



Fourteenth Meeting of the UNCTAD Research Partnership Platform

Wednesday, 5 July 2023

10:00 - 13:00 CEST

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Competition and consumer protection law enforcement are essential to the wellbeing of our societies. When markets are not adequately monitored, anticompetitive and unfair business practices and scams abound. This leads to market failures and injustice, which are harmful to consumers and business.

The United Nations Guidelines for Consumer Protection and the United Nations Set on Competition call on member States to invest the necessary resources to ensure effective policymaking and law enforcement in both fields and to develop international cooperation in the areas of consumer protection and competition.

But what does it mean in today's world?

From dark commercial patterns to algorithmic collusion, the digital economy is posing new enforcement challenges to competition authorities and consumer protection agencies. Climate change is also rekindling national priorities to fight such practices as greenwashing. Cross-border and international cooperation are taking new dimensions as breaches to competition and consumer protection laws unfold across national boundaries.

This year's meeting of the UNCTAD Research Partnership Platform (RPP) will encompass three sessions. The two substantive sessions will address the enforcement of consumer protection laws and challenges in competition policymaking. In the remaining session, partner scholars will present ongoing research projects that are being conducted within the framework of UNCTAD RPP.

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Agenda

- 10:00 - 10:10** **Opening remarks** by Ms. Teresa Moreira, Head, Competition and Consumer Policies Branch (CCPB), UNCTAD
- 10:10 - 11:00** **Enforcement of consumer protection laws**
Moderator: Mr. Arnau Izaguerri, Economic Affairs Officer, CCPB, UNCTAD
- Prof. Christine Riefa, Professor of Law, School of Law, University of Reading
 - Ms. Liz Coll, Director, Connected Consumers
 - Dr. Carmen Ligia Valderrama, Lecturer, Department of Economic Law, Externado University
- 11:00 - 11:20** Coffee break
- 11:20 - 12:20** **Recent challenges in competition policymaking**
Moderator: Mr. Yves Kenfack, Economic Affairs Officer, CCPB, UNCTAD
- Prof. Spencer Weber Waller, John Paul Stevens Chair in Competition Law, Director of the Institute for Consumer Antitrust Studies, Professor, Loyola University Chicago School of Law
 - Prof. Peter Whelan, Director of the Centre for Business Law and Practice, Professor of Law, University of Leeds School of Law
 - Dr. Mor Bakhoun, Affiliated Research Fellow, Max Planck Institute for Innovation and Competition
 - Prof. Tania Zuñiga, Professor, Faculty of Law, Pontifical Catholic University of Peru
- 12:20 - 13:00** **Presentation of research projects by partners**
Moderator: Ms. Zilu Zhou, Associate Economic Affairs Officer, CCPB, UNCTAD
- **Competition Compliance in Latin America**
Prof. Patrick Krauskopf, Head of the Centre for Competition Law and Compliance, Zurich University of Applied Sciences (ZHAW) School of Management and Law