

# 9th United Nations Conference on Competition and Consumer Protection

7–11 July 2025 - Palais des Nations - Geneva

## Programme

7-11 July 2025, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. (CET)  
Room XIX, Palais des Nations, Geneva

### Monday 7, July

#### 3 - 4 p.m. Opening Plenary

- Item 1** Opening of the Ninth United Nations Conference to Review All Aspects of the Set of Multilaterally Agreed Equitable Principles and Rules for the Control of Restrictive Business Practices
- Item 2** Election of the president and other officers
- Item 3** Adoption of the rules of procedure
- Item 4** Adoption of the agenda and organization of the work of the Conference
- Item 5** Credentials of the representatives to the Conference: Appointment of a credentials committee

Opening remarks Mr. Pedro Manuel Moreno, Deputy Secretary-General of UN Trade and Development (UNCTAD)

Keynote Prof. Ioannis Lianos, Professor of Global Competition Law and Public Policy, Faculty of Laws, University College London

#### General statements

**4 - 5 p.m.**  
**Item 6** **Report on the implementation of the Set of Multilaterally Agreed Equitable Principles and Rules for the Control of Restrictive Business Practices, including a brief assessment of 20 years of voluntary peer reviews of competition law and policy**

Presentation by UNCTAD secretariat

Speakers

- Prof. Frederic Jenny, Professor, ESSEC Business School
- Mr. Nuno Cunha Rodrigues, President, Portuguese Competition Authority, Portugal
- Mr. David Kemei, Director General, Competition Authority of Kenya, Kenya

**5 - 6 p.m.**  
**Item 7** **Report on the implementation of the United Nations guidelines for consumer protection and of the work of the Intergovernmental Group of Experts on Consumer Protection Law and Policy**

Presentation by UNCTAD secretariat

Keynote Ms. Ana Gallego Torres, Director-General for Justice and Consumers, European Commission

Speakers

- H.E. Mr. Sherif Farouk, Minister of Supply and Internal Trade, Ministry of Supply and Internal Trade, Egypt
- H.E. Mr. Marco Arroyo Flores, Vice Minister, Minister of Economy, Industry and Commerce, Costa Rica
- Ms. Anna Popova, Head, Federal Service for Surveillance on Consumer Rights Protection and Human Wellbeing, Russian Federation
- Mr. Soo Hyun Yoon, President, Korea Consumer Agency, Republic of Korea

## Tuesday 8, July

**10 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.**

Special address Mr. Maxim Shaskolsky, Head, Federal Antimonopoly Service, Russian Federation

**Item 10** **Roundtable on "Competition law and policy and global food value chains"**



- Speakers
- Mr. Rodrigo Carcamo-Diaz, Chief of Section, Commodities Branch, UNCTAD
  - Ms. Anastasia Nesvetailova, Head, Macroeconomic and Development Policies Branch, UNCTAD
  - Ms. Doris Tshepe, Commissioner, Competition Commission of South Africa, South Africa
  - Mr. Ahmed Rahhou, President, Competition Council of Morocco, Morocco
  - Ms. Hara Nikolopoulou, Vice President, Hellenic Competition Commission, Greece
  - Mr. Lukas Cavada, Executive Director for International Affairs, Austrian Federal Competition Authority, Austria
  - Mr. Alexey Ivanov, Director, BRICS Competition Law and Policy Centre
  - Prof. Eleanor Fox, Walter J. Derenberg Professor of Trade Regulation Emerita, New York University School of Law
- Moderator Mr. David Anderson, Partner, Bryan Cave Leighton Paisner LLP, Brussels, Belgium
- 12:30 - 1 p.m.** **Reports of the informal working groups on:**
- Item 15 (a) **Consumer product safety**  
(b) **Consumer protection in electronic commerce**  
(c) **Consumer protection and gender**
- Presentation by UNCTAD secretariat
- 3 - 5 p.m.** **Voluntary peer review of consumer protection law and policy: Angola**
- Item 19
- Statement by Mr. Wuassamba Neto, Deputy Director General, National Institute for Consumer Protection, Angola
- Introduction by Ms. Ana Catarina Fonseca, Consumer protection expert and UNCTAD consultant
- Peer reviewers
- Mr. Hardin Ratshisusu, Acting Commissioner, National Consumer Commission, South Africa
  - Ms. Carla Barata, Acting Director-General (video address) and Ms. Natalia Leite, Legal Officer, International Unit, Consumer Directorate-General, Portugal
  - Prof. Claudia Lima Marques, Federal University of Rio Grande do Sul (UFRGS), Brazil
- Presentation by UNCTAD secretariat
- 5 - 5:30 p.m.** **Session on "Competition and regional economic organisations"**



