



Intergovernmental Group of Experts on Competition Law and Policy  
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## **Review of Capacity-building in and Technical Assistance on Competition Law and Policy**

**Friday, 22 July 2022 (12:00 - 13:00)**  
**Palais des Nations, Room XVII (First Floor) and online**

UNCTAD provides capacity-building in and technical assistance on competition law and policy to developing countries, in accordance with requests received and available resources. These activities include national and regional projects related to drafting and/or revising Competition laws and implementing guidelines, as well as strengthening institutional capacities and advocacy for the creation of a competition culture.

UNCTAD secretariat note provides progress on the capacity-building and technical assistance activities in Competition law and policy carried out in 2021 and 2022. Since March 2020, activities were not carried out in the field due to the COVID-19 pandemic constraints and the few activities conducted were affected by restrictions. During this period UNCTAD has focused on supporting member States and regional organisations in addressing the challenges generated by the crisis and directly related to economic recovery.

Since it is expected that some restrictions will remain and that the economic impact of the pandemic will still be affecting developing countries, UNCTAD will continue to provide technical assistance in adjusted formats, taking into account the recently adopted UNCTAD 15 Bridgetown Covenant<sup>1</sup>.

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<sup>1</sup> [TD/541/Add.2](#).

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### **WORK PROGRAMME**

12:00 - 12:10 **Presentation by the UNCTAD Secretariat**

12:10 - 12:40 **Speakers**

- Mr. Rolando Díaz Delgado, President of the Board, National Competition Commission, Paraguay
- Ms. Regina Vargas, Head of Competition Advocacy, Competition Superintendency, El Salvador
- Mr. Malik Diallo, Head of the Competition Policy division, African Continental Free Trade Area (AfCFTA) Secretariat
- Ms. Nathalie Khaled, Economic Affairs Officer & Project Coordinator, UN-Economic and Social Commission for Western Asia (ESCWA)

12:40 - 13:00 **Questions from the floor**

Delegates wishing to speak during the session are invited to inform the UNCTAD secretariat accordingly by contacting Mr. Juan Luis Crucelegui ([juanluis.crucelegui@un.org](mailto:juanluis.crucelegui@un.org)) and Ms. Valentina Rivas ([valentina.rivas@un.org](mailto:valentina.rivas@un.org)).