

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 Ms. Rebecca Grynspan, Secretary-General of UN Trade and Development (UNCTAD)

Keynote speech

General statements

- 4 - 5 p.m.** **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**
Item 6
- 5 - 6 p.m.** **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**
Item 7

Tuesday 8, July

- 10 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.** **Roundtable "Competition law and policy and global food value chains"**
Item 10
- 12:30 - 1 p.m.** **Reports of the informal working groups on:**
Item 15
(a) Cross-border cartels;
(b) Consumer product safety;
(c) Consumer protection in electronic commerce;
(d) Consumer protection and gender
- 3 - 5 p.m.** **Voluntary peer review of consumer protection and policy: Angola**
Item 19
- 5 - 5:30 p.m.** **Competition and regional economic organizations**

Wednesday 9, July

- 10 a.m. - 11:30 p.m.** **Session on "Maximizing synergies between competition and consumer protection policies"**
Item 9
- 11:30 - 1 p.m.** **Recent developments in digital markets**
- 3 - 4:30 p.m.** **Consultations on a draft resolution on consumer product safety**
- 4:30 - 5 p.m.** **Latest developments in the legal and institutional frameworks: UNCTAD world consumer protection map**
Item 8
- 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**
Item 14



Thursday 10, July

- 10 - 11 a.m.** **Proposals for the implementation of the declaration on cross-border consumer dispute resolution and redress**
[Item 16](#)
- 11 a.m. - 1 p.m.** **Roundtable on "Investigative techniques and digital tools in a modern enforcement world"**
[Item 11](#)
- 3 - 4:30 p.m.** **Roundtable on "Protecting and empowering consumers in the circular economy"**
[Item 12](#)
- 4:30 - 6 p.m.** **Review of capacity-building in and technical assistance on consumer protection and competition law and policy**
[Item 17](#)

Friday 11, July

- 10 a.m. - 12 p.m.** **Roundtable on "Safeguarding and empowering consumers in the age of artificial intelligence"**
[Item 13](#)
- 12 - 12:30 p.m.** **UNCTAD Model Law on Competition, Part 2 - Commentaries - update**
- 3 - 5 p.m.** **Closing Plenary**
 - [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**

