and consumer protection policy and regulation;
  - Creating an enabling environment for the private sector;
  - Competition neutrality;
  - Expanded regional focus; and
  - Follow-up and impact assessment of activities.



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## 2. UNCTAD'S GLOBAL STRATEGY IN CAPACITY BUILDING cont..

- ❑ Competition and consumer protection policies cross-cut these areas and seek to promote stable economic conditions, strengthen competitiveness, support trade diversification, mobilize domestic and foreign investment and improve basic infrastructure.
- ❑ Emphasis is placed on private sector development as a tool for promoting growth and reducing poverty.



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### **3. QUESTIONS FOR DISCUSSION**

**(a) What are the current needs in capacity building on consumer protection at national and regional level?**

**(b) What experience can we learn from the most successful existing capacity building initiatives on consumer protection?**

**(c) What role UNCTAD play in this area in the multilateral arena?**





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