Competition Law and Policy and Sustainability

Friday 7 July 2023
10:00-12:00, Room XIX
1. Introduction

• UN Agenda 2030 for Sustainable Development

• Governments and businesses are called to strengthen their commitment to achieve the SDGs

• UNCTAD’s initiatives
  • Ad Hoc Expert Meeting on Competition, Consumer Protection and Sustainability - 28 September 2022
  • Publication on “Competition and Consumer Protection Policies for Sustainability” (UNCTAD/DITC/CPLP/2023/1), May 2023
2. Status quo

- Recent initiatives by governments/competition authorities
  - Guidelines on sustainability; amendments to competition laws – to clarify what is admissible or not in competition terms
  - Case decisions

- There seems to be no clear international consensus on competition policy and law role towards sustainability
3. Points for discussion

• Information exchange on recent developments and findings in the field of competition law and policy and sustainability
• Implications of sustainability actions on competition authorities in developing countries
• Initiatives needed now and as next steps
Thank you

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