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**Minutes of 6<sup>th</sup> Meeting**  
**Working Group on Consumer Protection and Gender**  
**September 6, 2023**

The Working Group on Consumer Protection and Gender held its sixth online meeting on September 6, 2023 (at 2 p.m. Geneva time). The meeting's objective was to discuss the Agenda for the renewed mandate and the dates for the next meetings.

The secretariat started the meeting by thanking the participation of member states and stakeholders at the first WG meetings following the Intergovernmental Group of Experts meeting held in July (3-4) when the mandate of this group was renewed. The secretariat also welcomed Luxembourg as a new member of this Working Group.

The meeting also counted on a special participation of the [United Nations Capital Development Fund \(UNCDF\)](#), which presented [Financial Consumer Protection Work](#), focused on policies and regulations regarding financial consumer protection as an essential part of improving financial inclusion. Working group participants were particularly interested in [Gender disaggregated data mapping tool](#), acknowledging a gap regarding disaggregated data on consumer protection and gender.

The secretariat recalled that the WG mandate was renewed for another year, as per the IGE on consumer protection law and policy *Agreed Conclusions*:

12. *Decides* to renew the mandate of the working group on consumer protection and gender, to continue work on integrating the topic at the international, regional and national levels and to report on its continued work to the eighth session of the Intergovernmental Group of Experts on Consumer Protection Law and Policy;

And that the Group should present proposals on how to tackle the topics of advertisement, product safety and financial issues to be discussed during the next meeting.

The WG also agreed on the following Agenda for the September 2023-June 2024 period.

The Working Group will meet every two months until the seventh session of the IGE (most probably in the first week of July 2024), as follows:

Dates	Remarks
06 September 2023	First Meeting. WG Agenda approval and UNCDF presentation on Financial Consumer Protection
13 December 2023	Second Meeting. Review: Proposals of actions to tackle the chosen topics: advertisement, product safety and financial issues.
7 February 2024	Third Meeting.
8 May 2024	Last Meeting. Organization: presentation WG results at the IGE 8th Session



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More meetings may be called, if needed, upon request from participating member States.

The secretariat informed that the minutes of the meeting will be circulated for feedback.

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<b>Working Group on Consumer Protection and Gender</b>		
<b>6<sup>th</sup> Meeting – List of Participants</b>		
<b>Name</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Country</b>
Paola Rubin	Undersecretary for Actions for the Defense of Consumers	Argentina
Nadia Vassos	Australian Competition and Consumer Commission	Australia
Cindy Meadley	Australian Competition and Consumer Commission	Australia
Caroline Landry	Health Canada	Canada
Nataly Rojas Cuellar	Superintendence of Industry and Commerce - SIC	Colombia
Beth Jackson	Office for Product Safety and Standards, Department for Business and Trade	Great Britain
Hernádi Júlia	Hungarian Competition Authority	Hungary
Christina Schürr	Ministry for Consumer Protection	Luxembourg
Ximena Galicia	PROFECO	Mexico
Zenia Panduro	INDECOPI	Peru
Ewa Sikorska	Office of Competition and Consumer Protection - UOKiK	Poland
Carla Barata	Directorate General for Consumers of Portugal	Portugal
Francisco Freitas	Directorate General for Consumers of Portugal	Portugal
Emy Gustavsson	Swedish Consumer Agency	Sweden
Damla Yeşeren ARAFAL	Ministry of Trade	Turkey
Mehmet Emre Dilitatlı	Ministry of Trade	Turkey
Omer Faruk Bilgic Turkey		Turkey
Kutlu Köycü		Turkey
Amy Pereira	Competition and Markets Authority	United Kingdom
Laura da Costa Ferré	UDECO - – Ministry of Economy and Finance	Uruguay
Marta Thinnés Enguídanos		European Commission
Josephine Parmee		Consumers International
Laura Best		International Expert



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