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## The Role of Competition Policy in Promoting Sustainable and Inclusive Growth and Development

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## Sustainable and Inclusive Growth and Development

- Requires holistic, integrated approach
  - post-2015 SDA "patterns of growth more inclusive, sustained and sustainable"
  - sustainable development goals (SDGs)
- Competition policy as a
  - Foundation
  - Complement
  - Barrier?

## A. Development of a sound competition policy

- **Prioritization**
- **Exemption - The case of agricultural sector**
- **Complementarity**
- **Fair competition**

## B. Design of competition law

- **Fairness of competition**
- **Public interest**
- **Exemptions**

## C. Competition law enforcement and advocacy

- Priority and sensitive sectors
- Vulnerable economic agents
- Pro-competitive State assistance
- (Integrated) policy design
- Public procurement

# Suggested questions for discussion

- (a) Should competition laws integrate objectives to achieve sustainable and inclusive growth and development?
- (b) How can competition policy and law be designed and implemented in a way that promotes sustainable and inclusive growth and development?
- (c) What kind of provisions need to be incorporated in competition laws to address abuse of buyer power to ensure fair competition?
- (d) What mechanisms can be put in place to deal with abuse of bargaining power in order to promote fair competition in the market?

Thank you for your attention

