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**Voluntary Peer Review of the Competition Law and Policy of
BANGLADESH**

Technical Assistance Projects to Implement Peer Review Recommendations

Presentation

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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.



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



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Thank you

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