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Venue: Room XII, Palais des Nations

Competition and regional economic organisations

In a world marked by rapidly changing economic situations, regional economic organisations provide a forum for countries to coordinate economic and regulatory responses to evolving market challenges.

Over the past decade, regional economic organisations have increasingly prioritized competition issues. In recent years, many regional economic organisations with competence over competition law and policy have further strengthened their frameworks, adopting guidelines, implementing enforcement actions, and conducting market studies on competition issues. These developments increasingly address cross-border anticompetitive practices and emerging challenges, including those arising in digital markets.

Additionally, regional economic organisations can enhance cooperation between national competition authorities by facilitating communication, promoting information-sharing and providing technical support resources. Moreover, regional economic organisations also give countries the opportunity to prioritize region-specific market issues and promote convergence of legal and institutional frameworks.

UN Trade and Development (UNCTAD) has continuously recognised the value of regional cooperation in competition law and policy. It has supported dialogue among regional economic organisations through dedicated meetings and capacity-building activities, enabling participants to discuss developments in regional competition law enforcement and share achievements and challenges. UNCTAD has also continued to provide technical assistance to regional economic organisations to strengthen their competition frameworks and enforcement capacities. In addition, recent sessions of the Intergovernmental Group of Experts on Competition Law and Policy have provided opportunities for exchanges of experiences and information among regional organisations, promoting shared learning and cooperation.

In this session, recent developments in regional competition regimes will be shared and key issues of common interest will be discussed, including opportunities to further strengthen cooperation between regional economic organisations and national authorities, particularly in addressing cross-border competition challenges and supporting capacity-building efforts.





Programme

17:00 - 17:20 **Speakers**

- Mr. Maksim Yermalovich, Minister in charge of Competition and Antitrust Regulation, Eurasian Economic Commission
- Mr. Troy Waterman, Executive Director, Caribbean Community (CARICOM) Competition Commission
- Mr. Malick Diallo, Head, Competition Division, African Continental Free Trade Area (AfCFTA) Secretariat

17:20 - 17:30 **Interactive debate**

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