



Fifth Meeting of the Research Partnership Platform (RPP)

Friday, 11th July 2014 (10:00 - 17:00)
Room XII, 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 get 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 nine 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. Furthermore, this meeting will witness the launch of the UNCTAD RPP Publication Series and presentations of the inaugural publications resulting from completed projects.

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

**FIFTH MEETING OF THE RESEARCH PARTNERSHIP PLATFORM (RPP)
WORK PROGRAMME**

Morning Session

10:00 - 10:10	Opening of the Fourth Meeting of the Research Partnership Platform
10:00 - 10:10	Introductory remarks by Mr. Hassan Qaqaya, Head, Competition Law and Consumer Policies Branch, DITC, UNCTAD
10:10 – 10:45	PART I: PRESENTATIONS OF ONGOING PROJECTS
	<p>During this session, presentations on the progress made with some of ongoing projects will be given by the coordinators of these projects:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Aleksandra Khimich, Toulouse School of Economics <i>Measuring the Economic Effects of Cartels in Developing Countries</i>
10:45 – 12:15	PART II: LAUNCH OF THE UNCTAD RPP PUBLICATION SERIES
	<p>This part of the programme will see the launch of the UNCTAD RPP Publication Series and presentations of the inaugural publications resulting from completed projects:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Deborah Healey, University of New South Wales <i>Competitive Neutrality</i> • Marianela López-Galdos, George Washington University <i>Benchmarking Competition Systems</i> • Eleanor Fox, New York University <i>Competition Law and the State</i>
12:15– 12:45	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.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Anu Bradford, Columbia Law School, and Tim Buthe, Duke University <i>Explaining variations across antitrust regimes</i>
12:45 - 14:00	LUNCH BREAK

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Afternoon Session

14:00 – 15:20	PART IV: PRESENTATIONS OF PARTNERS' RESEARCH
	<p>Special Interactive Presentation from <i>Journal of Antitrust Enforcement</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ariel Ezrachi, Oxford University Centre for Competition Law and Policy <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ <i>Review of the activities of the Journal of Antitrust Enforcement</i> ➤ <i>Presentation of the proposed JAE agency effectiveness study</i> ➤ <i>Discussion of substantive points</i>
15:20– 16:10	PART V: 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.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ivo Krizic and Lei Wang, University of Lucerne <i>External vs Internal: The evolution of China's competition regime</i> • Dimitar Iliev, Commission on Protection of Competition, Bulgaria <i>Balkans Comparative Study</i> • Omar Jobe, African Competition Forum <i>Six Country Research Study</i>
16:10– 16:55	PART VI: PRESENTATIONS OF NEW PROJECTS
	<p>During this section of the meeting, presentations will be made of the newest projects being carried out under the auspices of the platform.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hebert Tassano, INDECOPI, Peru <i>The convergence between competition and intellectual property</i> • Tania Zuniga-Fernandez, CEPIC, ESAN University, Lima, Peru. <i>Competition and Concentration in Latin American emerging economies</i> • Niamh Dunne, Centre for European Legal Studies (CELS) at the University of Cambridge <i>The role of technical assistance</i>
16:55 – 17:00	Wrap-up and closing remarks