

Intergovernmental Group of Experts on Competition Law and Policy
22nd Session, 3 - 5 July 2024, Geneva, Switzerland

Voluntary Peer Review on Competition Law and Policy: Egypt

Wednesday, 3 July 2024 (15:30 - 18:00)
Palais des Nations, Room XIX (Third Floor)

The purpose of the voluntary peer reviews of competition law and policy is to provide an expert assessment of the effectiveness of competition law; to identify the challenges to be addressed and areas to be improved in the legal and institutional frameworks; to assess the competition awareness of relevant stakeholders and their contributions in this area; to formulate and recommend appropriate measures; and to assist countries in implementing the recommendations.

In 2023, Egypt volunteered to undergo this exercise focusing on the legal, institutional, and operational aspects of consumer protection in the country. The UN Trade and Development (UNCTAD) secretariat produced a background report,¹ whose overview is available in all official United Nations languages.²

This report will serve as a basis for the peer review discussions. The review panel will include representatives of competition authorities of Brazil and European Commission, and competition experts. In addition, delegates will have an opportunity to contribute to the discussion from the floor.

The peer review will provide the competition authority of Egypt with an invaluable opportunity to draw lessons from the experiences of other competition authorities in competition law and policy. UN Trade and Development will use the findings and policy recommendations of the peer review report to design a technical assistance project to strengthen the competition regime in Egypt. UN Trade and Development wishes to invite development partners and donors to support this project, which will be presented during the session.

¹ To be added

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WORK PROGRAMME

- 15:30 - 15:40 **Statement by Dr. Mahmoud Momtaz, Chairman, Egyptian Competition Authority, Egypt**
- 15:40 - 15:55 **Presentation of the peer review report of Egypt**
- Prof. Ioannis Lianos, Professor of Global Competition Law and Public Policy, Faculty of Laws, University College London
- 15:55 - 17:10 **Interactive session with peer reviewers**
- Mr. Alexandre Barreto, Superintendent General, Administrative Council for Economic Defense, Brazil
 - Mr. Olivier Guersent, Director-General, DG Competition, European Commission (video address) and Mr. Eddy De Smijter, Head, International Relations Unit, DG Competition, European Commission
 - Prof. Frederic Jenny, Chairman, Competition Committee, Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD)
 - Prof. William Kovacic, Professor, George Washington University Law School
- Questions** to be answered by Dr. Mahmoud Momtaz, Chairman, Egyptian Competition Authority, Egypt
- 17:10 - 17:55 **Interactive debate**
- This session will allow Egypt to interact with peer Competition authorities on issues identified in the peer review report and to participants to pose questions to Egypt.
- 17:55 - 18:00 **Presentation by the UN Trade and Development secretariat of the technical cooperation project proposal to implement the peer review recommendations.**
- 18:00 **Closing**

Delegates wishing to speak during the session are invited to inform the UN Trade and Development secretariat accordingly by contacting Ms. Akari Yamamoto-Bonenfant (akari.yamamoto@un.org) and Ms. Elizabeth Gachuri (elizabeth.gachuri@un.org).