



Intergovernmental Group of Experts on Competition Law and Policy  
20<sup>th</sup> Session, 20 - 22 July 2022, Geneva, Switzerland and online

## **Voluntary Peer Review of Competition Law and Policy: Bangladesh**

**Friday, 22 July 2022 (9:30 - 11:00)**  
**Palais des Nations, Room XVII and online**

The purpose of this voluntary peer review exercise is to assess the Competition legal framework and enforcement experience of Bangladesh, which adopted its Competition regime in 2012, and established a fully-fledged competition authority between 2016 and 2018. 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 20<sup>th</sup> session of the Intergovernmental Group of Experts on Competition Law and Policy (IGE). The review panel will include representatives of the competition authorities of India, South Africa and the Philippines. In addition, speakers from the floor will have an opportunity to contribute to the discussion.

The peer review will provide the Bangladesh Competition Commission (BCC) with an invaluable opportunity to draw lessons from the experiences of other competition authorities in competition law and policy. UNCTAD will use the findings and policy recommendations of the peer review report to design a technical assistance project to strengthen the competition regime in Bangladesh. 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**

- 09:30 - 09:40 **Statement by the Head of the Bangladesh Delegation**
- 09:40 - 09:50 **Presentation of the peer review report of Bangladesh**
- Ms. Maria Leonila Papa, Consultant, UNCTAD
- 09:50 - 10:20 **Peer reviewers**
- Mr. Johannes Benjamin R. Bernabe, Commissioner and OIC, Philippines Competition Commission, The Philippines
  - Mr. Ved Prakash Mishra, Adviser Law, Competition Commission, India
  - Mr. Tembinkosi Bonakele, Commissioner, Competition Commission, South Africa
- Questions to be answered by the Md. Mofizul Islam, Chairman of the Bangladesh Competition Commission
- 10:20 - 10:40 **Interactive session**  
This session will allow Bangladesh to interact with peer Competition authorities on issues identified in the peer review report.
- 10:40 - 10:50 **Open floor discussion**
- 10:50 - 10:55 **Presentation by the Secretariat of the project proposal to implement the peer review recommendations**
- 11:00 **Closing**

Delegates wishing to speak during the session are invited to inform the UNCTAD secretariat accordingly by contacting Dr. Pierre Horna ([pierre.horna@un.org](mailto:pierre.horna@un.org)).