BRAINSTORMING MEETING ON THE
ASEAN RESEARCH CENTRE FOR COMPETITION

26-27 September 2017 | Manila, Philippines

AGENDA

Under Goal 2 of ACAP 2025, the capacities of competition-related agencies in ASEAN Member States (AMS) are to be strengthened to effectively implement competition policy and law (CPL). A main plank of the outcomes under this goal is the enhancement of capacity in institutional development, enforcement, advocacy, economic analysis/sector studies and related policy areas. The initiatives under this strategic goal are oriented towards addressing capacity building gaps in view of ensuring certain set of skills or competencies for competition agencies and related actors (including, judges, lawyers, economists, among others).

In this connection, one of the action lines is the establishment of ASEAN Research Centre for Competition (previously alluded to as the ASEAN Competition Centre) to conduct regional research and training activities related to CPL. Currently, much of these capacity-building needs are met by dialogue partners, while some AMS, may have in-house training capability in addition to certain national universities or research institutes with training and research capabilities in competition law, which can support the work of AMS' competition agencies as necessary.

Time	Session	Responsible Party
Day 1 (Tuesday, 26 September 2017)		
08:30 – 9:00	Registration	
09:00 –09:20	**Welcome Remarks** ▪ **PCC representative** ▪ Ms. Sita Zimpel, GIZ Principal Advisor, CPL II Project	
09:20 – 09:30	**Presentation: The ASEAN Competition Action Plan and Research/Capacity Building Needs of ASEAN Member States** *This brief session serves to provide a general overview of the structure and scope of the regional competition agenda, as enshrined in the ASEAN Competition Action Plan (ACAP) 2016-2025, and to provide an overview of the capacity building and research needs under the Plan and ASEAN in general.*	**Sarah Firdaus, ASEAN Secretariat**
09:30 – 10:30	**Introduction: Towards the ASEAN Research Centre for Competition (ARCC): Key Considerations and Challenges**	**Dr. Julian Nowag, Lead Facilitator**

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	The session will highlight the main issues to be addressed in setting up the ARCC including the objectives, functions, institutional set-up, funding requirements, and the differing modalities in establishing an ARCC (virtual or physical centre) taking into account practices in other jurisdictions	
10:30 – 10:45	***Tea Break and Photo Session***	
10:45 – 11.30	**Presentation by UNCTAD** on experiences on regional and other models including [Centro Regional de Competencia para América Latina](#) (CRCAL).	**Pierre Horna, UNCTAD**
11:30 – 12:30	Presentation by ASEAN Academic Expert involved in participating in a competition Network highlighting their experiences and expectations of the ASEAN Competition Research Center	**Ms Mirna Austria, De La Salle University,** **Indonesia**
12:30 – 14:00	***Lunch***	
14:00-15:30	**Presentations by AMS** *AMS to present their national competition research and training requirements and their expectations of the ARCC in serving both national and regional objectives. AMS should also include information on existing institutions/entities engaged in CPL research and training and possible roles these institutions can undertake in contributing to an ARCC.* *(*Note – Indonesia to include Academic Network on Competition; Singapore to include the presentation on the virtual ASEAN Competition Research Centre; and Viet Nam's Virtual Competition Network).*	**AMS Representatives**
15:30 – 17:00	**Breakout Discussion: Conceptual/Methodological Questions** *The breakout session (2 groups) will examine key issues in the setting up of an ARCC and the scope of the feasibility study:* **Roles and Function of the Center:** ▪ *What are the objectives of establishing*	**Facilitated by Dr. Julian Nowag, Lead Facilitator and Pierre Horna, UNCTAD**

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	the ARCC? Including the mission and vision. ▪ *What are the roles and responsibilities of the Center? Including the possibility of carrying out possible training roles in addition to research activities.* ▪ *How can the Center facilitate AEGC in their work? How should the ARCC set their annual work plan? What is the relationship between the AEGC and the ARCC? Delegation of work and reporting requirements to the AEGC?* ▪ *Identify the roles and responsibilities of AEGC, the Center and the host.* ▪ *Can the work published by the ARCC be attributed to the AEGC or will there be flexibilities for researchers to publish their own work using the ARCC's facilities and platforms (i.e: publications, websites, conferences, etc).* ▪ *What topics are of common interest among Member States (e.g. prioritized sectors for joint or parallel sector studies that in turn can guide enforcement and advocacy actions across the region or training/capacity building)?* ▪ *Identify training and research capacities of existing research institutions and universities in ASEAN;* ▪ *How can these relevant research and/or training institutions be more closely engaged in the future, possibly within the framework of an ARCC?* *(Tea Break will be served in Meetings)*	
17:00 – 17:30	**Reporting from the Group Discussions** *Each group will have approx. 10-15 minutes to report about the results of their discussions and subsequently engage in Q&A.* All participants	**All Participants**
17:30 – 17:40	Wrap up of Day 1	**Lead Facilitator**
18:00 – 19:00	***Welcome Dinner***	
Day 2 (Wednesday, 27 September 2017)		

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08:30 – 09:00	*Registration*	-
9:00 – 09:30	**Presentation by ASEAN Center for Biodiversity** followed by Q&A	**ACB representative**
09:00 – 10:30	**Breakout Discussion: Conceptual/Methodological Questions** **Structural Framework:** ▪ *Establish new or use existing research and/or training institutions (e.g. think tanks, centres in the law/economics faculties of universities, public or private academic institutions, research institutes), including linkage with the proposed virtual ASEAN Competition Research Centre?* ▪ *Modality for the ARCC – virtual or physical centre or network of centres?* ▪ *What are possible formal or administrative modalities and knowledge-sharing mechanisms for such an engagement, and what could be a possible structure or set-up for the ARCC?* ▪ *How to ensure the institutional sustainability of the ARCC (e.g. funding sources, work assignments and resources, high quality and standard for work)?* *Line of reporting, funding arrangements.*	**Facilitated by Dr. Julian Nowag, Lead Facilitator and Pierre Horna, UNCTAD**
10:30 – 10:45	*Coffee Break*	-
10:45 – 11:30	**Reporting from the Group Discussions** *Each group will have approx. 10-15 minutes to report about the results of their discussions and subsequently engage in Q&A.* All participants	**All Participants**
11:30 – 12.30	**Presentation: Outline of the ARCC Issues and Challenges and Draft TOR for the Feasibility Study on the ASEAN Research Center for Competition**	**Dr. Julian Nowag, Lead Facilitator**
12:30 – 14:00	*Lunch*	-

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14:00 – 15:30	**Exchange of Views and Discussion on the TOR of the ARCC Feasibility Study**	**All Participants**
15:30 – 15:45	**Wrap up and Way Forward**	**ASEAN Secretariat**
15:45-16:15	**Closing Remarks**	**AEGC Chair, PCC, GIZ**