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WTO WORKSHOP ON COMPETITION POLICY, TRADE AND DEVELOPMENT

17– 19 JULY 2024

WTO HEADQUARTERS

GENEVA, SWITZERLAND

ROOM E

PROGRAMME

Day 1 - Wednesday, 17 July 2024

08:30 – 09:00 Registration and welcome coffee

<u>Time</u>	<u>Subject</u>	<u>Speaker</u>
09:00 – 09:20	Opening remarks	Ms Johanna Hill, WTO Deputy Director-General (TBC)

SESSION 1: INTERNATIONAL COMPETITION POLICY

<u>Time</u>	<u>Subject</u>	<u>Speaker</u>
09:20 – 09:45	1.1 General international legal framework for the conduct of competition policy: Relevant legal instruments (UN Set, OECD recommendations, ICN principles)	WTO Secretariat

09:45 – 10:00 Break

<u>Time</u>	<u>Subject</u>	<u>Speakers</u>
10:00 – 11:00	1.2 Competition policy in a globalised economy: Current issues and developments	Invited expert

SESSION 2: COMPETITION POLICY AND DEVELOPMENT

11:00– 12:00	2.1 Leveraging competition policy for development: A conversation	UNCTAD (TBC)
12:00 –12:30	2.2 What do developing countries need from international competition policy?	Invited expert

12:30 – 14:00 Lunch break

SESSION 3: COMPETITION POLICY AND TRADE POLICY

<u>Time</u>	<u>Subject</u>	<u>Speakers</u>
14:00 – 14:30	3.1 Competition policy and trade policy: Similarities, differences and complementarities	WTO Secretariat

14:30 – 15:00	3.2 Case study 1 on integrated policymaking in the trade policy domain: How trade policy can impact competition in developed country WTO Members' domestic markets	WTO Secretariat
15:00 – 15:30	3.3 Case study 2 on integrated policymaking in the trade policy domain: How trade policy can impact competition in developing country WTO Members' domestic markets	WTO Secretariat

SESSION 4: TRADE AND COMPETITION IN THE WTO

Session 4.1: Existing competition-related WTO rules

<u>Time</u>	<u>Subject</u>	<u>Speakers</u>
15:30 – 16:00	<u>Overview</u> 4.1 General introduction to relevant rules (trade in goods, trade in services and trade-related aspects of intellectual property rights)	WTO Secretariat

15:00 – 15:30 **Break**

<u>Time</u>	<u>Subject</u>	<u>Speakers</u>
16:00 – 16:30	<u>The GATS</u> 4.2 The WTO telecommunications reference paper: Promoting best competition policy practices in telecommunications regulation	WTO Secretariat
16:30 – 17:30	<u>The TRIPS Agreement</u> 4.3 Competition policy and intellectual property rights covered by the TRIPS Agreement: Initial experience and assessment based on WTO/WIPO research	WIPO Secretariat (TBC), WTO Secretariat

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SESSION 4: TRADE AND COMPETITION IN THE WTO (CONT'D)

Session 4.1: Existing competition-related WTO rules (cont'd)

<u>Time</u>	<u>Subject</u>	<u>Speakers</u>
09:00 – 10:00	<u>The TRIPS Agreement (cont'd)</u> 4.4 Case study 3 on integrated policymaking in the public health domain: The TRIPS Agreement, access to medical technologies, innovation and competition	WTO Secretariat
10:00 – 11:30	<u>The GPA 2012</u> 4.5 Case study 4 on integrated policymaking in the government procurement domain: Safeguarding competition in government procurement tendering	WTO Secretariat (introduction)

	4.5.1 OECD analytical work on measures to detect and prevent collusive tendering	OECD Secretariat
	4.5.2 Detection of bid rigging cartels using statistics methods: An example from competition law enforcement practice	Invited expert
11:30 – 12:30	4.6 Workshop participants' exercise: Interaction of trade liberalization, government procurement and competition policy in the public health policy domain	Workshop participants, WTO Secretariat

12:30 – 14:00

Lunch break

<u>Time</u>	<u>Subject</u>	<u>Speakers</u>
14:00– 15:00	4.7 Wrap up and reporting on the Workshop participants' exercise: Interaction of trade liberalization, government procurement and competition policy in the public health policy domain	Workshop participants, WTO Secretariat

Session 4.2: Past WTO exploratory discussions on stand-alone WTO rules on competition

<u>Time</u>	<u>Subject</u>	<u>Speakers</u>
15:00– 15:45	4.8 The (inactive) Working Group on the Interaction between Trade and Competition Policy: A conversation with the former Secretary to the Working Group	Invited expert

15:45 – 16:00

Break

SESSION 5: TRADE AND COMPETITIVE NEUTRALITY IN THE WTO

<u>Time</u>	<u>Subject</u>	<u>Speakers</u>
16:00 – 16:45	5.1 Relevant WTO rules on subsidies and state-trading enterprises; new challenges; and the joint IMF/OECD/WTO/WB report on Subsidies, Trade and International Cooperation	WTO Secretariat

SESSION 6: TRADE POLICY REVIEWS OF WTO MEMBERS

<u>Time</u>	<u>Subject</u>	<u>Speakers</u>
16:45 – 17:30	6.1 Competition in WTO trade policy reviews conducted under the Trade Policy Review Mechanism: How has it been addressed?	WTO Secretariat

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SESSION 7: TRADE AND COMPETITION OUTSIDE THE WTO (FTAs, DEAs, DEPA)

<u>Time</u>	<u>Subject</u>	<u>Speakers</u>
09:00 - 09:45	7.1 Competition policy chapters in FTAs, DEAs and DEPAs: Initial assessment based on WTO research	WTO Secretariat
09:45 - 10:45	7.2 Competition policy chapters in FTAs, DEAs and DEPAs: Considerations for negotiators	Invited experts

10:45 - 11:00 **Break**

SESSION 8: PROSPECTS OF INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION IN THE AREA OF COMPETITION POLICY (OTHER THAN FTAs, DEAs, DEPAs)

<u>Time</u>	<u>Subject</u>	<u>Speakers</u>
11:00 - 11:45	8.1 International cooperation in the field of competition policy: Policy considerations for developing countries	Invited expert

11:45 - 13:30 **Lunch break**

<u>Time</u>	<u>Subject</u>	<u>Speakers</u>
13:30 - 14:15	8.2 Case study 5: The 2023 bilateral agreement on competition investigations between Germany and Switzerland	Invited experts

SESSION 9: WORKSHOP EVALUATION AND CONCLUSION

<u>Time</u>	<u>Subject</u>	<u>Speakers</u>
14:15- 14:45	9.1 Individual review and evaluation of the course	Workshop participants
14:45 - 15:00	9.2 Closing remarks	WTO Secretariat
