



Intergovernmental Group of Experts on Competition Law and Policy
14th Session, 8 – 11 July 2014, Geneva, Switzerland

Tuesday, 8 July 2014 (15:00 - 18:00)
Room XVIII, Palais des Nations, Geneva

Peer Reviews of Competition Law and Policy: Namibia¹ and the Seychelles²

Both Namibia and the Seychelles have implemented considerable reforms in their competition law regimes in the past decade. The purpose of these Peer Reviews is to assess the legal framework and enforcement experience in each jurisdiction and to draw lessons from past experiences with a view to improving competition law enforcement in each country. In this context, the Namibia Competition Commission and Fair Trading Commission of Seychelles have volunteered to participate in Peer Reviews of Competition Law and Policy organised by UNCTAD.

With substantial support provided by the respective authorities, a competition expert, Mr Alex Kububa, Former Director, Competition and Tariff Commission of Zimbabwe assessed the state of competition law and policy in each country and prepared the Peer Review Reports. Mr Carl Buick, Independent Competition Expert and former official of the Australian Competition and Consumer Commission (ACCC), co-authored the Peer Review report of the Seychelles.

These reports will serve as the basis for the Peer Review examination during the 14th session of the IGE. The examination panel will include representatives of other competition authorities. In addition, speakers from the floor will be invited to contribute to the discussions. The peer review will be interactive and will provide the competition authorities with a unique opportunity to draw lessons from the experiences of other competition authorities in the implementation of competition law and policy.

The findings and policy recommendations of the peer reviews will be used to design tailor-made technical assistance activities to reinforce the effectiveness of competition law enforcement in each country. Development agencies, technical assistance providers, bilateral donors and international organizations are invited to support the respective technical assistance activities.

¹ Voluntary Peer Review of Competition Law and Policy: Namibia
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15:00 - 15:05	Introduction by the UNCTAD Secretariat
15:05 - 15:10	Introduction of the Review Panel by its Chair <i>Skaidrīte Ābrama</i> , Chairwoman, Competition Council of Latvia Panellists: <i>George Lipimile</i> , Director & Chief Executive Officer, COMESA Competition Commission <i>Ariranga Pillay</i> , Chairperson, Competition Commission of Mauritius <i>Larry Bryenton</i> , Assistant Deputy Commissioner, Competition Bureau of Canada
Part A	
Session I	
15:10 - 15:25	Presentation of the Peer Review Report of Namibia <i>by Alex Kububa, Former Director, Competition and Tariff Commission, Zimbabwe</i>
15:25 - 15:35	Statement by the Head of Namibia Delegation
15:35 - 16:05	Questions and Answers: Successive rounds of questions from panellists and speakers from the floor to be answered by: <i>Namibia Competition Commission (NaCC).</i>
Session II	
16:05 - 16:25	Interactive Session: In this Session the NaCC will seek advice from other competition authorities on issues identified in the peer review report.

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Part B	
Session I	
16:25 - 16:40	Presentation of the Peer Review Report of Seychelles <i>by Alex Kububa, Former Director, Competition and Tariff Commission, Zimbabwe.</i>
16:40 - 16:50	Statement by the Head of Seychelles Delegation
16:50 - 17:20	Questions and Answers: Successive rounds of questions from panellists and speakers from the floor to be answered by: <i>Fair Trading Commission of Seychelles (FTC).</i>
Session II	
17:20- 17:40	Interactive Session: In this Session the FTC will seek advice from other competition authorities on issues identified in the peer review report.

Part C	
17:40 - 17:50	The way forward: Presentation by UNCTAD of capacity building activities to assist the Seychelles FTC and NaCC to implement the report commendations and to strengthen competition and consumer protection and enforcement
17:50 - 18:00	Wrap-up by the Chair of the Peer Review panel Closing remarks by <i>Seychelles FTC and NaCC</i>
18:15 - 19:45	Cocktail Reception