



Third Meeting of the Research Partnership Platform (RPP)

Sunday, 8 July 2012 (14:00 - 18:00)

Crowne Plaza Geneva

Geneva, Switzerland

Considering the important role of research and policy analysis in the development of appropriate policies and legislation responding to the challenges faced in the area of competition law and policy, and consumer protection, UNCTAD created the Research Partnership Platform (RPP) in 2010. RPP is an initiative that aims at contributing to the development of best practices in the formulation and effective enforcement of competition and consumer protection laws and policies so as to promote development.

RPP brings together researchers from research institutions, universities, competition authorities and civil society, and provides a platform where they can undertake joint research and other activities, exchange ideas on the issues and challenges in the area of competition and consumer protection faced particularly by developing countries and economies in transition.

The role of UNCTAD is to facilitate and provide guidance on the research and analysis undertaken by researchers within RPP, with a view to benefiting from the research findings in its technical assistance and capacity building activities. The research undertaken within the RPP would result in joint publications (research papers, policy briefs and research-based analytic notes) on competition law and policy, and consumer protection issues.

Since 2010, the members of the RPP, interested researchers and UNCTAD staff get together at the margins of the annual session of the Intergovernmental Group of Experts on Competition Law and Policy, and exchange views on ongoing projects and discuss new research proposals.

Currently we have two active projects under the RPP, one on competitive neutrality; and the other on competition law and the State both led by prominent academics in this field. During this year's RPP meeting, we will discuss the developments within the two ongoing projects mentioned above and hear two new research project proposals.

For more information on RPP and the ongoing projects, visit the RPP website at:
<http://www.unctad.org/en/Pages/DITC/CompetitionLaw/ResearchPartnership/ResearchPartnership-Platform-on-Competition-and-Consumer-Protection--.aspx>

**THIRD MEETING OF THE RESEARCH PARTNERSHIP PLATFORM (RPP)
WORK PROGRAMME¹**

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| 14:00 - 14:05 | Introductory remarks by Mr. Hassan Qaqaya , Head, Competition Law and Consumer Policies Branch, DITC, UNCTAD |
| 14:05 - 15:30 | Competitive Neutrality Project led by Deborah Healey |
| 14:05 - 14:25 | Presentation on “Competitive Neutrality” project by Ms. Deborah Healey , University of Deborah Healey, Senior Lecturer, Faculty of Law, University of New South Wales, Australia |
| 14:25 - 14:45 | Presentation on competitive neutrality and reporting on the discussions held during the workshop on competition law and state owned enterprises organized jointly by UNCTAD and Competition Commission of India (CCI), by Ms. Seema Gaur , Advisor, CCI |
| 14:45 - 14:55 | Presentation on competitive neutrality in regional and international trade agreements, by Mr. Graham Mott , Associate Economic Affairs Officer, CCPB, UNCTAD |
| 14:55 - 15:30 | Discussion |
| 15:30 - 16:00 | Coffee break |
| 16:00 - 17:15 | Competition Law and the State Project led by Prof. Eleanor Fox |
| 16:00 - 16:20 | Presentation on “Competition Law and the State” project by Prof. Eleanor Fox , School of Law, New York University, USA |
| 16:20 - 16:35 | Presentation on the “Approach to the Implementation of Competition Law in Developing Countries” by Mr. Kaushal Kumar Sharma , Commissioner of Income Tax, Ministry of Finance, India |
| 16:35 - 16:45 | Presentation by Mr. Marco Botta , Assistant Professor, Institute for European Integration Research (EIF), University of Vienna, of his paper, “State Aid Control in South-East Europe” |
| 16:45 - 17:10 | Discussion |
| 17:10 - 17:25 | New Project Proposal: “Benchmarking Competition Systems: A Global Survey of Major Institutional Characteristics” by Bill Kovacic, Global Competition Professor of Law and Policy, The George Washington University Law School |

¹ We would like to inform the participants that Mr. Frederic Jenny has regrettably announced that he will not be able to give his presentation due to unforeseen circumstances.

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| 17:10 - 17:25 | Presentation by Ms. Marianela Lopez-Galdos, Research Assistant, Competition Law Centre, The George Washington University |
| 17:25 – 17:35 | Discussion |
| 17:35 - 17:50 | Presentation by Mr. Dhanendra Kumar, former and first Chairman, Competition Commission of India; and currently, Principal Advisor, Indian Institute of Corporate Affairs |
| 17:50 - 17:55 | Discussion |
| 17:55 - 18:00 | Closing remarks |

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