



The Contribution of Competition Policy to the Resurgence of MSMEs post-COVID-19

27 – 28 June 2022

VIE Hotel (Bangkok Thailand) & Hybrid

Information for Participants

I. General

1. “The Contribution of Competition Policy to the Resurgence of MSMEs post-COVID-19” is an in person and hybrid event co-organized by UNCTAD (Competition Consumer Policies Branch), the United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific (UNESCAP) and Thai Competition Commission (TCCT) which is scheduled to be held at the VIE Hotel in Bangkok from 27 to 28 June 2022.
2. The opening of the session will take place at 9h00 on the 27 and 28 June 2022 in Ballroom, 12th Floor. All subsequent sessions will also be held in the same room.
 - The international buffet lunch will be provided by UNCTAD on 27 June 2022 at La Vie Bistronomy, 11th Floor from 13h00 to 14h30 hours and on 28 June 2022 between 12h30 to 14h00.
 - The cocktail reception will be hosted by UNESCAP between 17h30-20h30 hours on 27 June 2022 at the Piano Bar, Ground Floor.
 - The coffee breaks will be provided by TCCT between 11h00-11h30 and 16h30-16h45 on 27 June 2022 and 10h45-11h15 and 16h00-16h30 on 28 June 2022 in front of the conference hall.
 - The international buffet dinner for UNCTAD sponsored participants will be provided by UNCTAD on 26 and 28 June 2022 at the Piano Bar, Ground Floor between 18h00 and 21h00.

The meal options provided will include halal, vegetarian, gluten and lactose free options. For any allergen query/specific meals, please email sophie.hunter@un.org.

3. This event is for officials of Thai institutions, UN-ESCAP, UNCTAD, experts from Micro, Small & Medium Enterprises (MSMEs) and Competition agencies and other partners invited by the co-organisers (i.e. United Nations Department of Economic and Social Affairs, International Trade Centre, International Institute for Trade and Development, World Union Of Small And Medium Enterprises).
4. Participants are required to always wear mask during the Conference.
5. Participants are kindly invited **to bring their laptop, phones or tablets as well as earphones** to follow the interpretation which will be given via the online Zoom platforms (registration at: https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_--0Y94xsQVCNmdWBb0eVbw to follow interpretation). Since the organisers will provide interpretation online, participants are requested to bring their own device and earphones and register on Zoom to access the interpreter channel. **The organisers will not provide listening device at the conference.**

II. Registration and identification badges

6. Participants are requested to register well in advance to facilitate smooth coordination of the issuance of badges and compilation of the list of participants. Please register using this link : <https://forms.office.com/r/7sNnx3Qkss>
7. For identification, all participants are requested to always wear their meeting badges which will be prepared by the organisers.

III. Visa requirements for international participants

8. Participants are REQUIRED to obtain an appropriate entry visa from the Royal Thai Embassy or the Royal Thai Consulate-General before entering to Thailand (if required). This is required in addition to the Health QR Code (Thai Pass – see below).
9. Please follow the lane VISA ON ARRIVAL if it is the case. You will need to hand in the IMMIGRATION FORM given to you on the plane as well as your passport. Have the name and address of your accommodation at hand. Prior to this, Health Officer will check the QR Code of the Thai Pass and give you a sticker required at the Immigration Desk.
10. To apply for an appropriate entry visa to Thailand, participants are required to contact the respective Royal Thai Embassy/Consulate-General for accurate information regarding visa application procedures and required documents. The list of Royal Thai Embassy/Consulate-General can be found at www.thaiembassy.org.
11. Participants may wish to get in touch with the organizers for support of their visa application by email at sophie.hunter@un.org.

IV. Health and vaccination

12. Upon arrival at the port of entry in Thailand, participants who are nationals of or have traveled from/through countries listed below, which have been declared Yellow Fever infected areas. Travelers must provide an International Health Certificate at the Health Control Office upon arrival

before proceeding to immigration, proving that they have received a valid Yellow Fever vaccination. A valid vaccination certificate means that the vaccine was administered at least 10 days prior to travel to the affected country. The International Health Certificate must also be submitted together with the visa application form.

