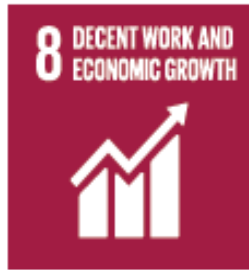




UNCTAD's work in the fields of Competition and Consumer protection

AGENDA 2030 - Relevant Sustainable Development Goals for Competition and Consumer Policies



- **Goal 8: Decent Work and Economic Growth** - *Building productive capacity creates decent jobs and fosters sustainable growth.*
- **Goal 9: Industry, Innovation and Infrastructure** - *Transforming economies, tackling vulnerability and building resilience call for an integrated approach to industry, innovation and infrastructure.*
- **Goal 10: Reduced inequalities** - *Shared prosperity for all will require reduced inequalities and improved international economic governance.*
- **Goal 12: Responsible Consumption and Production** - *Ensure sustainable consumption and production patterns*
- **Goal 17: Partnerships for the Goals** - *A strengthened and revitalised global partnership.*

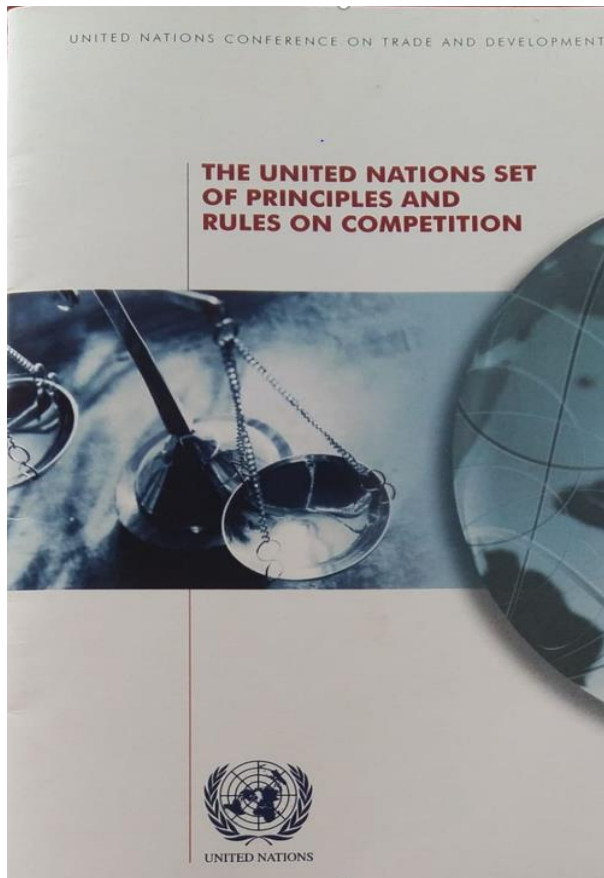


UNCTAD's mandate and pillars of work

- UN body responsible for dealing with economic and sustainable development issues with a focus on trade, finance, investment and technology - *Prosperity for All*;
- 194 member States;
- *Think, Debate, Deliver* - to assist developing countries in better participating in the global economy
- Focal point for **Competition and Consumer Policies** within the UN system;
- 3 pillars
 - **Consensus building** - Intergovernmental deliberations
 - **Research and analysis**
 - **Technical Cooperation:** Assistance/Capacity building

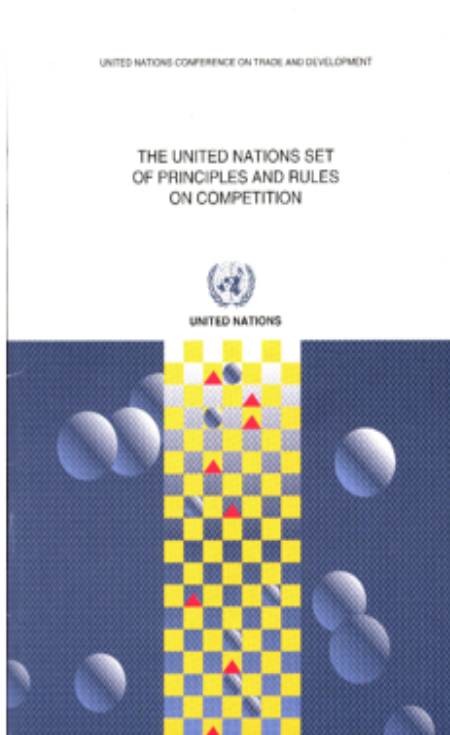


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- Competition law and policy -

UNITED NATIONS Set of Multilaterally Agreed Equitable Principles and Rules for the Control of Restrictive Business Practices (1980)



