

## Talking points as questions/comments and

As representative of consumers in Africa, I agree that the concept of Competition policy is highlighting many advantages for consumers:

### I. Comments on Competition policy and consumer protection

Competition policy promotes the growing of markets. Enterprises produce more. The consequences are:

- the decrease of prices
- more choices of products in services to consumers
- Best quality of products and services

If this theory can be easily verified at the mature markets. Market is mature, that means:

- 1) Consumers who are well purchasing power.
- 2) Consumers are informed and educated on their rights and obligation to benefit from the advantages of competition policy
- 3) Existing of the legislative on competition and others regulatory environment including consumers protection are adopted and implemented
- 4) The competition or regulation agencies and commissions have capacities (funding, HR, independency, knowledge and skills etc.) for assuring their role.
- 5) Consumers association also are capacities to play their role
- 6) Etc.

### II. Competition and Consumer protection in Africa

- Competition Theory is not always verified in environments and markets that have not reached this stage of development and maturity.
- In such environments, there is a high risk of having anti-competitive practices such as cartels, market sharing, monopolistic practices, dumping, which undermine all the advantages that would benefit the consumer as it is true that competition without regulation kills the competition.
- This is particularly the case in African markets and environments where market openings are often made without the conditions that exist in mature markets being effective there.
- Africa is facing many Challenges
- The current Population is estimated to 1.35 billion. It will reach 2.5 billion by 2050 and continue growing to 4.5 billion by 2100.
- Around 80% Commerce are dominated by informal. This informal is very dynamic
- *What do you think about the informal sector in the implementation and promotion of competition policy?*
- *What UNTACD, partners and others Institutions can do to allow consumers to benefit from the advantages of competition policy?*
- *What relationship do you have with consumer's organisations? What kind of support your institutions offer to consumer's organisations?*