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Presentation of UNCTAD's work on the forthcoming 7th UN Review Conference, GLOBAL COMPAL and Competitive Neutrality

Tuesday, 28th April 2015 (8:45 – 12:45)

University of New South Wales CBD Campus

Level 6, 1 O'Connell Street, Sydney CBD

In collaboration with the University of New South Wales, UNCTAD is taking this opportunity to present its present and future activities before the Heads and representatives of competition agencies, who will meet in Sydney on the occasion of the 15th Annual Conference of the International Competition Network (ICN).

This event will present the main themes of the forthcoming Seventh United Nations Conference to Review All Aspects of the Set of Multilaterally Agreed Equitable Principles and Rules for the Control of Restrictive Business Practices (UN Set); outline UNCTAD's new technical assistance and capacity building strategy "GLOBAL COMPAL" and present work on the issue of Competition Neutrality.

The first session will discuss the main themes of the Seventh United Nations Conference to Review the Set¹, which will take place between 6th and 10th July 2015. The Conference will include five roundtables (on issues ranging from inclusive and sustainable growth to the benefits to consumers of competition in the pharmaceuticals sector) the Voluntary Peer Reviews of Albania and of PNG and Fiji, discussions on the revision of the United Nations Guidelines on Consumer Protection and a panel discussion on the evaluation of UNCTAD's Voluntary Peer Review mechanism.

The second session will present UNCTAD's GLOBAL COMPAL,² its recently adopted general strategy for intervention in Competition and Consumer Protection worldwide, and the development of its component programmes. As a result of the success of COMPAL (Competencia y Protección del Consumidor en America Latina – Competition and Consumer Protection for Latin America), which has been running for more than 10 years thanks to the financial support of the Swiss Government, the Programme's strategy has been "exported" to different regions, such as the MENA region through the COMPAL MENA Programme and also through the ASEAN region with the launch of COMPAL ASEAN on consumer protection issues.

¹ <http://unctad.org/en/conferences/UN-Set/7th-Review/Pages/home.aspx>

² http://programacompal.org/e_welcome.html

The third session will focus on the topic of Competitive Neutrality. Deborah Healey, Associate Professor at the University of New South Wales, will discuss the analysis and implementation of competitive neutrality policy, drawing upon the results of the Competitive Neutrality project completed under the auspices of the UNCTAD RPP.³ The issue of the adoption of competitive neutrality frameworks is one of the five central objectives of the COMPAL MENA programme.

³ <http://unctad.org/en/Pages/DITC/CompetitionLaw/ResearchPartnership/Competitive-Neutrality.aspx>

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WORK PROGRAMME

8:45 - 9:00	Registration
9:00 - 9:10	Introductory remarks by UNCTAD and representative of the University of New South Wales City Campus
9:10 – 10:10	PART I: <i>Presentation on the forthcoming the Seventh United Nations Conference to Review the Set</i>
	<i>Presentation by UNCTAD</i>
10:10 - 10:30	<u>COFFEE BREAK</u>
10:30 – 11:30	PART II: <i>Presentation of the new UNCTAD strategy GLOBAL COMPAL and its components</i>
	<i>Presentation by UNCTAD and GAE representatives Moderation: Deborah Healey General Discussion</i>
11:30 – 12:30	PART III: <i>Presentation on Competitive Neutrality</i>
	<i>Presentation by Deborah Healey, University of New South Wales Moderation: UNCTAD General Discussion</i>
12:30 – 12:45	Closing remarks