



**Eighth United Nations Conference to Review All Aspects of the Set of Multilaterally
Agreed Equitable Principles and Rules for the Control of Restrictive Business
Practices**

**19 - 23 October 2020
Geneva, Switzerland**

Implementation of the United Nations Set of Principles on Competition Policy

**Monday 19 October (16:30 - 17:00)
Palais des Nations, Room XIX (Third Floor)**

Since the Seventh Review Conference held in 2015, many jurisdictions, including developing countries and countries with economies in transition, have newly enacted or substantially revised their competition, aiming to strengthen and improve their competition policy and enforcement. Among them, regional organisations, especially among developing countries, have adopted and implemented regional competition rules, while other cooperation arrangements have also been flourishing for a more effective competition law enforcement.

Needless to say, anticompetitive conducts and mergers are increasingly cross-border with the progress of globalisation and the development of the digital economy. This calls for enhanced cooperation amongst competition authorities at bilateral, regional, and international levels. Cooperation may be easier to be launched at regional level, given that neighbouring countries usually have similar backgrounds and legal frameworks, share common interests, mutual benefits and have a better understanding of each other.

Therefore, this session will look at new and revised competition laws as well as the progress of regional level activities especially since 2015, the benefits of regional competition frameworks, and the current and future challenges which competition legal and institutional frameworks are facing, in particular for developing countries.

Speakers from a variety of regions are invited to present their views and experiences on the following points:

- (a) objectives of recently adopted/revised competition laws;
- (b) benefits and challenges of regional competition frameworks, including the relationship between regional authorities and member States' authorities;
- (c) keys to successful regional competition frameworks.

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WORK PROGRAMME

16:30 - 16:33 Presentation of the UNCTAD Secretariat Background Note

16:33 - 16:48 Panel Discussion

Speakers:

- H.E. Mr. Vladimir Koltovich, Minister of Antimonopoly Regulation and Trade, Republic of Belarus
- Mr. Looi Teck Kheong, Head of Competition, Consumer Protection and Intellectual Property Rights Division, Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN)
- Mr. Arman Shakkaliyev, Head of Secretariat for Member of the Board-Minister in Charge of Competition and Antitrust Regulation, Eurasian Economic Commission

16:48 - 17:00 General discussion and closing

Delegates who would like to speak during the session are invited to inform the UNCTAD secretariat by contacting Ms. Akari Yamamoto (Akari.Yamamoto@un.org).