UNCTAD's work in the fields of Competition and Consumer protection
AGENDA 2030 - Relevant Sustainable Development Goals for Competition and Consumer Policies

- **Goal 8: Decent Work and Economic Growth** - Building productive capacity creates decent jobs and fosters sustainable growth.

- **Goal 9: Industry, Innovation and Infrastructure** - Transforming economies, tackling vulnerability and building resilience call for an integrated approach to industry, innovation and infrastructure.

- **Goal 10: Reduced inequalities** - Shared prosperity for all will require reduced inequalities and improved international economic governance.

- **Goal 12: Responsible Consumption and Production** - Ensure sustainable consumption and production patterns

- **Goal 17: Partnerships for the Goals** - A strengthened and revitalised global partnership.
UNCTAD's mandate and pillars of work

- UN body responsible for dealing with economic and sustainable development issues with a focus on trade, finance, investment and technology - *Prosperity for All*;

- 194 member States;

- *Think, Debate, Deliver* - to assist developing countries in better participating in the global economy;

- Focal point for **Competition and Consumer Policies** within the UN system;

  - Consensus building - Intergovernmental deliberations
  - Research and analysis
  - Technical Cooperation: Assistance/Capacity building

- 3 pillars
UNCTAD is the focal point for Competition law and policy since 1980 and for Consumer protection law and policy since 2015, within the UN system.
- Competition law and policy -

UNITED NATIONS Set of Multilaterally Agreed Equitable Principles and Rules for the Control of Restrictive Business Practices (1980)

The only internationally agreed instrument in the field of Competition (General Assembly Resolution 35/63 of 5 December 1980)

Scope:

- Rules for the control of anticompetitive practices,
- The development dimension of competition law and policy,
- Framework for international cooperation and exchange of best practices.
UN GUIDELINES FOR CONSUMER PROTECTION

General Assembly resolution 70/186 of 22 December 2015:

- Adopted the latest revision of the Guidelines (1985, first amended in 1999): they were expanded and modernized to respond to current challenges;

- Created the IGE on Consumer protection law and policy - unique international forum for intergovernmental deliberations in this field;
- COMPAL (17 Latin America countries), since 2003: Competition and Consumer Protection;

- MENA programme (8 Middle East/North African countries): Competition and Consumer Protection (2015-2018);

- South-East Asia (10 countries of ASEAN): Competition and Consumer Protection;

- Sofia Competition Forum (10 Balkan countries): partnership with BG Competition Commission - Competition.

- UEMOA/WAEMU (West African Economic and Monetary Union, 8 countries): Competition;
  - CEMAC (Central West Africa, 8 countries): Competition and Consumer Protection

- Zimbabwe: Competition (2014-2016);

- Albania: Competition (2014-2016);

- Tanzania: Competition (2017-2018);

In 2018/9 we maintained our wide coverage to foster COMPETITION & CONSUMER PROTECTION.

Projects financially supported by Switzerland, Sweden, European Union, ASEAN Secretariat, GIZ (Germany), Luxembourg,
Countries that have undertaken Peer Reviews with UNCTAD since 2005 (28)
UNCTAD Research Partnership Platform

- Created in 2010
- Brings together universities, research institutions, Competition and Consumer protection authorities, business and civil society representatives
- Research projects on both Competition and Consumer protection laws and policies
- Annual meetings, back-to-back with the annual Intergovernmental Groups of Experts meetings on Consumer Protection and on Competition
https://ccpcatalog.unctad.org/

- Virtual online repository of International Best Practices on Competition and Consumer Protection: to increase knowledge-sharing on Competition among experts;
- Developed between UNCTAD and Peru (INDECOPI).
Reports on:
- Implementation of the UN Set on Competition;

Roundtables on:
- Consumer product safety data for policymaking;
- Consumer protection enforcement cooperation in e-commerce;
- Competitive neutrality;
- Combatting cross-border cartels.

Session on Strengthening Consumer protection and Competition in the Digital Economy

Session on International Cooperation for Competition law enforcement - discussion of the Guiding Principles and Procedures under Section F of the UN Set on Competition

Report on Capacity building and Technical assistance on Consumer protection and Competition

Resolution of the Conference: clusters of work for UNCTAD in the fields of Competition and Consumer Protection in the following 5 years

✓ Voluntary Peer Review on Consumer Protection Law and Policy of Peru (third Review);
✓ Voluntary Peer Review on Competition Law and Policy of WAEMU-UEMOA

• UNCTAD World Consumer Protection Map
• Revised Chapters III and IV of the UNCTAD Model Law on Competition, Part 2 - Commentaries
THANK YOU!
