

8 July 2026, 13:15 - 14:50 (CEST)
Geneva, Switzerland
Venue: Room XII, Palais des Nations

17th meeting of the Research Partnership Platform

The Research Partnership Platform on Competition and Consumer Protection (RPP), created in 2010, serves as an informal forum that brings together scholars to enhance UN Trade and Development's (UNCTAD) research and policy analysis on competition and consumer protection. The United Nations Conference on Competition and Consumer Protection, in its 9th session held in 2025, recognized the role of the platform in strengthening UNCTAD research and policy analysis capacities and linking research findings to its technical cooperation pillar.

The 17th meeting of the RPP will be held in two parts. In Part I, scholars and other participants will discuss the use of digital enforcement tools for consumer protection. In Part II, scholars and competition law enforcers will discuss how to deepen international enforcement cooperation. The meeting will conclude with a presentation of the project on competition law and the State.





Programme

13:15 - 13:20 Welcome remarks: Mr. Rémi Lang, Officer in Charge,
Competition and Consumer Policies Branch, UNCTAD

Part I

**13:20 - 13:55 Digital Enforcement Tools for Consumer Protection:
Updates from the EnfTech Report**

Moderator: Ebru Gökçe Dessemond, Economic Affairs
Officer, UNCTAD

Speaker:

- **Prof. Christine Riefa**, School of Law, University of Reading, United Kingdom

Part II

14:00 - 14:40 International enforcement cooperation

Moderator: Ebru Gökçe Dessemond, Economic Affairs
Officer, UNCTAD

Speakers:

- **Prof. Marek Martyniszyn**, Chair of Competition Law and Policy, Queen's University Belfast School of Law
- **Prof. Frédéric Jenny**, Emeritus Professor of Economics, ESSEC Business School, France; Fernand Braudel Senior Fellow, European University Institute; Chairman, OECD Global Forum on Competition (2001–2025)
- **Prof. William Kovacic**, George Washington University

14:40 - 14:50 Presentation of projects: Competition law and the State

Speaker:

- **Prof. Deborah Healey**, UNSW Sydney, Australia

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