

Intergovernmental Group of Experts on Competition Law and Policy
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Review of Capacity-building in and Technical Assistance on Competition Law and Policy

Friday, 5 July 2024 (12:00 - 13:00)
Palais des Nations, Room XIX (Third Floor)

UN Trade and Development (UNCTAD) offers capacity-building and technical assistance on competition law and policy to developing countries, depending on received requests and resources availability. These activities include national and regional initiatives related to drafting and/or revising competition legislation, adopting implementation frameworks, as well as strengthening institutional capacities in different areas related to competition. Additionally, efforts are directed towards fostering a culture of competition through advocacy activities.

UN Trade and Development (UNCTAD) secretariat note ¹ provides progress on the capacity-building and technical assistance activities in competition law and policy carried out in 2023. Technical assistance is an important pillar of the work of UNCTAD in the field of competition and consumer policies and contributes to significant results achieved to date. Through its dedicated efforts, UN Trade and Development (UNCTAD) has demonstrated its commitment to supporting developing countries enhancement of their capacity and understanding of competition laws and policies. The increasing number of formal requests for technical assistance and capacity building received underlines the expertise and the relevance of technical cooperation services it delivers.

In this interactive discussion, the delegates may wish to:

- (a) exchange views and findings from their past experiences in UN Trade and Development (UNCTAD) technical assistance activities; and
- (b) discuss what kind of technical assistance activities by UN Trade and Development (UNCTAD) are needed as next steps.

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WORK PROGRAMME

- 12:00 - 12:10 **Presentation by the UN Trade and Development (UNCTAD) secretariat**
- 12:10 - 12:50 **Speakers**
- Mr. Emanuel Barbosa, President, Competition Authority, Cabo Verde (TBC)
 - Mr. Denar Biba, Chairman, Albanian Competition Authority
 - Ms. Maria Elena Vasquez Taveras, President, National Commission for Competition Defense, Dominican Republic
 - Ambassador Clarems Endara Vera, Permanent Secretary, Latin American and Caribbean Economic System (TBC)
- 12:50 - 13:00 **Interactive debate**

Delegates wishing to speak during the session are invited to inform the UN Trade and Development (UNCTAD) secretariat accordingly by contacting Ms. Valentina Rivas (valentina.rivas@un.org).