



Intergovernmental Group of Experts on Consumer Protection Law and Policy
3rd Session, 9 - 10 July 2018, Geneva, Switzerland

**Report on:
Capacity building and technical assistance on
consumer protection law and policy**

**Monday 09 July 2018 (15:00 - 15:30)
Palais des Nations, Room XVII (First Floor)**

The Intergovernmental Group of Experts on Consumer Protection Law and Policy at its second session requested the UNCTAD secretariat to present an updated review of capacity-building and technical assistance on consumer protection law and policy.¹ The resulting UNCTAD secretariat note² 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 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.

This session will address the following questions:

- (a) What are the challenges encountered in this area and how to overcome them?
- (b) What success stories can be shared from more advanced consumer protection authorities in mainstreaming gender and diversity issues the enforcement of their consumer protection law and policy?
- (c) What role can donors and other development partners play in supporting UNCTAD's work in this area?

¹ TD/B/C.I/CPLP/9

² TD/B/C.I/CPLP/14

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WORK PROGRAMME

15:00 - 15:10

Presentation by UNCTAD secretariat

15:10 - 15:30

Interventions

- Mr. Atef Yacoub, Chairman, COMESA Consumer Protection Commission
- Prof. Thierry Bourgoignie, University of Quebec and UNCTAD consultant
- Ms. Sita Zimpel, Principal Advisor, GIZ-Indonesia

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