



**17<sup>th</sup> session of the Intergovernmental Group of Experts on Competition Law and  
Policy**

**11<sup>th</sup> to 13<sup>th</sup> July 2018**

**Room: XVII, Palais des Nations**

**Report on Capacity building in Competition Law and Policy**

**Wednesday 11 July 2018 (16:30 - 17:00)**

**Palais des Nations, Room XVII (First Floor)**

The Intergovernmental Group of Experts on Competition Law and Policy at its Sixteen session requested the UNCTAD secretariat to present an updated review of capacity-building and technical assistance on consumer protection law and policy.<sup>1</sup> The resulting UNCTAD secretariat note<sup>2</sup> reports progress on the capacity-building and technical cooperation activities in competition and consumer protection law and policy carried out by UNCTAD in 2017 and part of 2018.

UNCTAD provides capacity-building and technical assistance in competition and consumer protection law and policy to developing countries and countries with economies in transition in accordance with requests received and available resources. These activities include national and regional assistance in drafting competition and consumer protection laws and applying guidelines, as well as institutional capacity for better enforcement of such laws. In addition, activities include advocacy for the creation of a competition culture and the promotion of consumer welfare. The intervention strategy of UNCTAD in providing capacity-building is to establish new institutional and regulatory mechanisms for the enforcement of competition and consumer protection policy at the national and regional levels in line with the requirements of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development.

The round table will review capacity-building activities provided by UNCTAD since the Sixteen session of the Intergovernmental Group of Experts on Competition Law and Policy in July 2018. The round table will also address the challenges faced by Developing and Least Developing countries in absorbing UNCTAD's interventions at national and regional level and how to overcome them. More advanced countries and development partners will share their experience on this issue. In this connection, discussion in the round table will try to respond to the following questions:

- (a) What are the challenges faced by Developing and Least Developing countries in absorbing UNCTAD's interventions?
- (b) What role donors and other development partners can play in supporting UNCTAD's work in this area?

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<sup>1</sup> TD/B/C.I/CPLP/9

<sup>2</sup> TD/B/C.I/CPLP/14

## **Round Table on Capacity building in Competition Law and Policy**

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### **DRAFT WORK PROGRAMME**

**16:30 to 16:35**      **Presentation by the UNCTAD secretariat**

**16:35 to 17:00**      **Panelists**

- Mr. Michel NIAMA, Commissioner in charge of Common Market, CEMAC Commission, Bangui, Central African Republic
- Mr. Jamil Zayed, Director, Competition Directorate, Ministry of Industry, Trade and Supply, Jordan
- Mr. Oscar Cardoze, Administrator, ACODECO, Panama
- Mr. Marat Kussainov, Member of the Board (Minister) in Charge of Competition and Antitrust Regulation, Eurasian Economic Commission

Delegates wishing to speak during the session are invited to inform the UNCTAD secretariat accordingly by contacting Mr. Yves Kenfack ([Yves.kenfack@un.org](mailto:Yves.kenfack@un.org))