



Intergovernmental Group of Experts on Competition Law and Policy

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**Roundtable on “Capacity-building and the UNCTAD voluntary peer review as a capacity-
building tool”¹**

**Wednesday, 10 July 2013 (12:00 - 13:00)
Palais des Nations, Room XVIII (First Floor)**

UNCTAD’s technical provide assistance to interested young competition agencies both at national and regional levels including assistance in drafting competition laws, setting up enforcement frameworks, strengthening their institutional capacity for better implementation of competition laws and undertaking competition advocacy to create a competition culture and promote consumer welfare.

Many of the beneficiaries of UNCTAD technical assistance have now an average age of 10 to 15 years. It was therefore deemed appropriate to conduct an independent review of their legal and enforcement framework as well as agency effectiveness. In this context, it was decided to hold peer review of competition policy in order to assess the performance of young competition agencies and to design appropriate capacity-building program.

During the Fifth Review of the Set on competition policy, UNCTAD was directed to conduct voluntary peer review of competition law and policy in interested countries. The aim of peer reviews is to identify areas for improvement in the competition regime of the country reviewed and then make recommendations to address these areas through the development of capacity-building projects.

This round table will review the 11 UNCTAD voluntary peer reviews and assess their relevance and usefulness to the beneficiary countries.

¹ UNCTAD (2012), Capacity-building and the UNCTAD voluntary peer review as a capacity-building tool, Note by the UNCTAD secretariat (TD/B/C.I/CLP/22).
http://unctad.org/meetings/en/SessionalDocuments/ciclpd22_en.pdf

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WORK PROGRAMME

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| 12:00 to 12:10 | Presentation by UNCTAD secretariat |
| 12:10 to 12:45 | Report on seven recent peer reviews: <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Armenia- Serbia- Armenia- Mongolia- Tanzania- Zambia- Zimbabwe |
| 12:45 to 13:00 | Consultations and proposals for improvements in the conduct of UNCTAD peer review and the follow up on their recommendations |

Delegates wishing to speak during the session are invited to inform the UNCTAD secretariat accordingly by contacting Yves Kenfack (yves.kenfack@unctad.org)