13. The countries/areas listed below have been declared yellow fever infected areas:

1.	Angola	24.	Guyana
2.	Argentina	25.	Kenya
3.	Bolivia	26.	Liberia
4.	Brazil	27.	Mali
5.	Benin	28.	Mauritania
6.	Burkina Faso	29.	Niger
7.	Burundi	30.	Nigeria
8.	Cameroon	31.	Panama
9.	Central African Republic	32.	Paraguay
10.	Chad	33.	Peru
11.	Colombia	34.	Rwanda
12.	Republic of Congo	35.	Sao Tome & Principe
13.	Cote d'Ivoire	36.	Senegal
14.	Democratic Republic of Congo	37.	Sierra Leone
15.	Ecuador	38.	Somalia
16.	Equatorial Guinea	39.	South Sudan
17.	Ethiopia	40.	Sudan
18.	French Guiana	41.	Suriname
19.	Gabon	42.	Tanzania
20.	Gambia	43.	Togo
21.	Ghana	44.	Trinidad & Tobago
22.	Guinea	45.	Uganda
23.	Guinea-Bissau	46.	Venezuela

14. Thailand has been identified as one of the countries with confirmed cases of the Novel Coronavirus (2019-nCoV Acute Respiratory Disease). All travelers are advised to strictly observe the [precautionary and preventive measures against the Novel Coronavirus, as recommended by the World Health Organization \(WHO\)](#). Travelers are advised to regularly check the Novel Coronavirus situation in Thailand by going to the [Thai Department of Disease Control website](#) and the [WHO Thailand website](#). People who are especially at risk for getting the severe type of infection (older people, and people with pre-existing medical conditions such as asthma, diabetes, heart disease) should obtain advice from their medical practitioner regarding their plans to travel to Novel Coronavirus affected areas.

15. If you need a COVID-19 test, Thailand's Ministry of Public Health has compiled a [list of private and government-managed testing facilities](#). These will provide you with a test and normally contact you afterwards with the result. Authorities may also contact you as part of their tracing process

16. Policies on what happens when you test positive vary significantly and can include mandatory quarantine in a hospital for long periods. Please make the necessary arrangement prior to departure.

17. Monkey Pox Warning: If you experience any of the following symptoms: *fever*, chills, headaches, sore throat, muscle aches, back pain, exhaustion, *swollen lymph nodes*, with *rash or vesicular lesions* within 21 days of arriving in Thailand, please immediately seek medical attention

from any nearby hospital/clinic and inform the doctor of your travel history to any area affected by Monkeypox. You may have been exposed to Monkeypox before arriving in this country. Thus, your information on travel history, symptoms, onset date, arrival date, accommodation name will help your doctor to give a right disease diagnosis and prompt treatment. If you would like to report your illness, please contact the Department of Disease Control at DDC Hotline# 1422 or 097-315-6850, so that appropriate assistance can be offered.

18. Delegates are strongly encouraged to subscribe, to a travel or health insurance plan which is valid in the Kingdom of Thailand, in order to cover any medical bills or hospitalization fees.

V. Thai Pass

19. The Thai Pass QR code is required for all travelers entering Thailand. The Pass is mandatory to board a flight to Thailand and alleviates requirements to quarantine for both vaccinated and unvaccinated travelers (to COVID19).¹

20. The Thailand Pass system is a free-of-charge web-based system designed to make the documentation process of travelers entering Thailand more efficient and faster. You may apply for the Thailand Pass directly on the MFA website: <https://tp.consular.go.th/>

21. The application will be approved by the central authorities in Thailand and **not** the Royal Thai Embassy or Consulate. Therefore, please allow sufficient time for approval after registering for the Thailand Pass. The goal of the system is to help support the country's "Ease of Travel" system after it reopens and to expedite filling out information and uploading travel documents

22. Please have the following documents ready before applying.

- (a) Passport Information page
- (b) Evidence of Travel Insurance (including coverage for COVID-19 illness)
- (c) Flight Itinerary
- (d) Hotel booking confirmation
- (e) Vaccination record (if any)

The application process will take 10-15 minutes. The average approval time for a Thai pass is approximately 1 – 6 hours.