- Speakers
- Mr. Maksim Yermalovich, Minister in charge of Competition and Antitrust Regulation, Eurasian Economic Commission
  - Dr. Fahad Alshathri, Chief Executive Officer, General Authority for Competition, Saudi Arabia
  - Dr. Willard Mwemba, Chief Executive Officer, Common Market for Eastern and Southern Africa (COMESA) Competition Commission
  - Ms. Camelia Grozea, Deputy Head, International Relations Unit, Directorate-General for Competition, European Commission

## Wednesday 9, July

### **10 - 11:30 a.m.** Session on “Maximizing synergies between competition and consumer protection policies” Item 9

Presentation by UNCTAD secretariat

- Speakers
- Prof. Amanda Flavio de Oliveira, Professor, University of Brasilia, Brazil
  - Mr. Irakli Lekvinadze, Chairman, Georgian Competition and Consumer Agency, Georgia
  - Mr. Renato Ferrandi, Director, International and EU Affairs, Authority for the Protection of Competition and the Market, Italy
  - Ms. Jandee Eum, Director, Business Group Regulation Division, Korea Fair Trade Commission, Republic of Korea
  - Ms. Eleni Gouliou, Director of International, Competition and Markets Authority, United Kingdom
  - Mr. James Mutisya, Principal Analyst, Competition Authority of Kenya, Kenya
  - Mr. Ngabo Seli Mbogo, Commissioner in charge of Common Market, Economic and Monetary Community of Central Africa (CEMAC)

### **11:30 a.m. - 1 p.m.** Session on “Recent developments in digital markets”

- Speakers
- Mr. Khalilillo Sobirjonovich Turakhujaev, Chairman, Competition Promotion and Consumer Protection Committee, Uzbekistan
  - Mr. Gustavo Augusto Freitas de Lima, Commissioner, Administrative Council for Economic Defence, Brazil
  - Mr. Aizezi Aili, Deputy Director-General, Competition Policy Coordination Department, State Administration for Market Regulation, China
  - Prof. Ioannis Lianos, Professor of Global Competition Law and Public Policy, Faculty of Laws, University College London



**3 - 4:30 p.m. Consultations on a draft resolution on consumer product safety**

Presentation by UNCTAD secretariat

- Speakers
- Mr. Daniel Arribas Gonzalez, Director General for Consumer Affairs, Ministry of Social Rights, Consumer Affairs and Agenda 2030, Spain
  - Ms. Cynthia Zapata, Director of Consumer Protection, Ministry of Economy, Industry and Commerce, Costa Rica
  - Ms. Thezi Mabuza, Deputy Commissioner, National Consumer Commission, South Africa
  - Ms. Yvonne Stein, Deputy Director, Consumer Policy Division, Ministry of Finance, Sweden
  - Ms. Alessandra Weyandt, Coordinator of Regulation and Conformity Assessment, Directorate of Conformity Assessment, National Institute of Metrology, Quality and Technology, Brazil
  - Ms. Eva Sinkovic, Deputy Head of Unit, Product Safety and Rapid Alert System, Directorate-General for Justice and Consumers, European Commission

**4:30 - 5 p.m. Latest developments in the legal and institutional frameworks: UNCTAD world consumer protection map**

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**Report of the informal working group on Cross-border cartels**

**Report on the implementation of the guiding policies and procedures under section F of the Set of Multilaterally Agreed Equitable Principles and Rules for the Control of Restrictive Business Practices**

Presentation by UNCTAD secretariat

- Speaker
- Mr. Andrey Tsyganov, Deputy Head, Federal Antimonopoly Service, Russian Federation
  - Prof. Marek Martyniszyn, Professor of Law, Queen's University Belfast, United Kingdom

**Thursday 10, July**

**10 -11 a.m. Proposals for the implementation of the declaration on cross-border consumer dispute resolution and redress**

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Presentation by UNCTAD secretariat

- Speakers
- Ms. Nidhi Khare, Secretary, Ministry of Consumer Affairs, Food, and Public Distribution, India



