

10 July 2026, 10:00 - 13:00 (CEST)
Geneva, Switzerland
Venue: Room XII, Palais des Nations

Competition in global food value chains

Well-functioning food value chains are critical for food security and inclusive development. For open, fair and inclusive food markets, competition is essential. Global food value chains demonstrate high concentration, and horizontal and vertical consolidation in various segments from fertilizers and seeds to distribution and retail. The agribusiness sector is exposed to anti-competitive practices. This raises concerns about food security, in terms of affordability and access to food by consumers, and barriers to entry for smallholder farmers.

This session will take place in two parts. In Part I, speakers will discuss competition concerns and anti-competitive practices identified by competition authorities in selected food markets, and present the actions, such as investigations or market studies, that their authorities have taken to address these concerns. In Part II, speakers will provide insights into how best to tackle market power, concentration at the global level; and what role UNCTAD can play to promote regional and international cooperation towards achieving fair and inclusive global food value chains.



Programme

Moderator:

Prof. Frédéric Jenny, Emeritus Professor of Economics, ESSEC Business School, Paris; Fernand Braudel Senior Fellow, European University Institute; Chairman, OECD Global Forum on Competition (2001-2025)

Part I: Competition issues in food value chains

10:00 - 10:05 **Presentation by the UNCTAD secretariat**

10:05 - 11:15 **Speakers**

- Ms. Eunice Hamavhwa, Executive Director, Competition and Consumer Protection Commission, Zambia
- Mr. Vipin Naugah, Executive Director, Competition Commission, Mauritius
- Mr. Masaya Sakuma, Director General for Digital and International Affairs, Japan Fair Trade Commission

11:00 - 11:30 **Interactive debate**

Part II: Tackling market power at the global level

11:30 - 12:30 **Speakers**

- Dr. Mahmoud Momtaz, Chairman, Egyptian Competition Authority
- Mr. Ruslan Dzhaliukov, Deputy Head, Federal Anti-Monopoly Service, Russian Federation
- Dr. Willard Mwemba, Chief Executive Officer, Competition and Consumer Commission, Common Market for Eastern and Southern Africa (COMESA)

12:30 - 13:00 **Interactive debate**

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