The only internationally agreed instrument in the field of Competition
(General Assembly Resolution 35/63
of 5 December 1980)

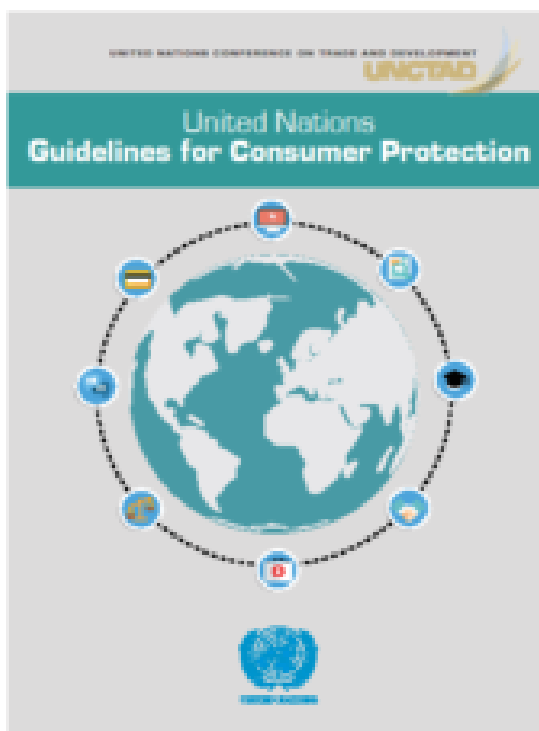
Scope:

- Rules for the control of anticompetitive practices,
- The development dimension of competition law and policy,
- Framework for international cooperation and exchange of best practices.



UN GUIDELINES FOR CONSUMER PROTECTION

General Assembly resolution 70/186 of 22 December 2015:



- Adopted the **latest revision of the Guidelines** (1985, first amended in 1999): they were expanded and modernized to respond to current challenges;
- Created the **IGE on Consumer protection law and policy** - unique international forum for intergovernmental deliberations in this field;

UNCTAD TECHNICAL COOPERATION

- COMPAL (17 Latin America countries), since 2003: Competition and Consumer Protection;

- MENA programme (8 Middle East/North African countries): Competition and Consumer Protection (2015-2018);

- South-East Asia (10 countries of ASEAN): Competition and Consumer Protection;

- Sofia Competition Forum (10 Balkan countries): partnership with BG Competition Commission - Competition.

- UEMOA/WAEMU (West African Economic and Monetary Union, 8 countries): Competition;

- CEMAC (Central West Africa, 8 countries): Competition and Consumer Protection
- (2017-2019).

- Zimbabwe: Competition (2014-2016);
- Albania: Competition (2014-2016);
- Tanzania: Competition (2017-2018);
- Ethiopia: Competition and Consumer Protection (2015-2018).



