



UNCTAD Global Policy Dialogue:

Post COVID-19 Resurgence of MSMEs and Competition Policy

In partnership with DESA, ESCAP & ECLAC & ESCWA

1, 2 and 3 December 2021

Duration: 6 hours (2 hours per day)

Programme Timetable

1 December 2021

09:00-10:00 Santiago
13:00-14:00 Geneva
14:00-15:00 Beirut
19:30-20:00 Bangkok

Opening Ceremony: Global Policy Dialogue

- Mr. Richard Bolwijn, Head Investment Research Branch, UNCTAD
- Mrs. Teresa Moreira, Head of Competition and Consumer Policies Branch, UNCTAD
- Mr Mario Castillo, Director of International Trade, and Infrastructure ECLAC
- Mrs. Tientip Subhanij, Chief of Section; Investment and Enterprise Development Section Trade, Investment, and Innovation, ESCAP
- Mr. Tarik Alami, Cluster Leader, Governance & Enabling Environment, ESCWA
- Mr. Amson Sibanda, Chief, National Strategies and Capacity Building Branch, Division for Sustainable Development Goals, DESA

Moderator: Dr. Pierre Horna, Competition and Consumer Policies Branch (CCPB), Division on International Trade and Commodities (DITC), UNCTAD

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20:00-20:30 Bangkok

Presentation on 1st day: Digitalization of MSMEs

- Mr. Rajesh Aggarwal, OiC Director, Division for Market Development, ITC
- *The Latin American and Caribbean Experience on MSMEs & Digitalization* by Mr. Marco Dini, Production, Productivity and Management Division (DPPE), ECLAC
- Experiences from other regions:
 - Ms. Carolyne Ariokot, Manager for the Access and Usage pillar, Financial Sector Deepening, Uganda
 - Mr. Jerry Clavesillas, Director Bureau of Small and Medium Enterprise Development, Department of Trade and Industry, Philippines.
 - Mr. Vinod Kumar, President, SME Forum, India

Moderator: Mr. Alejandro Patiño, DPPE, ECLAC.

10:30-11:20 Santiago
14:30-15:20 Geneva
15:30-16:20 Beirut
20:30-21:20 Bangkok

Dialogue between Competition and MSMEs officials on the digitalization of MSMEs post COVID19

This session will allow experts to share experiences and best practices as well as highlight diversity across the world on the subject: *MSMEs & Digital trade; strategies for post crisis recovery and lessons learned.*

Discussants: (5 mins each)

- Mr. Gabriel Musentekwa, Director Enterprise Development, Zambia Development Agency
- Mr. Ali Al Arbash, Head of Economics Department Competition Protection Agency, Kuwait [TBC]
- Mr. Davit Aghajanyan, Business Support Office-Armenia
- Dr. Chandra Setiawan, Commissioner, Indonesian Competition Commission
- Dr. Aruna Sharma - Former Secretary to the Govt. of India and ex-Head of the Ministry of Communication & Information Technology
- Mr. Rommell Hippolyte, CARICOM Competition Commission
- Mr. Cesar Reinaldo Rissete, Brazilian Service of Support to Micro and Small Enterprises, Brazil
- Moderator: Mrs. Elizabeth Gachuri, CCPB, DITC, UNCTAD

11:20-11:30 Santiago
15:20-15:30 Geneva
16:20-16:30 Beirut
21:20-21.30 Bangkok

Closing remarks of DAY 1

Mrs. Georgina Núñez, DPPE, ECLAC.

2 December 2021

Session on Access to finance and Government Support

09:00-09:10 Santiago
13:00-13:10 Geneva
14:00-14:10 Beirut
19:00-19.10 Bangkok

Opening remarks of DAY 2

- Mr. Juan Luis Crucelegui, Chief of Capacity Building and Technical Assistance, CCPB, DITC, UNCTAD

Moderator: Mrs. Elizabeth Gachuri, CCPB, DITC, UNCTAD

09:10-09:50 Santiago
13:10-13:50 Geneva
14:10-14:50 Beirut
19:10-19.50 Bangkok

Presentations

- *Regional challenges in accessing finance and government support in Asia and Pacific countries* by Mrs. Luciana Baglioni, Macroeconomic Policy and Financing for Development Division, ESCAP
- Presentation by Mr. Niranjana Sarangi, Senior Economic Affairs Officer, ESCWA

Presentations by member states from:

- Ms. Alka Arora, Joint Secretary at the Ministry of MSME, India
- Mr. Esam Bahloul, Acting Director of Industry Support Directorate, Jordan Enterprise Development Corporation, Jordan
- Mrs. Shushan Sargsyan, Member of the Competition Protection Commission of the Republic of Armenia

