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## NOTIFICATION

### **Ad Hoc Expert Meeting on the Role of Competition Law and Policy in Fostering Sustainable Development and Trade through the Enhancement of Domestic and International Competitiveness of Developing Countries**

**Geneva, 7 July 2014**

The Ad Hoc Expert Meeting on the Role of Competition Law and Policy in Fostering Sustainable Development and Trade through the Enhancement of Domestic and International Competitiveness of Developing Countries will be held on Monday, 7 July 2014. The meeting will open at 10 a.m. in room XVIII of the Palais des Nations, Geneva.

#### **Background and purpose of the meeting**

As acknowledged by the Accra Accord (paras. 103 and 104), UNCTAD is the focal point on the work on competition policy and related consumer welfare within the United Nations system, and should further promote and support cooperation, including by facilitating voluntary consultations among member States and regional groupings, in line with the United Nations Set of Multilaterally Agreed Equitable Principles and Rules for the Control of Restrictive Business Practices. In line with the Doha Mandate (paras. 50 and 56(m)), UNCTAD provides a forum for member States for intergovernmental policy dialogue and consensus-building in the area of competition law and policy.

In advance of the fourteenth session of the Intergovernmental Group of Experts on Competition Law and Policy, which will be held from 8 to 10 July, the Ad Hoc Expert Meeting on the Role of Competition Law and Policy in Fostering Sustainable Development and Trade through the Enhancement of Domestic and International Competitiveness of Developing Countries will be held on 7 July 2014.

Growth and development depends on efforts carried out in many different fields and on the close linkages between competition, trade, intellectual property and good governance policies. Accordingly, UNCTAD has invited officials from the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development, World Intellectual Property Organization and World Trade Organization to discuss issues such as innovation, competitive neutrality and good governance policies during the first part of the meeting and trade liberalization, global value chains, intellectual property rights and competitive neutrality in trade agreements during the second part of the meeting.

Short interventions by the organizations on the above-mentioned themes will allow for debate and the exchange of experiences among delegates attending the meeting. Participants are kindly encouraged to actively participate in the discussions and are invited to submit written contributions in advance of the meeting.

## **Participation**

Member States of UNCTAD that wish to nominate experts to the meeting are requested to do so by Monday, 23 June 2014.

Specialized agencies and intergovernmental bodies that wish to participate are requested to provide the UNCTAD secretariat the names of their representatives by the same date.

Non-governmental organizations that wish to participate as observers are requested to provide the UNCTAD secretariat the names of their representatives by the same date.

## **Logistics**

Before entering the Palais des Nations, participants are requested to collect their badges from the United Nations Security Service, Pregny Gate entrance, 14 Avenue de la Paix. The Service is open from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Because of the security measures in force, participants are strongly advised to arrive before 9 a.m. to complete entry procedures in a timely fashion and proceed to the meeting in Building E of the Palais. Participants are requested to carry a passport or similar national identity card with them. Taxis are not allowed to enter the grounds of the Palais des Nations; visitors should therefore be dropped off at the indicated entrance gates. Furthermore, luggage may not be brought into the buildings unless the Security Service gives special clearance.

## **Further information and contact details**

All participants (whether holding a United Nations pass or not) should register online. To do so, please use the following link: [Intergovernmental Group of Experts](#). All communications concerning representation should be sent to the UNCTAD secretariat, Intergovernmental Support Service, Palais des Nations, CH-1211 Geneva 10, by fax: +41 22 917 0214 or e-mail: [meetings@unctad.org](mailto:meetings@unctad.org).

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