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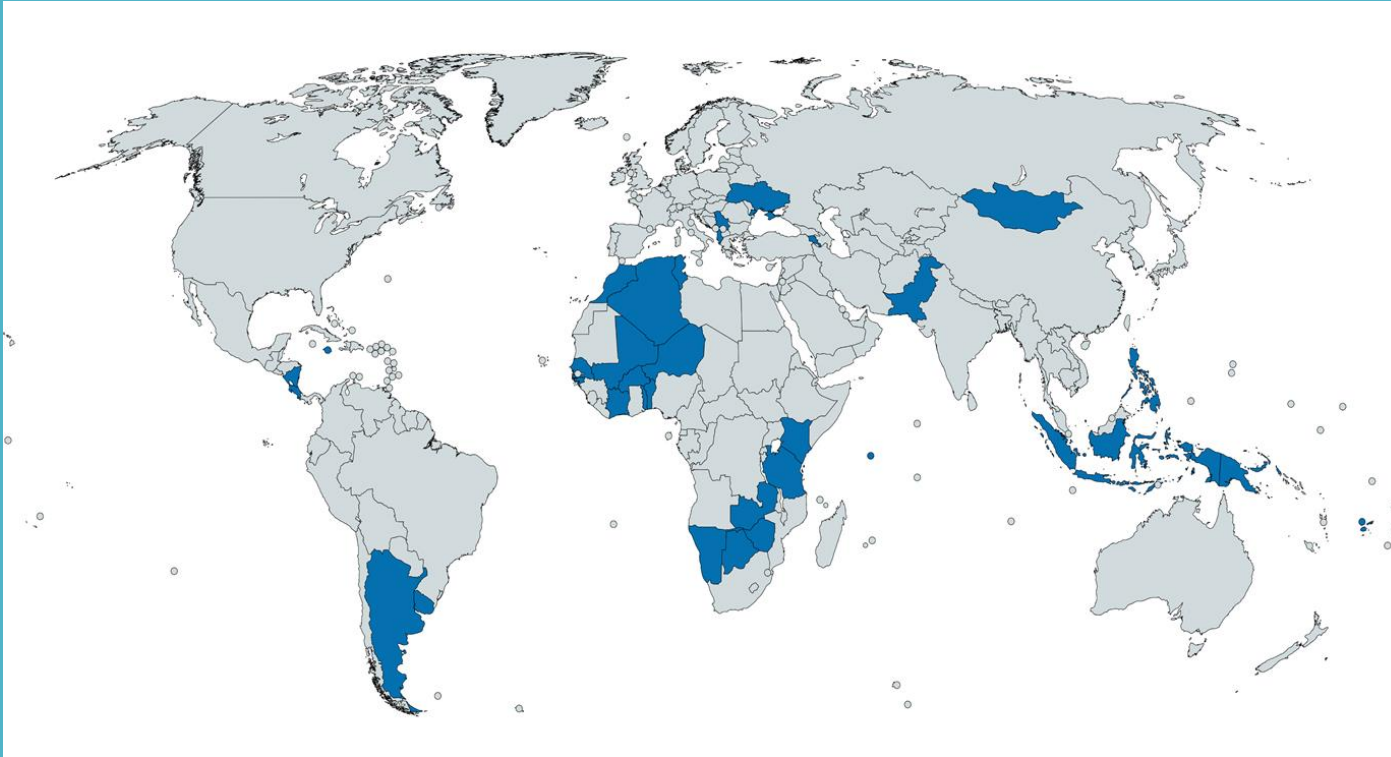
In 2018/9 we maintained our wide coverage to foster
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Countries that have undertaken Peer Reviews with UNCTAD since 2005 (28)

UNCTAD Research Partnership Platform



- Created in 2010
- Brings together universities, research institutions, Competition and Consumer protection authorities, business and civil society representatives
- Research projects on both Competition and Consumer protection laws and policies
- Annual meetings, back-to-back with the annual Intergovernmental Groups of Experts meetings on Consumer Protection and on Competition



Interactive tools

The screenshot displays the UNCTAD Virtual Catalogue website. At the top, there are social media icons and language options (EN, ES). The header features the UNCTAD logo and the text "UNITED NATIONS CONFERENCE ON TRADE AND DEVELOPMENT PROSPERITY FOR ALL". Below the header is a navigation bar with links for "ABOUT US", "MEMBER STATES", "GOOD PRACTICES", "CALENDAR", and "CONTACT US". A search icon is also present. The main content area is titled "The most recent on the topics of competition and consumer protection" and features three featured articles:

- LENIENCY PROGRAM GUIDELINES**: A large banner with the text "Competition Leniency Program" and "2017". A "See more +" link is visible.
- Eliminación de Barreras Burocráticas**: A yellow banner with the text "Competition Bureaucratic Barriers Elimination Newsletter" and "December 01, 2014". A "See more +" link is visible.
- Abogacías**: A purple banner with the text "Competition Advocacies" and "2014 - 2017". A "See more >" link is visible.

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- Virtual online repository of International Best Practices on Competition and Consumer Protection: to increase knowledge-sharing on Competition among experts;
- Developed between UNCTAD and Peru (INDECOPI).



Competition and Consumer Policies - AGENDA



Reports on:

- Implementation of the UN Set on Competition;



- Implementation of the United Nations Guidelines for Consumer Protection: legal and institutional framework.



Roundtables on:

- Consumer product safety data for policymaking;
- Consumer protection enforcement cooperation in e-commerce;
- Competitive neutrality;
- Combatting cross-border cartels.

- ✓ Voluntary Peer Review on Consumer Protection Law and Policy of Peru (third Review);

- ✓ Voluntary Peer Review on Competition Law and Policy of WAEMU-UEMOA

Session on **Strengthening Consumer protection and Competition in the Digital Economy**

Session on **International Cooperation for Competition law enforcement - discussion of the Guiding Principles and Procedures under Section F of the UN Set on Competition**

Report on **Capacity building and Technical assistance on Consumer protection and Competition**



- UNCTAD World Consumer Protection Map



- Revised Chapters III and IV of the UNCTAD Model Law on Competition, Part 2 - Commentaries



Resolution of the Conference: clusters of work for UNCTAD in the fields of Competition and Consumer Protection in the following 5 years



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