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Capacity-building and technical assistance on
competition and consumer protection law
and policy: Review and outlook

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- Rationale for technical assistance (TA) and capacity-building (CB) of UNCTAD work on competition and consumer policies
- Review of TA and CB activities between 2010 and 2015
- Global COMPAL: New UNCTAD TA & CB strategy on competition and consumer policies and laws



**The new global strategy of UNCTAD work in
the field of Competition and Consumer
Policies and the work with the private
sector**

From COMPAL to GLOBAL COMPAL:

- COMPAL: opportunity for a large, thematic global strategy in competition and consumer protection.
- Phases of COMPAL provided a level and continuity of support that delivered considerable change across regions.
- On the basis of the experience gained, the UNCTAD SG launched the GLOBAL COMPAL in Lima (Peru) on 5 May 2014.
- New strategy covers competition and consumer protection policies for all regions
- New meaning of "COMPAL" is now **"Competition and Consumer Protection Policies for All"**.

Global compal

COMPAL
Latin America



COMPAL
MENA

UEMOA
Concurrence

COMPAL
SOFIA
SCF
Sofia Competition Forum

COMPAL
CIS

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New features of the strategy:

- Integral approach (competition and consumer protection issues)
- National, regional and global components
- Interaction of regional advisory group of experts
- Systematic experience sharing between regional programmes across the world
- Access to all COMPAL products (approx 150)

Thematic geographical focus and the principle of COMPAL interventions:

- Reinforced technical assistance for competition and consumer protection policies and regulations
- Creating an enabling environment for the private sector
- Working with the public sector (ministries, sector regulators, etc.) for policy coherence between competition and related public policies through the promotion of non-discriminatory and competitive practices (Competition Neutrality strategies).
- Follow-up and impact assessment of activities
- Expanded regional focus

Regional programmes

- COMPAL MENA Programme (8 countries)
- COMPAL III in Latin America (15 countries)
- Pilot in ASEAN (consumer protection only) (10 countries)
- Forthcoming programmes for the CIS (10) and the Balkan regions (10)