

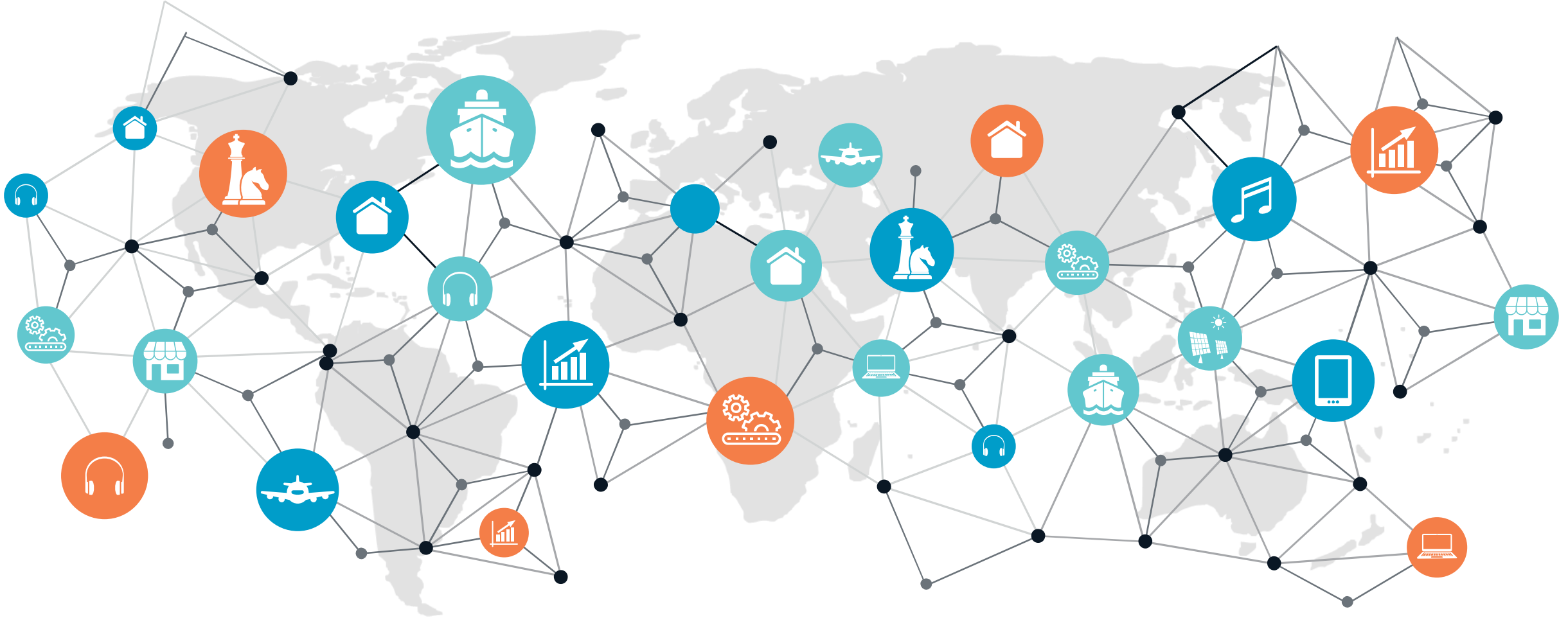
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3 - 4.45 p.m., Room XVII**





- Member States Proposed Topics -

- ✓ Digitalization of MSMEs: Thailand; Singapore; Morocco; Saudi Arabia; Kirgiz Republic; Moldova; Western Balkans.
- ✓ Dialogue between SMEs and competition authorities: Armenia; Western Balkans; Kenya; and Kazakhstan.
- ✓ Advocacy for MSMEs: Indonesia; Thailand; Philippines; Malaysia; Botswana; Chile.
- ✓ Upgrading MSMEs: Indonesia; Malaysia; Iraq; Oman; Nicaragua.
- ✓ SME access to finance & Government support: Cambodia; Malawi; Burkina Faso; Serbia; Panama; Argentina.



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- ✓ Online course on SMEs and Competition Policy
- ✓ Harnessing the Interaction between Digital Platforms and MSMEs: Recommended Practices for Digital Platforms (RDP)
- ✓ Voluntary Peer Review of Competition Policy supplemented with SMEs chapter
- ✓ Further work on technical assistance basis with Brazil, El Salvador, Philippines, Peru, Thailand and South Africa.



-Lessons Learnt-

- ✓ Raising awareness of competition policy provides legal certainty & safeguards for MSMEs, overcoming silos in public policy formulation & enforcement
- ✓ UNCTAD can fulfill its mission in bringing together Competition authorities and SMEs agencies
- ✓ There is a role for CCPB UNCTAD considering challenges faced by MS MSMEs in the digital sphere
- ✓ Regional involvement and mobilization yield granular understanding and stocktaking while global events relevant for decision making and consensus building
- ✓ Agencies/public bodies are ready to participate in peer-to-peer knowledge diffusion btw MS
- ✓ SDGs attainment can be addressed with **across-the-board involvement**; the pandemic lifted many sectors of the economy as it enacted UN-wide response and all-encompassing, multi-thematic and interdisciplinary public policy measures.



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