**11 a.m. - 1 p.m.**

**Item 11**

**Speakers**

➤ Mr. Eddy Alcantara, Executive Director, ProConsumidor, Dominican Republic

**Roundtable on "Investigative techniques and digital tools in a modern enforcement world"**

➤ Ms. Cani Fernandez, President, National Commission for Markets and Competition, Spain

➤ Ms. Cielo Rusinque, Superintendent, Superintendency of Industry and Trade, Colombia

➤ Ms. Andrea Marvan, Chairwoman, Federal Economic Competition Commission, Mexico (video address)

➤ Mr. Umberto Berkani, General Rapporteur, French Competition Authority, France

➤ Mr. Takujiro Kono, Director, International Affairs Division, Japan Fair Trade Commission, Japan

➤ Mr. Massimiliano Calaresu, Team Leader Investigations, Chief Technology Officer's Team, Directorate-General for Competition, European Commission

➤ Mr. Shangwen Hu, Official, Competition Policy and Assessment Centre, State Administration for Market Regulation, China

**3 - 4:30 p.m.**

**Item 12**

**Presentation by**

UNCTAD secretariat

**Speakers**

➤ Mr. Andres Herrera, National Director, Consumers National Service, Chile

➤ Ms. Yvonne Stein, Deputy Director, Consumer Policy Division, Ministry of Finance, Sweden

➤ Ms. Jacqueline Alvarez, Chief, Chemicals and Health Branch, Industry and Economy Division, United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP)

➤ Mr. Pär Larshans, Co-Chair of International Chamber of Commerce's Working Group on Circular Economy, International Chamber of Commerce

➤ Mr. Pradeep Mehta, Secretary General, CUTS International

**4:30 - 6 p.m.**

**Item 17**

**Presentation by**

UNCTAD secretariat

**Speakers**

➤ Ms. Sara Irun, Minister Secretary of Consumer Protection, Paraguay

➤ Ms. Blerta Rama, Vice Minister, Ministry of Economy, Culture and Innovation, Albania and Ms. Mimoza Kodhelaj, Director,





Competition Surveillance in Productive Markets Directorate,  
Albanian Competition Agency, Albania

- Mr. Toussaint Armel Bakala, Director General, National Competition Authority, Republic of the Congo
- Mr. Gegham Gevorgyan, Chairman, Competition Protection Commission, Armenia
- Mr. Miguel Semedo, Chairman of the Board of Directors, Competition Authority, Cabo Verde
- Ms. Nathalie Khaled, Economic Affairs Officer and Project Coordinator, United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Western Asia (UN-ESCWA)

## Friday 11, July

### **10 a.m. - 12 p.m. Roundtable on "Safeguarding and empowering consumers in the age of artificial intelligence"**

#### Item 13

Presentation by UNCTAD secretariat

- Speakers
- Mr. Ricardo Salazar, President, Consumer Protection Agency, El Salvador
  - Ms. Martyna Derszniak, Director, International Cooperation Office, Office of Competition and Consumer Protection, Poland
  - Ms. Wimonrat Teriyapirom, Director of International Cooperation, Office of Consumer Protection Board, Thailand
  - Ms. Youlia Lozanova, Senior Programme Officer, International Telecommunication Union (ITU)
  - Ms. Eunsook Moon, Chair, Committee on Consumer Policy (COPOLCO), International Organization for Standardization (ISO)
  - Ms. Helena Leurent, Director General, Consumers International

### **12 - 12:30 p.m. Review of UNCTAD Model Law on Competition, Part 2: Commentaries**

Presentation by UNCTAD secretariat

- Speaker
- Dr. Sven Gallasch, Senior Lecturer, Deakin University, Melbourne, Australia

### **3 - 5 p.m. Closing Plenary**

- Closing remarks
- Mr. Pablo Bustinduy, Minister of Social Rights, Consumer Affairs, and Agenda 2030, Spain
  - Mr. Vivien Terrien, Vice President, French Competition Authority, France

#### Item 20 **Provisional agenda of the twenty-third session of the**



- Intergovernmental Group of Experts on Competition Law and Policy**
- Item 21 **Provisional agenda of the ninth session of the Intergovernmental Group of Experts on Consumer Protection Law and Policy**
- Item 22 **Other business**
- Item 23 **Adoption of the report of the Ninth United Nations Conference to Review All Aspects of the Set of Multilaterally Agreed Equitable Principles and Rules for the Control of Restrictive Business Practices**
- Item 5 **Credentials of the representatives to the Conference: Report of the credentials committee**

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