



Intergovernmental Group of Experts on Competition Law and Policy
19th Session, 7 - 9 July 2021, Geneva, Switzerland and online

**International Experience and Best Practices in Competition Law
Enforcement against Cross-border Cartels**

**Wednesday, 7 July 2021 (16:00 - 18:00)
Palais des Nations, Room XVIII (First Floor) and online (Interprefy)**

The Eighth United Nations Conference to Review All Aspects of the Set of Multilaterally Agreed Equitable Principles and Rules for the Control of Restrictive Business Practices called upon Member States to facilitate international cooperation among competition authorities in order to strengthen the effectiveness and efficiency of law enforcement against cross-border anticompetitive business practices (with a focus on cross-border cartels), in accordance with section F of the Set and decided to establish a working group on cross-border cartels (WG) to highlight best practices, facilitate information exchange and consultations and report to the nineteenth session of the Intergovernmental Group of Experts (IGE) on Competition Law and Policy in July 2021.

The WG held two substantive meetings in April and June respectively. The two meetings identified different aspects and challenges related to cross-border cartels with a special focus on developing countries and discussed how to address those challenges and the way forward for effective cross-border cartel sanctions.

The session will start with a report on the WG activities by the secretariat which will be followed by panel discussion. The discussion will include:

- (a) What are different aspects and challenges of enforcement practices related to cross border cartels;
- (b) What is the role and contribution of regional economic organizations and regional competition policy in addressing cross border cartels;
- (c) What are difficulties investigated parties face in cross border cartel investigations.

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WORK PROGRAMME

16:00 - 16:10 **Presentation by the UNCTAD Secretariat**

16:10 - 17:30 **Speakers**

- Mr. Serik Zhumangarin, Chairman, Agency for the Protection and Development of Competition, Kazakhstan
- Mr. Luis Humberto Guzman, President, National Institute for the Promotion of Competition, Nicaragua
- Mr. Andrey Tsyganov, Deputy Head, Federal Antimonopoly Service, Russian Federation
- Mr. Arman Shakkaliyev, Member of the Board – Minister in charge of Competition and Antitrust regulation of the Eurasian Economic Commission
- Dr. Willard Mwemba, Acting Chief Executive Officer, Common Market for Eastern and Southern Africa (COMESA) Competition Commission
- Mr. Joong Weon Jeong, Senior Advisor, Bae, Kim & Lee LLC, Republic of Korea

17:30 - 18:00 **Questions from the floor**

Delegates wishing to speak during the session are invited to inform the UNCTAD secretariat accordingly by contacting Mr. Juan Luis Crucelegui (juanluis.crucelegui@unctad.org), Dr. Pierre Horna (pierre.horna@unctad.org) and Ms. Hyejong Kwon (hyejong.kwon@unctad.org).