



Intergovernmental Group of Experts on Competition Law and Policy
16th Session, 5 to 7 July 2017, Geneva, Switzerland

Capacity-building and technical assistance in competition law and policy

Wednesday, 5 July 2017 (16:00 - 18:00)
Palais des Nations, Room XVII (First Floor)

UNCTAD provides technical assistance and capacity building activities in the area of competition law and policy to developing and least developed countries as well as countries with economies in transition at the national, regional and sub-regional levels. At the national level, UNCTAD assists beneficiary countries in the preparation, adoption, revision and implementation of national competition legislation. UNCTAD also aims at reinforcing beneficiary competition agencies' enforcement and institutional capacities. At the regional or sub-regional levels, UNCTAD provides assistance in the drafting of regional competition frameworks and legislation. UNCTAD also promotes regional cooperation in competition law enforcement through regional workshops.

The Intergovernmental Group of Experts on Competition Law and Policy (IGE) in its 15th session held in October 2016 requested the UNCTAD secretariat to prepare an updated review of its capacity-building and technical assistance activities, taking into account information to be received from member States.¹

The note by the UNCTAD secretariat² provides an overview of activities carried out since October 2016. This session will show case UNCTAD's ongoing and recently completed capacity building projects at both national level and regional levels. It will provide an opportunity for delegates from beneficiary countries and development partners to share their experiences on how UNCTAD's support has improved their capacities and strengthened their institutions with the audience. The session will address the following questions:

- (a) How to enhance the effectiveness of capacity building on competition law and policy in developing countries?
- (b) How to strengthen coordination among providers and recipients of technical cooperation?
- (c) What role donors and other development partners can play to make the UNCTAD's support more effective?

¹ [TD/B/C.I/CLP/43](#).

² [TD/B/C.I/CLP/40](#).

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WORK PROGRAMME

16:00 - 16:20 **Video projection and presentation by UNCTAD secretariat on its capacity building projects in the area of competition law and policy**

16:20 - 18:00 **Panel discussion**

Panelists

- Mrs. Regina Vargas, Director of Competition Promotion, Superintendence of Competition, El Salvador
- Ms. Sonya Angelova, Chief Secretary, Commission on Protection of Competition, Bulgaria
- Mr. Jamal Abu Farha, Director-General of Competition, Ministry of National Economy, Palestine
- Mr. Kazuhiro Hara, Director, International Affairs Division, Japan Fair Trade Commission
- Prof. Deborah Healey, University of New South Wales, Australia

Delegates wishing to speak during the session are invited to inform the UNCTAD secretariat accordingly by contacting Mr. Yves Kenfack (yves.kenfack@unctad.org).