



Intergovernmental Group of Experts on Consumer Protection Law and Policy
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Voluntary Peer Review of Consumer Protection Law and Policy: Gabon

Monday, 3 July 2023 (15:30 - 18:00)
Palais des Nations, Room XIX (Third Floor) and online

In its resolution 70/186 of 22 December 2015 on Consumer Protection,¹ the United Nations General Assembly mandated the Intergovernmental Group of Experts on Consumer Protection Law and Policy to conduct voluntary peer reviews of national consumer protection laws and policies of member States, as implemented by national consumer protection authorities.

The purpose of the voluntary peer reviews is to provide an expert assessment of the effectiveness of consumer protection law; to identify the challenges to be addressed and areas to be improved in the legal and institutional frameworks; to assess the consumer protection 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 2022, Gabon volunteered to undergo this exercise focusing on the legal, institutional, and operational aspects of consumer protection in the country. The UNCTAD secretariat produced a background report,² whose overview is available in all official United Nations languages.³

This report will serve as a basis for the peer review discussions. The review panel will include representatives of the consumer protection authorities of Morocco, Viet Nam, and the United States of America. In addition, speakers from the floor will have an opportunity to contribute to the discussion. The interactive peer review will provide the Gabonese consumer protection authority with a unique opportunity to exchange experiences with peers around the world.

¹ [A/RES/70/186](#)

² [UNCTAD/DITC/CPLP/2023/1](#)

³ [TD/B/C.I/CPLP/35](#)

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WORK PROGRAMME

15:30 - 16:00 **Statement by the Minister of Economy and Recovery of Gabon**

- H.E. Ms. Mireille Sarah Nzenze, Ambassador and Permanent Representative of Gabon

16:00 - 16:20 **Presentation of the background report**

- Mr. Jacques Megam, UNCTAD consultant

16:20 - 17:30 **Interactive session with peer reviewers**

- Ms. Nguyen Quynh Anh, Deputy Chair, Competition Commission, Viet Nam
- Ms. Sara Cherkaoui, Director of Consumer Protection, Ministry of Industry, Trade and the Green and Digital Economy, Morocco
- Mr. Michael Panzera, Counsel for International Consumer Protection, Office of International Affairs, Federal Trade Commission, United States

Questions to be answered by Mr. Luther Steeven Abouna Yangui, Director General for Competition, Consumption and Fraud Repression, Ministry of Economy and Recovery, Gabon

17:30 - 17:50 **Interactive debate**

This session will allow for Gabon to seek advice from other consumer protection authorities on issues identified in the peer review report and for participants to pose questions to Gabon.

17:50 – 18:00 **Closing**

Delegates wishing to speak during the session are invited to inform the UNCTAD secretariat accordingly by contacting Mr. Yves Kenfack (yves.kenfack@un.org) and Mr. Arnau Izaguerri (arnau.izaguerri@un.org).