



Intergovernmental Group of Experts on Competition Law and Policy
17th Session, 11 - 13 July 2018, Geneva, Switzerland

Peer Review of Competition Law and Policy: Botswana

Thursday, 12 July 2018 (10:00 - 12:30)
Palais des Nations, Room XVII (First Floor)

Botswana is in the process of reforming its competition regime after its six years of experience in competition law enforcement. The purpose of this peer review is to assess the legal framework and enforcement experience in Botswana and to draw lessons from past experiences with a view to improving competition law enforcement in the country. In this context, the Competition Authority of Botswana (CAB) volunteered to participate in a Peer Review of Competition Law and Policy organized by UNCTAD.

With substantial support provided by the Competition Authority of Botswana (CAB), the competition expert, Dr. Allan Mulula and Mrs Elizabeth Gachuri, UNCTAD, examined the status of competition law and policy in Botswana and prepared the peer review report including recommendations.¹

This report will serve as a basis for the peer review examination during the 17th session of the Intergovernmental Group of Experts on Competition Law and Policy (IGE). The review panel will include representatives of the competition authorities of Kenya, South Africa and a Competition Expert from United States. In addition, speakers from the floor will have an opportunity to contribute to the discussion. The peer review will be interactive and provide Botswana competition authority with a unique opportunity to draw lessons from the experiences of other competition authorities in competition law enforcement.

UNCTAD used the findings and policy recommendations of the peer review report in designing a tailor-made technical assistance project to reinforce the effectiveness of competition law enforcement in Botswana. UNCTAD would like to invite development partners and donors to support this project, which will be presented during the session.

¹ A short version of the report is available at:
http://unctad.org/meetings/en/SessionalDocuments/ciclpd51_en.pdf

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WORK PROGRAMME

- 10:00 - 10:05 **Introduction of the peer review panel by its Chair**
Ms. Juliana Latifi, Chairperson, Competition Authority of Albania
- 10:05 - 10:15 **Statement by the Head of the Botswana Delegation**
Honourable Bogolo Kenewendo, Minister for Investment, Trade and Industry

Part I

- 10:10 - 10:30 **Presentation of the peer review report of Botswana**
Dr. Allan Mlulla, UNCTAD Consultant and Mrs. Elizabeth Gachuri, UNCTAD
- 10:30 - 10:35 General Comments on the Peer Review Report
Ms. Tebelelo Pule, CEO, Competition Authority of Botswana
- 10:35 - 11:35 **Peer reviewers**
- Mr. Tembinkosi Bonakele, Commissioner, South Africa Competition Commission
 - Mr. Francis Kariuki, Director General, Competition Authority of Kenya
 - Prof. William Kovacic, Ex-Chairman of the US FTC and Professor of the George Washington University, USA
- Questions** to be answered by: Ms. Tebelelo Pule, Chief Executive Officer, Botswana Competition Authority.

Part II

- 11:35 - 12:00 **Interactive session**
This Session will allow Botswana to seek advice from other competition authorities on issues identified in the peer review report.

Part III

- 12:00 - 12:10 **The way forward: Presentation by UNCTAD of capacity building activities to assist CAB in strengthening its competition law enforcement**
- 12:10 - 12:30 **Wrap-up by the Chair of the peer review panel:**
Ms. Juliana Latifi, Chairperson, Competition Authority of Albania

Delegates wishing to speak during the session are invited to inform the UNCTAD secretariat accordingly by contacting Mrs. Elizabeth Gachuri (elizabeth.gachuri@un.org) or Ms. Maria Bovey (maria.bovey@un.org).