



Intergovernmental
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**Consumer Protection
Law and Policy**

9th session

6–8 July 2026 - Palais des Nations - Geneva

Programme

6-8 July 2026, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. (CEST)
Room XII, Palais des Nations, Geneva

Monday 6, July

10 - 11:30 a.m. Opening plenary

Item 1 Election of officers

Item 2 Adoption of the agenda and organization of work
[\(TD/B/C.I/CPLP/43\)](#)

Opening remarks: Mr. Pedro Manuel Moreno, Acting Secretary-General of UN Trade and Development (UNCTAD)

Keynote: Prof. Carmen Ligia Valderrama, Consultant and Professor, Externado University of Colombia

Item 3 Report on the implementation of the United Nations guidelines for consumer protection by member States and relevant stakeholders

Speakers

- Mr. Irakli Lekvinadze, Chairman, Georgian Competition and Consumer Agency, Georgia
- Ms. Elise Emmanuelle Ntsame Obame, Director-General,

- Directorate General for Competition and Consumer Affairs, Gabon
- Mr. Jorge Seguro Sanches, Director-General, Directorate-General for Consumer Affairs, Portugal
- Dr. Willard Mwemba, Chief Executive Officer, Competition and Consumer Commission, Common Market for Eastern and Southern Africa (COMESA)
- Mr. Uladzimir Sinkevich, Director, Department for Sanitary, Phytosanitary and Veterinary Measures, Eurasian Economic Commission

General statements

11:30 a.m. - 1 p.m. Round table on innovation in consumer information and education, including to promote sustainable consumption

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- Speakers
- Ms. Sara Irun, Minister Secretary of Consumer Protection, Paraguay
 - Ms. Kumiko Tanaka, Director General for Enforcement, Consumer Affairs Agency, Japan (video address)
 - Mr. Andrew Hadley, Assistant Director, Policy and Practice, Competition and Markets Authority, United Kingdom
 - Mr. Stefan Hall, Acting Director General, Consumers International
 - Mr. Igor Brito, Executive Director, Brazilian Institute for Consumer Protection (IDEC)

Informal consultations on Agreed Conclusions

3 - 6 p.m. Enforcement of consumer protection law in global markets, including digital tools and cross-border considerations

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[\(TD/B/C.I/CPLP/44\)](#)

Presentation by UNCTAD secretariat

- Speakers
- Mr. Muhammad Mufti Mubarak, Chairman, National Consumer Protection Agency, Indonesia
 - Mr. Ricardo Salazar, President, Consumer Protection Agency, El Salvador
 - Mr. Zengtian Peng, Deputy Director-General, Enforcement and Inspection Bureau, State Administration for Market Regulation, China
 - Mr. Boniface Kamiti, Manager, Consumer Protection, Competition Authority of Kenya
 - Ms. Martyna Derszniak, Director, International Cooperation Office, Office of Competition and Consumer Protection, Poland



Tuesday 7, July

10 a.m. - 1 p.m. **Launch of the United Nations principles for consumer product safety**

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[\(A/RES/80/119\)](#)

- Speakers
- Ms. Luz Maria de la Mora, Director, Division of International Trade and Commodities, UNCTAD
 - Ms. Nidhi Khare, Secretary, Department of Consumer Affairs, Ministry of Consumer Affairs, Food and Public Distribution, India
 - Mr. Hubert Gambs, Deputy Director-General in charge of Digital Transformation, Justice and Consumers, Directorate-General for Justice and Consumers, European Commission
 - Dr. Joon Bae Hong, Director General, Department of Consumer Safety Surveillance, Korea Consumer Agency
 - Mr. Felipe Batista Garcia Ferreira, Head of the Division of Technical Articulation and Regulation, National Institute of Metrology, Quality and Technology (INMETRO), Brazil
 - Mr. Patrick Hagumimana, Acting Head of Department, Registration, Licensing and Enforcement, Rwanda Inspectorate, Competition and Consumer Protection Authority, Rwanda (video address)
 - Mr. Chris Harvey, President, International Consumer Product Health and Safety Organization (ICPHSO)
 - Ms. Thezi Mabuza, UNCTAD Consultant

Informal consultations on Agreed Conclusions

3 - 5 p.m. **Voluntary peer review of consumer protection law and policy: Argentina**

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[\(TD/B/C.I/CPLP/45\)](#)

- Statement by Mr. Fernando Blanco Muiño, Undersecretary for Consumer Protection and Fair Trade, Secretariat of Commerce, Ministry of Economy, Argentina
- Introduction by Ms. Anahi Chavez, UNCTAD Consultant
- Peer reviewers
- Ms. Cynthia Zapata, Director, Directorate for Consumers, Costa Rica (video address)
 - Ms. Yvonne Stein, Deputy Director at Ministry of Finance, Sweden
 - Mr. Renato Ferrandi, Director, International and EU Affairs, Italian Competition Authority, Italy
 - Prof. Claudia Lima Marques, Professor, Federal University of Rio Grande do Sul (UFRGS), Brazil



Closing remarks Mr. Fernando Blanco Muiño, Undersecretary for Consumer Protection and Fair Trade, Secretariat of Commerce, Ministry of Economy, Argentina

Presentation of the Argentina's experience on consumer relations court

- Speakers
- Mr. Fernando Blanco Muiño, Undersecretary for Consumer Protection and Fair Trade, Secretariat of Commerce, Ministry of Economy, Argentina
 - Mr. Leandro Vergara, Dean of the Faculty of Law, University of Buenos Aires
 - Mr. Javier Wajntraub, Director of the "Model Court for Consumer Relations" Project
 - Mr. Guillermo Cánepa, Judge in charge of Contentious Administrative, Tax and Consumer Relations Court, Autonomous City of Buenos Aires
 - Mr. Carlos Eduardo Tambussi, Judge of First Instance, Administrative, Tax and Consumer Relations Court, Autonomous City of Buenos Aires

5 - 6 p.m. Latest developments in the legal and institutional frameworks: UNCTAD world consumer protection map

Reports of the informal working groups on:

(a) Consumer product safety

(b) Consumer protection in electronic commerce

(c) Consumer protection and gender

Presentation by UNCTAD secretariat

- Speakers
- Ms. Tamsin McSorley, Head of International Strategy and Delivery, Office for Product Safety and Standards, Department for Business and Trade, United Kingdom
 - Prof. Christine Riefa, Professor of Law, University of Reading
 - Ms. Cielo Rusinque, Superintendent, Superintendency of Industry and Trade, Colombia

Wednesday 8, July

10 - 11 a.m. Review of capacity-building in and technical assistance on consumer protection law and policy

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[\(TD/B/C.I/CPLP/46-TD/B/C.I/CLP/80\)](#)

Presentation by UNCTAD secretariat



- Speakers:
- Ms. Wimonrat Teriyapirom, Director of International Cooperation, Office Consumer Protection Board, Thailand
 - Mr. Ngabo Seli Mbogo, Commissioner, Central African Economic and Monetary Community (CEMAC)
 - Mr. Hubert Gambs, Deputy Director-General in charge of Digital Transformation, Justice and Consumers, Directorate-General for Justice and Consumers, European Commission
 - Ms. Nathalie Khaled, Economic Affairs Officer, United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Western Asia (UN-ESCWA)

11 a.m. - 1 p.m. Closing Plenary

Item 10 Provisional agenda of the tenth session of the Intergovernmental Group of Experts on Consumer Protection Law and Policy

Item 11 Adoption of the report of the ninth session of the Intergovernmental Group of Experts on Consumer Protection Law and Policy