Moderator: Mr. Benjamin McCarthy, Trade, Investment and Innovation Division, ESCAP

09:50-10:40 Santiago
13:50-13:40 Geneva
14:50-15:40 Beirut
19:50-20.40 Bangkok

Dialogue between Competition and SME officials on access to finance and government support

This session will allow experts to share experiences and best practices as well as highlight the diversity across the world on: *Government support to MSMEs in times of COVID, Lessons learned and strategies for post crisis recovery.*

Discussants: (5 mins each)

- Mr. Juan Pablo Herrera, Deputy Superintendent, Superintendence of Industry and Commerce, Colombia
- Mr Silas Santiago, Manager of Public Policy, Brazilian Service of Support to Micro and Small Enterprises, Brazil
- Mr. Francis Olivier Cubahiro, Director of ICT Infrastructures, Burundi
- Mr. Hassan Abouabdelmajid, Vice President, Conseil de la Concurrence, Maroc TBC
- Mr. Karimov Bobir Hasanovich, First Deputy Chairman of Antimonopoly Committee, Uzbekistan
- Mr. Alessandro Bozzo, WUSME Ambassador in Chile. WUSME
- Professor Wei Zhai, Executive Director, Competition Law Research Center of the East China University of Political Science and Law, PRC
- Moderator: Dr. Pierre Horna, CCPB, DITC, UNCTAD

10:40-11:00 Santiago
14:40-15:00 Geneva
15:40-16:00 Beirut
20:40-21.00 Bangkok

Closing remarks of DAY 2

- Mrs. Georgina Núñez, DPPE, ECLAC.
- Dr. Pierre Horna, CCPB, DITC, UNCTAD

3 December 2021

Session on Inter-agency cooperation between MSME agencies and competition authorities

<p>09:00-09:30 Santiago 13:00-14:00 Geneva 14:00-14:30 Beirut 19:00-19.30 Bangkok</p>	<p><u>Opening remarks of DAY 3</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Mr. Tarik Alami, Cluster Leader, Governance & Enabling Environment, ESCWA• Mr. Crispin Conroy, Permanent Observer/Ambassador, International Chamber of Commerce <p>Moderator: Dr. Pierre Horna, CCPB, DITC, UNCTAD</p>
<p>09:30-10:00 Santiago 13:30-14:00 Geneva 14:30-15:00 Beirut 19:30-20.00 Bangkok</p>	<p><u>Presentations</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• <i>Competition regulatory reforms and Public Procurement for strengthening MSMEs resilience</i>, Presentation by Mrs. Nathalie Khaled, Project Coordinator, ESCWA• <i>The Role of Competition Policy in Strengthening the Business Environment for MSMEs in the ASEAN Region</i> by Dr. Rachel Burgess, Consultant, ESCAP• Presentations from member States:<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Mr. Dhanendra Kumar, Formerly Chairperson Competition Commission of India○ Mr. Krisda Piampongsant, Vice-Chairman of the Office for the Trade and Competition Commission, Thailand.○ Mr. Barry Headley, CARICOM Competition Commission <p>Moderator: Mr. Tarik Alami, Cluster Leader, Governance & Enabling Environment, ESCWA</p>
<p>10:00-10:50 Santiago 14:00-14:50 Geneva 15:00-15:50 Beirut 20:00-20.50 Bangkok</p>	<p><u>Dialogue between competition and SME officials on interagency cooperation</u></p> <p>This session will allow experts to share experiences and best practices as well as highlight the diversity across the world on the subject matter “Concrete experiences on interagency cooperation; strategies for post crisis recovery”</p> <p>Discussants:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Ms. Gabriela Leon, Director of SMEs Ministry of Economy, Costa Rica○ Mr. Vokhidzoda Jamshed, Chief Specialist of the Competition Protection and Development Department of the Antimonopoly Service, Tadjikistan○ Ms. Evelyn Olmedo, Superintendence of Competition, El Salvador○ Dr. Xiaoye Wang, Distinguished Professor at Shenzhen University & Professor of Law at Chinese Academy of Social Sciences, PRC○ Mr. Gift Sithole, Acting Chief Executive Officer, Small and Medium Enterprise Development Cooperation, Zimbabwe○ Mr. Mahmoud Momtaz Chairman, Egyptian Competition Authority○ Ms. Frances Xu, Partner, Kewei Law Firm (HSF Kewei Joint Operation Office), PRC <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Moderator: Mrs. Elizabeth Gachuri, CCPB, DITC, UNCTAD
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Closing ceremony of the GPD: The way forward

- Mrs. Teresa Moreira, Head of CCPB, DITC, UNCTAD

Moderator: Dr. Pierre Horna, CCPB, DITC, UNCTAD