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**Report on the implementation of the Set of  
Multilaterally Agreed Equitable Principles  
and Rules for the Control of Restrictive  
Business Practices, including a brief  
assessment of 20 years of voluntary peer  
reviews of competition law and policy**

**Monday 7, July 2025**

**16:00-17:00, Room XIX**

# ➤ Major developments since 2020

- Many developing countries have enacted their first competition law since the 8<sup>th</sup> UNRC in 2020
  - ✓ Including Maldives (2020), Cambodia (2021), Lebanon (2022), Mauritania (2023), Guatemala (2024), Bhutan (prepared a draft competition law in 2024)
  
- UNCTAD has consistently supported developing countries
  - ✓ UNCTAD's VPR since 2020: Malawi (2021), Bangladesh (2022), Paraguay (2023), Egypt (2024)
    - ✓ Egypt issued an executive regulation to clarify merger control procedures (2024)
    - ✓ Malawi has reformed competition law following recommendations of the VPR (2024)
  - ✓ Regional activities in Africa, the Arab region, Latin America, Southeast Asia, as well as Portuguese-speaking countries in Africa and Timor-Leste
    - ✓ Timor-Leste is in the process of approving a competition law with capacity-building (2025)

# ➤ **Assessment of 20 years of VPR**

- UNCTAD launched the Voluntary Peer Reviews in 2005, focused on developing countries
  - ✓ 30 countries and one regional economic organization (West African Economic and Monetary Union - WAEMU) have undergone reviews

Africa (12+1)		Asia (6)	Europe (3)	Latin America (7)	Oceania (2)
Kenya (2005)	Zimbabwe (2012)	Indonesia (2009)	Serbia (2011)	Jamaica (2005)	Fiji (2015)
Tunisia (2006)	Seychelles (2014)	Armenia (2010)	Ukraine (2013)	Costa Rica (2008)	Papua New Guinea (2015)
WAEMU (2007)	Namibia (2014)	Mongolia (2012)	Albania (2015)	Nicaragua (2013)	
Benin (2007)	Botswana (2018)	Pakistan (2013)		Uruguay (2016)	
Senegal (2007)	Malawi (2021)	Philippines (2014)		Argentina (2017)	
Tanzania (2012)	Egypt (2024)	Bangladesh (2022)		Paraguay (2023)	
Zambia (2012)				Peru (2020)	

- All authorities surveyed agreed that the VPR served to improve the national competition system
  - ✓ Adequate recommendations, positive awareness-raising from stakeholders

# Thank you

