



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

Voluntary Peer Review of Competition Law and Policy: Malawi

Thursday, 8 July 2021 (15:00 - 18:00)

Palais des Nations, Room XVIII (First Floor) and online (Interprefy)

The purpose of this voluntary peer review exercise is to assess the competition legal framework and enforcement experience of Malawi, which adopted its competition regime in 1997-1998, and established a fully-fledged competition authority, in 2013. Furthermore, it seeks to identify areas for improvement of the legal and institutional framework thereby contributing to enhancing the quality, efficiency and effectiveness of competition law and policy in the country.

The expert report drafted will serve as a basis for the peer review examination during the 19th session of the Intergovernmental Group of Experts on Competition Law and Policy (IGE). The review panel will include representatives of the competition authorities of South Africa, Zambia, and a Competition Expert from the United States. In addition, speakers from the floor will have an opportunity to contribute to the discussion.

The peer review will provide Competition and Fair Trading Commission (CFTC) with an invaluable opportunity to draw lessons from the experiences of other competition authorities in competition law and policy. UNCTAD used the findings and policy recommendations of the peer review report in designing a tailor-made technical assistance project to strengthen the competition regime in Malawi. UNCTAD wishes to invite development partners and donors to support this project, which will be presented during the session.

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WORK PROGRAMME

- 15:00 - 15:15 **Statement by the Head of the Malawi Delegation**
- 15:15 - 15:30 **Presentation of the peer review report of Malawi**
- Dr. Allan Mlulla, UNCTAD Consultant
- 15:30 - 16:15 **Peer reviewers**
- Mr. Tembinkosi Bonakele, Commissioner, Competition Commission of South Africa
 - Mr. Chilufya Sampa, Executive Director, Competition and Consumer Protection Commission, Zambia
 - Prof. Eleanor Fox, Walter J. Derenberg Professor of Trade Regulation, New York University of Law, United States
- Questions** to be answered by Ms. Esther Apoche Itimu, Acting Executive Director, Competition and Fair Trading Commission, Malawi
- 16:15 - 17:10 **Interactive session**
This session will allow Malawi to interact with peer competition authorities from Kenya, Mauritius, United Republic of Tanzania and United Kingdom on issues identified in the peer review report.
- 17:10 - 17:30 **Open floor discussion**
- 17:30 - 17:40 **Closing remarks by the Malawi delegation**
- 17:40 - 17:50 **Presentation by the secretariat of the project proposal to implement the peer review recommendations**
- 17:50 **Closing**

Delegates wishing to speak during the session are invited to inform the UNCTAD secretariat accordingly by contacting Ms. Elizabeth Gachuri (elizabeth.gachuri@un.org), Ms. Ebru Gokce-Dessemond (ebru.gokce@un.org) and Ms. Hyejong Kwon (hyejong.kwon@un.org).