Twentieth Session of the Intergovernmental Group of Experts on
Competition Law and Policy,
21-22 July 2022

Room XVII, Palais des Nations, Geneva

Voluntary Peer Review of the Competition Law and Policy of
BANGLADESH

Technical Assistance Projects to Implement Peer Review Recommendations

*Presentation*

*UNCTAD*
INTERGOVERNMENTAL GROUP OF EXPERTS ON
Competition law and policy
20 - 22 July 2022, Palais des Nations
VOLUNTARY PEER REVIEW OF THE COMPETITION LAW AND POLICY OF BANGLADESH

TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE PROJECT TO IMPLEMENT PEER REVIEW RECOMMENDATIONS

Friday, 22 July 2022
10:00-12:00, Room XVII
PEER REVIEW RECOMMENDATIONS

✓ To the Government:
  ✓ Proposals for the amendment of the Bangladesh Competition Act (legal standards, autonomy, investigative tools, private enforcement)
  ✓ Sufficient allocation of resources and operational independence.

✓ To BCC: publish guidelines, staff training on international practices (market definition, analysis of anticompetitive effects, strategy setting and prioritization of activities), interagency collaboration, staff training, advocacy, and skills development
PEER REVIEW RECOMMENDATIONS

✓ To the Government and BCC:
  ✓ Tailored training for stakeholders (including training of trainers) on the benefits of competition (Public sector: BCC, Ministries, sector regulators, CMSME-related agencies, judiciary; Private sector: Practitioners, CMSMEs, media).

✓ To CMSME Agencies
  ✓ Formalize BCC’s involvement in the design of CMSME-related policies, monitor the impact of financial support, organize training on key emerging competition issues in digital markets

✓ To the Judiciary:
  ✓ Attend workshops on competition law enforcement
OBJECTIVES OF THE TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE PROPOSED

❖ Improve legal and institutional framework for competition (and its role in the promotion of CMSMEs) in areas pointed out by the peer review report.

❖ To sensitize stakeholders, including the business community and sector regulators on the importance and benefits of competition law enforcement and its role in helping CMSMEs recover from the pandemic.

❖ To assist Bangladesh in developing appropriate enforcement tools.
TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE PROPOSED

- Review the BCA and prepare proposed amendments based on the recommendations of the PR.

- Build human and institutional capacity to improve competition enforcement through training, evidence and documentation management.
TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE PROPOSED

- Establish a working relationship with national universities in order to introduce competition and consumer protection programs in their curriculum.
Thank you

Pierre.Horna@unctad.org