



**WTO THEMATIC SEMINAR ON COMPETITION POLICY, TRADE AND DEVELOPMENT:
REVIEWING PRACTICAL EXPERIENCE WITH EXISTING WTO AGREEMENTS***

**GENEVA, SWITZERLAND
12 – 14 JUNE 2018**

PROGRAMME (DRAFT)[†]

Day 1 - Tuesday, 12 June 2018, Morning

08:30 Registration and security procedures
09:00 Official Opening of the Seminar

<u>Time</u>	<u>Subject</u>	<u>Speaker</u>
09.00 – 09.15	Keynote Address	[Mr Roberto Azevêdo Director General, WTO]

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09:15 – 09:45	Participant introductions and objectives	Participants
	Introduction to the programme	Mr Robert Anderson WTO Secretariat

SESSION 1A: Competition policy: relevance for facilitating trade and development

<u>Time</u>	<u>Subject</u>	<u>Speakers</u>
09:45 – 10:15	1.1 The importance of competition policy for trade and development: past, present and future	Professor Frederic Jenny, ESSEC Business School, Paris and Chairman, OECD Competition Committee
10:15 – 10:45	1.2 Competition policy and its relevance for developing economies: empirical evidence and institutional considerations	Dr Kamala Dawar, University of Sussex
10:45 – 11:00	1.3 General discussion	

11:00 – 11:20 Break

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SESSION 1B: Competition policy: relevance for facilitating trade and development (cont'd)

Time	Subject	Speakers
11:20 - 11:50	1.4 Competition policy elements in existing WTO Agreements (the TRIPS Agreement, the GPA and the GATS)	Mr Robert Anderson WTO Secretariat
11:50 - 12:20	1.5 Competition policy and other WTO activities: WTO Accession Protocols and Trade Policy Reviews	Ms Anna Caroline Müller WTO Secretariat
12:20 - 12:40	1.6 Competition policy and trade: optimizing the synergies and creating an enabling environment	Professor William E. Kovacic George Washington University and Non-Executive Director, UK Competition and Markets Authority
12:40 - 13:00	1.7 General discussion/key takeaways	

13:00- 14:30 Lunch break

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SESSIONS 2A: Competition policy and intellectual property: the TRIPS Agreement and recent developments

Time	Subject	Speakers
14:30 - 14:55	2.1 The application of competition policy vis-à-vis intellectual property rights: the evolution of thought underlying policy change	Professor William E. Kovacic George Washington University and Non-Executive Director, UK Competition and Markets Authority
14:55 - 15:20	2.2 Competition provisions of the TRIPS Agreement: a review of experience over 20 years	Mr Antony Taubman, Director, Intellectual Property, Government Procurement and Competition Division, WTO Secretariat
15:20 - 15:45	2.3 Competition law enforcement in relation to IP: current developments in the EU	Professor Alberto Heimler, Chairman, OECD Working Party on Competition and Regulation
15:45 - 16:10	2.4 General discussion/key takeaways	

16.10 - 16.30 Break

SESSIONS 2B: Competition policy and intellectual property: the TRIPS Agreement and recent developments (cont'd)

Time	Subject	Speakers
16:30 - 17:00	2.5 Competition policy and the pharma sector: patent settlements, compulsory licensing and standard setting – recent developments	Dr Kamala Dawar University of Sussex
17:00 - 17:30	2.5 Competition issues in the distribution of pharmaceuticals	Professor Frederic Jenny ESSEC Business School, Paris and Chairman, OECD Competition Committee
17:30 - 17:45	2.7 General discussion/key takeaways	

Day 2 - Wednesday, 13 June 2018, Morning

SESSION 3: Government procurement and competition policy

Time	Subject	Speakers
09:00 – 09:30	3.1 Measures to prevent collusive tendering and corruption: an important adjunct to a liberalised government procurement regime	Professor William E. Kovacic George Washington University and Non-Executive Director, UK Competition and Markets Authority
09:30 – 10:00	3.2 Government procurement, competition principles and development: the role of the WTO Agreement on Government Procurement (GPA)	Mr Robert Anderson WTO Secretariat
10:00 – 10:30	3.3 General discussion/key takeaways	