VI. Travel arrangements for international participants


23. Participants should make their own transportation arrangements from Suvarnabhumi Airport or Donmuang International Airport to their respective hotels or VIE Hotel (venue of the conference). Limousine, metered-taxi and bus services as well as fast train link are readily available at the airport. Detailed information about the airports can be found at <https://airportthai.co.th/en>.

¹ <https://www.thaiembassy.com/travel-to-thailand/thailand-pass>


24. **WARNING:** Guests should be on the lookout for taxis offering fares without referring to the meter. **ALWAYS** find one which charges by meter.

25. To avail themselves of the airport limousine service, it is strongly recommended that participants contact only the authorized officials at the counters located in the airport arrival zone. These officials will issue a ticket for the assignment of a limousine for transporting passengers to the desired destination, upon request.


Participants should make their own transport arrangements to and from the VIE Hotel. Metered-taxis are readily available in the city. Alternatively, the Airport Rail Link is another option. <https://www.bangkokairportonline.com/bangkok-airport-rail-link/> (please see information below). Please take out cash as it is the only mode of payment accepted to buy a ticket (45 TBH). There is an ATM right next to the ticket machines. It is very easy to navigate the transport system (ie Information in English as well as names of station).




Airport Rail Link (available 06:00-24:00 daily)
From Suvarnabhumi International Airport, Take the Airport Rail Link to to Phayathai, Bangkok. (BTS skytrain interchange) fare is 45 Baht per person a journey time is approximately 26 minutes.



BTS Skytrain (available 06:00-24:00 daily)
Which will connect you to the BTS Skytrain where you can make the transfer to BTS Ratchathewi Station (Exit 2). Finally, you can walk from the BTS to the hotel in just 50 m.



Public Taxi
Taxi service at the airport there will be charge THB 50 net for the service, the standard price of taximeter is THB 35 net and will be increase by kilometer. You have to pay for the express way THB 70 net also. The approximately for total is THB 400-500 net



Grab - For a fan and user of Grab application, please be informed that now Grab is available in Bangkok and other major city in Thailand, so if you are familiar with Grab – then you got your ride.

The VIE Hotel can arrange transportation from the airport to the hotel at the following rate (please email Khun Khem H6469-SL1@accor.com) :

Regarding to airport transfer requirement, please kindly see below type of hotel limousine are available as the following:

Car Type	Price
Toyota Camry	at THB 1,750.00 net per car per way (Capacity 3 passengers with small suitcase)
BMW 5 Series	at THB 2,400.00 net per car per way (Capacity 3 passengers with small suitcase)
Toyota Van Commuter	at THB 2,700.00 net per car per way (Capacity 6 passengers with small suitcase)
BMW 7 Series	at THB 3,400.00 net per car per way (Capacity 3 passengers with small suitcase)

Mercedes Benz Vito	at THB 3,400.00 net per car per way (Capacity 5 passengers with small suitcase)
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26. Any person who brings or takes an aggregate amount of foreign currency exceeding US\$ 20,000 or its equivalent into or out of the Kingdom of Thailand, shall declare such amount of foreign currency to a Customs Official. Failure to make such a declaration or making any false declaration to a Customs official is a criminal offence.

