

Online capacity-building training for Rwanda government authorities under the project on “Strengthening Consumer Product Safety in Sub-Saharan African Countries”

Tuesday 25 August 2026, 9:00-16:40 (GMT+2) [TBC]

Online

Programme Timetable

9-9:20 a.m.	Opening remarks Speakers: Mr. Rémi Lang, Officer in charge, Competition and Consumer Policies Branch, UNCTAD Mr. Jean Pierre Bajeneza, Director General, Rwanda Inspectorate, Competition and Consumer Protection Authority (RICA) (TBC)
9:20-10:20 a.m.	Session 1: Introduction of the United Nations Principles on Consumer Product Safety Speaker: Ms. Akari Yamamoto-Bonenfant, Legal Officer, Competition and Consumer Policies Branch, UNCTAD Description: Introduction to the United Nations Principles for Consumer Product Safety, including the key principles and legal elements of an effective consumer product safety framework.
10:20-10:40 a.m.	Break
10:40-11:40 a.m.	Session 2: Preliminary findings from the assessment of Rwanda's consumer product safety framework Speaker: Mr. Chilufya Sampa, UNCTAD Consultant Description: Presentation of the preliminary findings of the assessment of Rwanda's consumer product safety framework, with a view to identifying strengths, gaps and priority areas for improvement.



11:40 a.m.-12:00 p.m. Break

12:00 p.m.-1:00 p.m. Session 3: Building an effective consumer product safety system

Speakers:

Ms. Prudence Moilwa, Divisional Head, Complaints and Investigation, National Consumer Commission, South Africa
Undersecretariat for Consumer Protection and Fair Trade, Argentina

Description:

Overview of the institutional and operational components of an effective consumer product safety system, drawing on international experience and good practices.

1:00-2:00 p.m. Lunch break

2:00-3:00 p.m. Session 4: Strengthening inter-agency cooperation for consumer product safety

Speakers:

National Institute of Metrology, Quality and Technology (INMETRO), Brazil

Ms. Thezi Mabiza, UNCTAD Consultant

Description:

Overview of the roles of relevant public authorities (consumer protection authority, standards bodies, customs and sector regulators) and practical approaches to coordination and information sharing.

3:00-3:20 p.m. Break



3:20-4:20 p.m.

Session 5: International cooperation in consumer product safety

Speakers:

Superintendence of Industry and Commerce, Colombia

Ms. Kondwani Kaonga, Manager, Research and Policy and Advocacy, Competition and Consumer Commission, COMESA

Description:

Discussion on the role of international and regional cooperation in strengthening consumer product safety. The session will examine mechanisms for information sharing, capacity building and cross-border cooperation to address product safety risks, particularly in the context of global supply chains and e-commerce.

4:20-4:40 p.m.

Closing remarks

Speaker: TBC

Description:

Summary of the main discussions and next steps under the project.
