



**Intergovernmental Group of Experts on Competition Law and Policy**

18<sup>th</sup> Session, 10 - 12 July 2019, Geneva, Switzerland

**Opening Plenary and Keynote Speech**

**Wednesday 10 July 2019 (15:00 - 15:30)**  
**Palais des Nations, Room XVII (First Floor)**

The eighteenth session of the Intergovernmental Group of Experts on Competition Law and Policy (IGE) will hold its opening plenary<sup>1</sup> on Wednesday 10 July 2019 at 15:00. The first order of business will be the election of officers for the session, Chair and Vice-Chair-cum-Rapporteur. Next, the IGE will be asked to adopt its agenda and organization of work, item 2, followed by the opening address of Dr. Mukhisa Kituyi, Secretary-General of UNCTAD. The floor will then be open for general statements by delegations. Delegations wishing to take the floor should indicate so by raising their country nametags and limit their interventions to three minutes. General statements may be sent to the UNCTAD secretariat to be uploaded in the webpage of the meeting.

Prof. Caron Beaton-Wells will address the IGE in her keynote speech on: *“Competition law and policy in the digital era”*. Prof. Beaton-Wells is a Professor in competition policy and law at the University of Melbourne and a lay member of the Australian Competition Tribunal. She will address the challenges faced by developing countries in a highly concentrated and more and more digitalized global economy and explain the role that competition law and policy can play in addressing these challenges.

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<sup>1</sup> Item 1 of the provisional agenda (TD/B/C.I/CLP/53).

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### **WORK PROGRAMME**

15:00 to 15:10

#### **Opening plenary**

- Election of officers
- Adoption of the agenda and organization of work
- Opening remarks, Dr. Mukhisa Kituyi, Secretary-General of UNCTAD
- General statements

15:10 to 15:30

#### **Keynote speech: Competition law and policy in the digital era**

- Prof. Caron Beaton-Wells, Professor in Competition Policy and Law, University of Melbourne

Delegates wishing to speak during the session are invited to inform the UNCTAD secretariat accordingly by contacting Ms. Ebru Gökçe Dessemond ([ebru.gokce@un.org](mailto:ebru.gokce@un.org)).