VII. Meeting documents

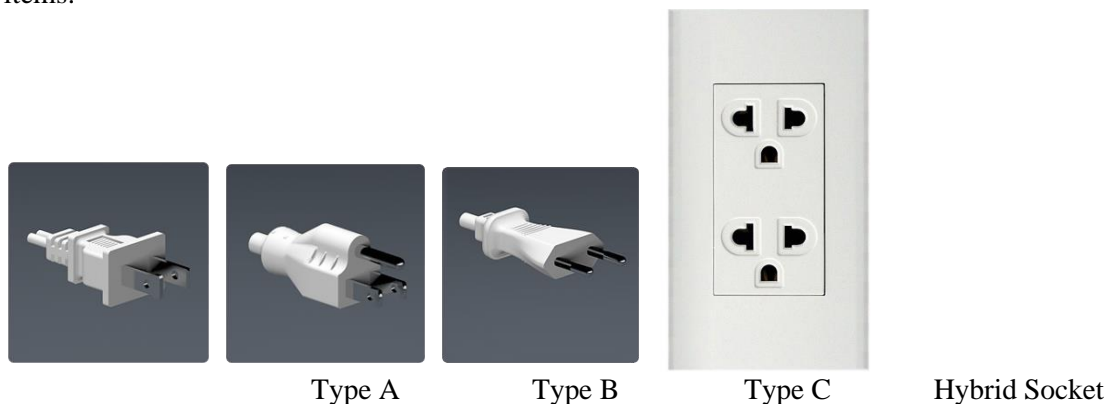
27. Materials from the Conference will be available to download at the UNCTAD event website: <https://unctad.org/meeting/conference-contribution-competition-policy-resurgence-msmes-post-covid-19>, **prior to as well as after the Conference.**



QR Code to access the event webpage which contains the agenda, logistical note, Thai Guidance document and RDP.

VIII. Electric Plug and Socket

28. The electric power in Thailand is 220V running at 50Hz and the plug types used are either type A, type B, or type C.*² A hybrid socket is almost universally found, which accepts a combination of the aforementioned plug types. Delegates are strongly encouraged to carry their own adapters for use with laptops and other electrical appliances as the Secretariat will not be able to provide these. In case of need, adapters can be purchased from shops in the city dealing in electronic and electrical items.



*³ <http://www.iec.ch/worldplugs/> (accessed on 19 January 2017)

IX. Financial arrangements

29. The organisers will not assume responsibility for any other expenditure **but for accommodation and meals for funded participants**. Please note that none of the following costs are to be borne by UNCTAD:

- All expenses in the home country incidental to travel abroad, including expenditure for visa, medical examination, inoculations and other such miscellaneous items and internal travel to and from the airport of arrival and departure in the home country;
- Salary and related allowances for the participants during the period of the meeting;
- Costs incurred by participants in respect of travel insurance, accident insurance, medical bills or hospitalization fees in connection with attending the meeting;
- Compensation in the event of death or disability of participants in connection with attending the meeting;
- Any loss of or damage to personal property of participants while attending the meeting or losses or damages claimed by third parties as a result of any negligence on the part of the participants;
- Any other expenses of a personal nature, not directly related to the purpose of the meeting.

X. Safety and Security

Thailand Emergency Numbers

Police general emergency call: 191

Fire: 199

Ambulance and rescue: 1554 and 1669 (1669 covers a broader range of emergency medical service and public safety and is more well-known by locals)

Tourism Police: 1155

Contact Phone Numbers

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COVID In case of COVID symptoms, please call to Telephone no : +66 2309 3939 or press 0 in VIE Hotel.

XI. Hotel Location

The convenient location of VIE Hotel Bangkok, MGallery Hotel Collection in the heart of Bangkok is ideal whether you come for business or pleasure. Next to the BTS Skytrain Ratchathewi station (exit 2), it is only four minutes' ride to the Airport Link which takes you to Suvarnabhumi International Airport. It is also just a 3-minute walk to Siam Centre, Siam Discovery, Siam Paragon and MBK, with hundreds of shops to explore, and internationally respected hospitals are located within 3 – 4 Skytrain stops from the hotel (Phayathai 1, Bumrungrad International Hospital, Rajavithi Hospital and BNH).

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