



**Fourth Meeting of the Research Partnership Platform (RPP)**

**Sunday, 7<sup>th</sup> July 2013 (13:15 - 18:15)**

**Hotel Novotel Genève Centre, Rue de Zurich 19, 1201 Genève**

Considering the important role of research and policy analysis in the development of appropriate policies and legislation responding to the challenges faced in the area of competition law and policy, and consumer protection, UNCTAD created the Research Partnership Platform (RPP) in 2010. RPP is an initiative that aims at contributing to the development of best practices in the formulation and effective enforcement of competition and consumer protection laws and policies so as to promote development.

RPP brings together researchers from research institutions, universities, competition authorities and civil society, and provides a platform where they can undertake joint research and other activities, exchange ideas on the issues and challenges in the area of competition and consumer protection faced particularly by developing countries and economies in transition.

The role of UNCTAD is to facilitate and provide guidance on the research and analysis undertaken by researchers within RPP, with a view to benefiting from the research findings in its technical assistance and capacity building activities. The research undertaken within the RPP would result in joint publications (research papers, policy briefs and research-based analytic notes) on competition law and policy, and consumer protection issues.

Since 2010, the members of the RPP, interested researchers and UNCTAD staff get together at the margins of the annual session of the Intergovernmental Group of Experts on Competition Law and Policy, and exchange views on ongoing projects and discuss new research proposals.

Currently we have four active projects under the RPP; one on competitive neutrality, another on the benchmarking of institutions, one on Competition Law and Aggregate Concentration and one on competition law and the State. During this year's RPP meeting, we will discuss the developments within the four projects mentioned above and hear four new research project proposals.

For more information on RPP and the ongoing projects, visit the RPP website at:  
<http://www.unctad.org/en/Pages/DITC/CompetitionLaw/ResearchPartnership/ResearchPartnership-Platform-on-Competition-and-Consumer-Protection--.aspx>

**FOURTH MEETING OF THE RESEARCH PARTNERSHIP PLATFORM (RPP)  
WORK PROGRAMME**

<b>13:15 - 13:20</b>	<b>Opening of the Fourth Meeting of the Research Partnership Platform</b>
13:15 - 13:20	Introductory remarks by Mr. Hassan Qaqaya, Head, Competition Law and Consumer Policies Branch, DITC, UNCTAD
<b>13:20 – 17:00</b>	<b>PART I: PRESENTATIONS OF ONGOING PROJECTS</b>
<b>13:20 - 14:05</b>	<b>Competitive Neutrality Project led by Deborah Healey et al.</b>
13:20 - 13:50	Deborah Healey, University of New South Wales
13:50 – 14:05	Discussion
<b>14:05 – 14:55</b>	<b>Competition Law and the State led by Eleanor Fox et al.</b>
14:05 – 14:30	Eleanor Fox, New York University
14:30 – 14:45	Discussion
14:45 - 14:55	Book Launch: <i>“Cases and Materials on U.S. Antitrust in Global Context”</i>
<b>14:55 - 15:40</b>	<b>Benchmarking Competition Systems Project led by William Kovacic</b>
14:55 - 15:25	Marianela López-Galdos, George Washington University
15:25 - 15:40	Discussion
<b>15:40 - 16:10</b>	<b>Coffee break</b>
<b>16:10– 16:45</b>	<b>Competition Law and Aggregate Concentration led by Thomas Cheng and Michal Gal.</b>
16:10 - 16:35	Thomas Cheng, University of Hong Kong, and Michal Gal, University of Haifa
16:35 - 16:45	Discussion
<b>16:45 – 17:00</b>	<b>Research Presentation: Cartel Enforcement in Selected Latin American Countries: Present and Future</b>
16:45– 17:00	Dr Ivo Gagliuffi, Lazo, De Romaña & Gagliuffi Abogados, Peru

17:00 – 18:15	<b>PART II: PRESENTATIONS OF NEW PROJECTS</b>
17:00 - 17:15	<b>New Project Proposal: Interaction between Regional competition laws and Member states national competition laws.</b>
17:00 - 17:15	Frédéric Jenny and Med Rezzouk, ESSEC Business School
17:15 - 17:30	<b>New Project Proposal: Integration of Economic and Econometric Evidence in Competition Law</b>
17:15 - 17:30	Ioannis Lianos, University College London
17:30 - 17:45	<b>New Project Proposal: Best Practices of Consumer Redress</b>
17:30 - 17:45	Ying Yu, International Law Institute, Wuhan University
17:45 – 18:00	<b>New Project Proposal: Broad Competition Policies for Least Developed Countries</b>
17:45 – 18:00	Graham Mott, UNCTAD
18:00 – 18:15	Wrap-up and closing remarks