10.30 - 11.00 Break

SESSION 4: Trade in services, competition and e-commerce

Time	Subject	Speakers
11:00 – 11:30	4.1 The role of competition principles in the GATS Agreement and the <i>Telmex</i> case	Mr Robert Anderson WTO Secretariat
11:30 – 12:00	4.2 The EU sector inquiry on e-commerce: main takeaways	Professor Alberto Heimler, Chairman, OECD Working Party on Competition and Regulation
12:00 – 12:30	4.3 Competition policy and the digital economy: OECD perspectives	Professor Frederic Jenny ESSEC Business School, Paris and Chairman, OECD Competition Committee
12:30 – 13:00	4.4 General discussion/key takeaways	

13:00 – 14:30 Lunch break

Day 2 - Wednesday, 13 June 2018, Afternoon

SESSION 5: Competition policy and regional integration: recent trends and implications for developing countries

Time	Subject	Speakers
14:30 – 14:55	5.1 Competition policy in RTAs: recent developments and what it means for international cooperation	Ms Anna Caroline Müller WTO Secretariat
14:55 – 15:20	5.2 Competition policy and market integration in the EU: the experience to date	Professor Alberto Heimler, Chairman, OECD Working Party on Competition and Regulation
15:20 – 15:45	5.3 Competition policy, development and regional integration: experiences from Africa and the Caribbean	Dr Kamala Dawar University of Sussex
15:45 – 16:10	5.4 General discussion/key takeaways	

16.10 – 16.30 Break

SESSION 6: Government procurement, trade liberalization and competition policy - breakout session

Time	Subject	Speakers
16:30 – 17:30	6.1 Government procurement, trade liberalization and competition policy: case study on achieving coherence for public health – <u>breakout session</u>	Participants
17:30 – 18:00	6.2 Reports from the breakout groups	

Day 3 - Thursday, 14 June 2018, Morning

SESSION 7: Competition policy in the global economy: current challenges

Time	Subject	Speakers
09:00 – 09:30	7.1 Preserving the role of competition principles <i>vis-à-vis</i> industrial policies: experience in developed jurisdictions and the BRICS economies	Professor William E. Kovacic George Washington University and Non-Executive Director, UK Competition and Markets Authority
09:30 – 10:00	7.2 Multi-jurisdictional merger review: conflict and cooperation	Professor Alberto Heimler, Chairman, OECD Working Party on Competition and Regulation
10:00 – 10:30	7.3 Gaps in the global policy framework: the treatment of export cartels and related arrangements	Professor Frederic Jenny ESSEC Business School, Paris and Chairman, OECD Competition Committee
10:30 – 10:50	7.4 General discussion/key takeaways	

10.50 – 11.15 Break

SESSION 8A: International cooperation in the area of competition policy

Time	Subject	Speakers
11:15 – 11:35	8.1 Institution building: the role of the International Competition Network (ICN), the OECD and (potentially) the WTO	Professor William E. Kovacic George Washington University and Non-Executive Director, UK Competition and Markets Authority
11:35 – 11:55	8.2 Competition policy, development and institution building: the role of UNCTAD	Ms Teresa Moreira UNCTAD
11:55 – 12:15	8.3 Competition policy institutions in LDCs and small island economies	Dr Kamala Dawar University of Sussex
12:15 – 12:35	8.4 Competition policy and civil society	CUTS
12:35 – 13:00	8.5 General discussion/key takeaways	

13:00 – 14:30 Lunch break

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**SESSION 8B: International cooperation in the area of competition policy (cont'd) –
breakout session**

Time	Subject	Speaker
14:30 – 15:30	8.6 The future of international cooperation on competition policy (discussion in the groups) - <u>breakout session</u>	Participants
15:00 – 15:30	8.7 Reports from the breakout groups	Participants
15:30 – 16:00	8.8 General discussion/key takeaways	

16.00– 16.30 Break

SESSION 9: Concluding session

Time	Subject	Speaker
16:30 – 16:45	9.1 Individual review, evaluation and personal reflection	Participants
16:45 – 17:00	9.2 Reflections of the Workshop Rapporteur	Professor Frederic Jenny ESSEC Business School, Paris and Chairman, OECD Competition Committee
17:00 – 17:15	9.3 Closing remarks	Mr Xiaozhun Yi, Deputy Director-General, WTO

17:15 Close
