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Venue: Room XIX, E-Building, Palais des Nations

Competition and regional economic organisations

Regional economic organisations represent unique opportunities for countries to advance geographic specific interests. In a world marked by rapidly changing economic situations, regional economic organisations provide a forum for countries to address and provide coordinated economic responses.

Over the past decade, regional economic organisations have increasingly prioritized competition issues. Globally, regional economic organisations with competence over competition law and policy have adopted guidelines, implemented enforcement actions, and conducted market studies on competition issues.

Additionally, regional economic organisations can help national competition authorities enhance cooperation with other authorities, by facilitating communications or providing support resources. Moreover, regional economic organisations also give countries the opportunity to be able to prioritize regional economic issues.

UN Trade and Development (UNCTAD) has continuously recognised the value of regional cooperation in competition law and policy. It held a regional organisations meeting in 2021, which allowed participants to discuss the status and development of regional competition law enforcement and the sharing of achievements and challenges of each organization, as well as continuously provided technical assistance to those regional organisations in improving and strengthening their competition law and enforcement. Also, in both the twenty-first and the twenty-second sessions of the Intergovernmental Group of Experts on Competition Law and Policy, sessions on competition and regional economic organisations provided for the exchanges of experiences and information and promoted shared learnings.

In this session, recent developments in regional competition regimes will be shared and some specific issues of interest will be further discussed.





Programme

17:00 - 17:20 **Speakers**

- Mr. Maksim Yermalovich, Minister in charge of Competition and Antitrust Regulation, Eurasian Economic Commission
- Dr. Fahad Alshathri, Chief Executive Officer, General Authority for Competition, Saudi Arabia
- Dr. Willard Mwemba, Chief Executive Officer, Common Market for Eastern and Southern Africa (COMESA) Competition Commission
- Ms. Camelia Grozea, Deputy Head, International Relations Unit, Directorate-General for Competition, European Commission

17:20 - 17:30 **Interactive debate**

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