



Tenth Meeting of the UNCTAD Research Partnership Platform

Geneva, 10 July 2019 (10:00 - 13:00)

Palais des Nations, Room XVII

UNCTAD created the Research Partnership Platform (RPP) in 2010 in order to respond to current challenges in the area of competition and consumer protection through joint research and policy analysis. UNCTAD aims at strengthening competition and consumer protection regimes in developing countries and economies in transition, and sharing best practices for effective law enforcement and policy design with a view to achieving sustainable development goals.

RPP is an initiative that brings together researchers from research institutions, universities, competition authorities and civil society. It provides a platform where researchers can discuss current issues in competition and consumer protection policy; conduct joint research with UNCTAD and share their findings with their peers and competition and consumer protection law enforcers.

In the first part of 2019 RPP meeting, we will have presentation of research findings and new joint research projects. In the second part, we will launch the book, "Making Markets Work for Africa", by Eleanor Fox and Mor Bakhoun. In the third part, we will have a panel discussion on digital economy, competition and consumer protection. We will discuss how to make digital economy an open and inclusive one, especially for local entrepreneurs. What are the competition and consumer protection challenges brought by the digital economy, especially in developing countries? The panellists will discuss the role of competition and consumer protection policies in addressing these challenges.

AGENDA

10:00 - 10:10	Opening of the Research Partnership Platform (RPP) meeting
	<p>Opening remarks, Ms. Teresa Moreira, Head, Competition and Consumer Policies Branch (CCPB), UNCTAD</p> <p>Introduction, Ms. Ebru Gökçe Dessemond, RPP Coordinator, CCPB, UNCTAD</p>
10:10 - 10:40	Presentation of Research Projects
	<p>During this session, researchers will present their research findings.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Prof. Deborah Healey, University of New South Wales <i>Competition law and the State</i> • Dr. Marek Martyniszyn, Queen's University Belfast School of Law <i>Developing countries' experience with extraterritoriality in competition law</i> • Dr. Fabio Babey, Zurich University <i>Digital economy and competition policy</i> • Dr. Alexey Ivanov, Director, Skolkovo Institute for Law and Development, Higher School of Economics <i>Competition legislation and enforcement in the Eurasian Economic Union</i>
10:40 - 11:20	Book Launch: Making Markets Work for Africa, by Eleanor Fox and Mor Bakhoun
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Prof. Eleanor Fox, Walter J. Derenberg Professor of Trade Regulation, New York University School of Law • Dr. Mor Bakhoun, Senior Researcher, Max Planck Institute for Innovation and Competition, Munich, Germany
11:20 - 13:00	Panel: Competition and consumer protection policies in the digital era – Need for a paradigm shift?
	<p>Panellists:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Prof. Caron Beaton-Wells, Professor in Competition Law and Policy, University of Melbourne • Prof. Pier Luigi Parcu, Director, Florence Competition Programme in Law and Economics, European University Institute • Prof. Pinar Akman, Director, Centre for Business Law and Practice, University of Leeds • Dr. Christine Riefa, Reader in Law, Brunel University, United Kingdom • Dr. Irina Knyazeva, Professor and Director, Research Laboratory “Centre for Competition Policy and Economics”, Siberian Institute of Management <p>Interventions from the floor: Prof. Sofia Oliveira Pais, Faculty of Law, Catholic University of Porto</p>