



Intergovernmental Group of Experts on Competition Law and Policy
21st Session, 5 - 7 July 2023, Geneva, Switzerland and online

Interaction between Competition and Industrial Policies

Thursday, 6 July 2023 (10:00 - 12:00)

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Competition and industrial policies ultimately aim to achieve the goal of economic growth and development. However, the two policies interact in various ways during the policy-making process and enforcement as they differ in their objectives, scope, and means. These interactions may be complementary or in conflict with each other.

Recent changes in the economy including digitalisation, sustainable development and the global economic downturn would present new policy demands for competition and industrial policies, and the relationship between them in supporting economic development would need to be reviewed.

UNCTAD has been engaged in discussing with representatives from competition authorities on how to improve the productive interaction between competition and industrial policies.

During this session, member States may wish to consider the following questions:

- (a) What is the role that competition authorities can play for governments to better deal with recent economic changes such as digitalisation, sustainable development and the economic crisis?
- (b) What are the challenges that competition authorities, especially recently established ones, face in the interaction between competition and industrial policies? What are the solutions to these challenges?
- (c) How can the interaction frameworks and mechanisms between competition authorities and industrial policymakers be improved?

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WORK PROGRAMME

10:00 - 10:10 **Presentation by UNCTAD secretariat**

10:10 - 11:00 **Speakers**

- Prof. William Kovacic, Professor, George Washington University
- Dr. Benjamin E. Radoc, Jr., Director of Economics Office, Philippine Competition Commission
- Ms. Evelyn Olmedo, Coordinator of Interagency Relations and International Cooperation, Competition Superintendency, El Salvador
- Mr. Pradeep Mehta, Secretary General, CUTS International

11:00 - 12:00 **Interactive debate**

Delegates wishing to speak during the session are invited to inform the UNCTAD secretariat accordingly by contacting Ms. Akari Yamamoto (akari.yamamoto@un.org) and Mr. Sung Kyoon Kim (sung.kim@un.org).