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CONSUMER PROTECTION

Building on the success of the webinars organized on the 27th and 28th of October 2022, the next webinar will focus on the United Nations Guidelines for Consumer Protection and their implementation through the adoption and application of consumer protection laws and policies. consumers, following the interest expressed in relation to a possible consumer protection model law for the PALOP and Timor-Leste. The 2-hour webinar will comprise a plenary session followed by an interactive debate.

Webinar - 13 April 2023

13h00 Opening session

Teresa MOREIRA, Head of Competition and Consumer Policies Branch, UNCTAD

13h10 - 13h20

The regional cooperation experience in consumer protection in the ambit of the Common Market for Eastern and Southern Africa (COMESA) – Dr. Willard Mwemba, Director e Chief Executive Officer, COMESA Competition Commission (in English)

13h20m - 13h50m - Plenary Session

The United Nations Guidelines for Consumer Protection: principles for setting out the main characteristics of effective consumer protection legislation, enforcement institutions and redress systems

- Antonio Herman de Vasconcellos e Benjamin, Jurist, author of the Brazilian consumer code, founder of the Brazilian Consumer Law and Policy Institute and the Law for a Green Planet Institute, Brazil (tbc)
- Diógenes de Oliveira, Director Geral, Instituto Nacional para Proteção do Consumidor (INADEC), Angola (tbc)
- Ana Catarina Fonseca, Director, Direção Geral do Consumidor (DGC), Portugal (tbc)

13h50- 14h10 Interactive debate

Coffee break (10 min)

14h20

Hot topics in Consumer protection: ecommerce, consumer product safety and sustainable consumption

- Vitor Hugo Amaral Ferreira, Assessor, Departamento de Proteção e Defesa do Consumidor, Brasil (tbc)
- **Antonino Serra,** Advocacy Manager, Consumers International
- **Dr. Laura Best,** Consumer Protection Specialist, South Africa

14h50-15h10 Interactive debate

15h00-15h10 Closing remarks

Teresa MOREIRA, Head of Competition and Consumer Policies Branch, UNCTAD