

7 July 2025, 16:00 - 17:00 (CEST)

Geneva, Switzerland

Venue: Room XIX, E-Building, Palais des Nations

High level segment: 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

Since the 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 in 2020, many developing countries have made significant progress in adopting frameworks of competition law and policy. These efforts reflect a growing recognition of the importance of competitive markets for fostering economic resilience, inclusive growth, and consumer welfare. From establishing new legal foundations to strengthening enforcement capacities, countries are working to ensure that their frameworks are responsive to emerging challenges.

In addition, voluntary peer reviews of competition law and policy, launched in 2005, have played a central role in supporting legal and institutional reform, and building capacities - in developing countries. More than 30 national and regional authorities have undergone these exercises, gaining valuable insights into the effectiveness of their enforcement systems. The impact of peer reviews highlights their continued relevance as a driver of policy development and institutional strengthening.

This session will explore recent developments in competition law and policy frameworks grounded in the Set of Multilaterally Agreed Equitable Principles and Rules for the Control of Restrictive Business Practices, while reflecting on the lessons drawn from voluntary peer review experiences.

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Questions for discussions

- (i) What are the recent trends in the development of competition law and policy around the world in response to emerging global challenges?
- (ii) What challenges do developing countries face in implementing competition law and policy, and how can they be addressed?
- (iii) What have been the main achievements of the voluntary peer review process, and how can it be improved in the future?

Programme

16:00 - 16:40 **Speakers**

- Prof. Frederic Jenny, Professor, ESSEC Business School
- Mr. Nuno Cunha Rodrigues, President, Portuguese Competition Authority, Portugal
- Mr. Maxim Shaskolsky, Head, Federal Antimonopoly Service, Russian Federation
- Mr. Maksim Yermolovich, Minister in charge of Competition and Antitrust Regulation, Eurasian Economic Commission
- Mr. David Kemei, Director General, Competition Authority of Kenya, Kenya

16:40 - 17:00 **Interactive debate**

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