



## **Eighth Meeting of the UNCTAD Research Partnership Platform**

**Geneva, 5 July 2017 (10:00 - 13:00)**

**Palais des Nations, Room XVII**

UNCTAD created the Research Partnership Platform (RPP) in 2010 in order to respond to current challenges in the area of competition and consumer protection through joint research and policy analysis. UNCTAD aims at contributing to the formulation of appropriate policies and legislation, and sharing best practices for effective law enforcement and policy design with a view to achieve sustainable development goals.

RPP is an initiative that brings together researchers from research institutions, universities, competition authorities and civil society. It provides a platform where partners can undertake joint research and other activities with UNCTAD, exchange ideas and solutions to tackle the 21<sup>st</sup> century challenges in the area of competition and consumer protection.

UNCTAD facilitates and provides guidance on the research and analysis undertaken by researchers within RPP. UNCTAD aims at benefiting from research findings in its technical assistance and capacity building activities in developing countries and economies in transition. So far, UNCTAD has produced two joint publications under its UNCTAD Research Partnership Platform Publication Series: *Competitive neutrality and its application in selected developing countries*, and *Competition law and the State: Competition laws' prohibitions of anti-competitive State acts and measures*. These are available on UNCTAD RPP website.<sup>1</sup> Currently, there are seven ongoing projects within the RPP.

RPP partners come together at the margins of the annual meeting of the Intergovernmental Group of Experts on Competition Law and Policy since 2010 and share their project findings and present new research proposals. During this year's RPP meeting, we will discuss the preliminary findings of five RPP projects and hear three research undertaken by our partners on various issues related to consumer protection.

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<sup>1</sup> RPP website: <http://unctad.org/en/Pages/DITC/CompetitionLaw/ResearchPartnership/Research-Partnership-Platform-on-Competition-and-Consumer-Protection--.aspx>

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**WORK PROGRAMME**

<b>10:00 - 10:10</b>	<b>Opening of the Research Partnership Platform (RPP) meeting</b>
	Opening remarks, <b>Ms. Teresa Moreira</b> , Head, Competition and Consumer Policies Branch (CCPB), UNCTAD Introduction, <b>Mrs. Ebru Gökçe Dessemond</b> , RPP Coordinator, Legal Officer, CCPB, UNCTAD
<b>10:10 - 11:50</b>	<b>PART I: PRESENTATION OF ONGOING PROJECTS</b>
	During this session, researchers will give a 10-minute presentation on the progress made or preliminary/final findings in their projects. Each presentation will be followed by a 10-minute Q&A session. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Prof. Deborah Healey</b>, University of New South Wales <i>Competition law and the State</i></li> <li>• <b>Dr. Fabio Babey</b>, Zurich University <i>Class actions in competition law</i></li> <li>• <b>Dr. Marek Martyniszyn</b>, Queen's University Belfast School of Law <i>Developing countries' fight with international cartels: in search of a system's realignment</i></li> <li>• <b>Ms. Dovile Venskutonyte</b>, University of Amsterdam <i>Bespoke competition policy for developing countries</i></li> <li>• <b>Dr. Iris Benöhr</b>, University of London School of Law <i>Financial consumer protection in the banking sector</i></li> </ul>
<b>11:50 - 12:55</b>	<b>PART II: PRESENTATIONS OF PARTNERS' RESEARCH</b>
	In this part, RPP partners will present their research in the area of consumer protection, which will be followed by an interactive discussion. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Prof. Dr. Christian Thorun</b>, Institute for Consumer Policy <i>Indicators of consumer protection and empowerment</i></li> <li>• <b>Mr. Shirish Deshpande</b>, Chairman, Mumbai Grahak Panchayat (MGP) India <i>Uber: Competition killer or competition trigger – India case study</i></li> </ul>
<b>11:50 - 12:15</b>	
<b>12:15 - 12:55</b>	
<b>12:55 - 13:00</b>	<b>Wrap-up and closing</b>
	Closing remarks by <b>Ms. Teresa Moreira</b>