



Intergovernmental Group of Experts on Consumer Protection Law and Policy
2nd Session, 3 and 4 July 2017, Geneva, Switzerland

**UNCTAD secretariat presentation:
Framework for voluntary peer reviews on consumer protection law
and policy**

Monday 3 July 2017 (16:30 - 18:00)
Palais des Nations, Room XVII (First Floor)

The United Nations Guidelines for Consumer Protection¹ mandate the Intergovernmental Group of Experts (IGE) on Consumer Protection Law and Policy to conduct voluntary peer review of national consumer protection policies of Member States, as implemented by consumer protection authorities.

The first session of the IGE requested the UNCTAD secretariat to integrate the suggestions made by participants on the voluntary peer reviews on consumer protection law and policy when developing a framework for this purpose.² This session will discuss the way forward regarding peer reviews on consumer protection within UNCTAD, gathering the insight from consumer experts and other organizations engaging in similar exercises.

The note by the UNCTAD secretariat on "Framework for voluntary peer reviews on consumer protection law and policy"³ provides some additional considerations on the rationale, methodology and modalities on the issue.

To facilitate this interactive discussion, the secretariat raises the following issues:

- (a) Should any improvement be considered when implementing the framework for voluntary peer reviews on consumer protection law and policy?
- (b) What should be the scope and methodology for self-assessments on consumer protection law and policy? Should they be separate from, or a part of, the peer review process?

¹ [A/RES/70/186](#)

² [TD/B/C.I/CPLP/4](#)

³ [TD/B/C.I/CLP/6](#)

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WORK PROGRAMME

- 16:30 to 16:45** **Presentation by UNCTAD secretariat on Framework for voluntary peer reviews on consumer protection law and policy**
- 16:45 to 17:30** **Panel discussion**
- Ms. Lilian G. Salonga, Assistant Director for Consumer Protection Group, Philippines
 - Mr. Robin Simpson, International Expert
 - Dr. Laura Best, Nelson Mandela Metropolitan University
 - Mr. Rajan Dhanjee, Global Traders Conference
- 17:30 to 18:00** **Interactive debate**

Delegates wishing to speak during the session are invited to inform the UNCTAD secretariat accordingly by contacting Mr. Arnau Izaguerri Vila (arnau.izaguerri@unctad.org).