UNCTAD-UNECE Regional Policy Dialogue

Presentation of the UNCTAD Global Report

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Overview

- 1. Competition issues arising for MSMEs during Covid-19
- 2. Competition law and policy responses Global trends
- 3. Recommendations

Covid-19 and Competition Issues

Dominance in digital markets

Collaboration

Failing Firms

Price Gouging

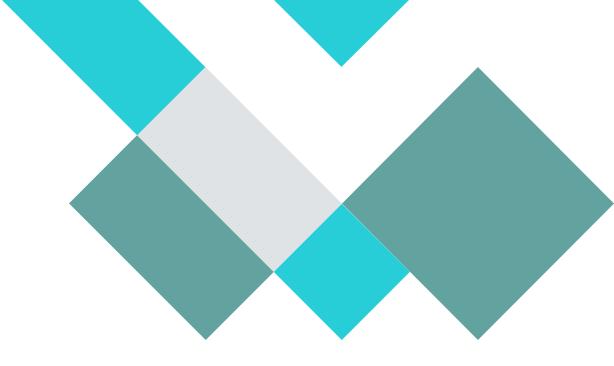
Level Playing Field

Global Trends - Competition Policy & Law Responses

- Approval of coordinated activity, subject to time constraints, usually relating to essential goods or services
 - Published guidance e.g. Brazil, Singapore, EC
 - Informal guidance e.g. EC, US
 - Statutory exclusions e.g. UK
 - Authorisations e.g. Australia
 - Wider communication e.g. Fiji
- Competition authorities and policymakers working with MSMEs

Recommendations for recovery of MSMEs

- ✓ Consider whether competition policy objectives and laws should allow for broader economic objectives
- ✓ Gradually lifting Covid-19 exceptions to competition law enforcement
- ✓ Providing minimum thresholds/ safe harbour guidelines/ exemptions for MSMEs.
- ✓ Allow MSMEs to engage in collective bargaining
- ✓ Issue clear MSME guidance notes from competition authorities
- ✓ Re-assessing financial support schemes to MSMEs
- ✓ Increased engagement with informal sector MSMEs
- ✓ Understanding digital market structures that impact MSMEs



Thank you

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