



Intergovernmental Group of Experts on Consumer Protection Law and Policy
6th Session, 18 - 19 July 2022, Geneva, Switzerland and online

**Session on:
Review of Capacity-building in and Technical Assistance on Consumer
Protection Law and Policy**

**Tuesday, 19 July 2022 (15:00 - 15:30)
Palais des Nations, Room XVII (First Floor) and online**

UNCTAD provides capacity-building in and technical assistance on consumer protection law and policy to developing countries and countries with economies in transition, in accordance with requests received and available resources. These activities include national and regional projects related to drafting consumer protection laws and implementing guidelines, as well as strengthening institutional capacities and advocacy for the creation of a consumer protection culture.

UNCTAD secretariat note¹ provides progress on the capacity-building and technical assistance activities in consumer protection law and policy carried out in 2021 and 2022. Continuing from the last year, activities could not be carried out in the field during this period due to the COVID-19 pandemic and those activities conducted were affected by restrictions related to the pandemic. UNCTAD has focused on supporting member States and regional and international organizations in addressing the challenges generated by the crisis and directly related to economic recovery.

It is foreseen that restrictions due to the pandemic will remain and the impacts on economy will continue to be felt in near future. UNCTAD will therefore continue to provide technical assistance comprehensively in adjusted formats, taking into account the recently adopted Bridgetown Covenant.²

In this session, the delegates may wish to: (a) exchange views and findings from their past experiences in UNCTAD's technical assistance activities; and (b) discuss what kind of technical assistance activities by UNCTAD are needed now and as next step.

¹ [TD/B/C.I./CPLP/31](#)

² [TD/541/Add.2](#)

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WORK PROGRAMME

15:00 - 15:05 **Presentation by the UNCTAD Secretariat**

15:05 - 15:25 **Speakers**

- Mr. Luther Steeven ABOUNA YANGUI, Director General of Competition and Consumer Protection, Ministry of Economy and Regeneration, Gabon
- Mr. Rizal Halim, Chairman, National Consumer Protection Agency, Indonesia
- Mr. Jean-Pierre Couchot, Deputy Director, National Consumer Service, Chile

15:25 - 15:30 **Interactive debate**

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