4th CUTS-CIRC Biennial Competition, Regulation & Development Conference & CREW Project Final Conference

Relevance of Competition & Regulatory Reforms in Pursuing Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) in Developing Countries
12-13 December 2015
Tulipa Halls A & B, Eka Hotel, Nairobi (Kenya)

Agenda

Day One: 12th December 2015

0900 to 1000hrs: Inaugural Session

- Pradeep S Mehta, Secretary General, CUTS International, India (Chair)
- Frederic Jenny, Chair, OECD Competition Policy Committee, France
- Mukhisa Kituyi, Secretary General, UNCTAD, Switzerland
- Thomas Ratsakatika, DfID, UK

Vote of Thanks: Bipul Chatterjee, CUTS International

1000 to 1030hrs: Tea/Coffee Break (& Group Photo)

1030 to 1300hrs (Session I): Government Policy promoting Competition, Innovation & Jobs

Role of Government in promoting sustainable economic growth through competition reforms (exploring how competition can help promote healthy markets, create employment, promotes innovation and industrialisation)

Chair: Martha Martinez Licetti, World Bank Group, USA

- Impact of Choice and Competition Reforms on Secondary Schools in Nigeria: Afolayan Gbenga Emmanuel, Murdoch University, Australia
- Making Competition Policy Work in Mexico: Umut Aydin, Universidad Catolica de Chile
• Competition Law and Sustainable Development in China: **Wendy Ng, University of Adelaide, Australia**
• Pursuing Pro-competitive Policies in States - Experience from India: **Rijit Sengupta, CUTS International, India**

**Discussants (7 mins each)**

• Eleanor Fox, New York University, USA
• Francis W Kariuki, Competition Authority of Kenya
• Owen Gabbitas, Productivity Commission, Australia

**Floor Discussions (45 mins)**

**1300 to 1430hrs: LUNCH BREAK**

**1430 to 1715hrs (Session II): Competition for Inclusive Economic Growth**

How can competition reforms in developing and least developed countries be designed to better contribute to inclusive economic growth, especially by creating greater scope for Micro, Small & Medium Enterprises (MSME) in the economy?

**Chair:** Mia Mikic, UN Economic & Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific (UNESCAP), Thailand

• The Theory of Competition and ‘the Development State’ in Africa: A Case Study of Kenya and South Africa: **Paul Kinyua, Stellenbosch University, South Africa**
• Promoting Competition and Innovation: **Vivek Ghosal, Georgia Institute of Technology, USA**
• Implications of Pro-competitive Reforms in the Zambian Maize Sector on Small Scale Farmers: **Cornelius Dube, CUTS International**

**1530 to 1545hrs: TEA/COFFEE BREAK**
1545 to 1715hrs (Session II contd.)

Chair: Mia Mikic, UN Economic & Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific (UNESCAP), Thailand

Discussants (7 mins each)
- David Ong’olo, Embassy of The Netherlands, Kenya
- Joe Tackie, Private Sector Development Strategy, Ghana
- Adanma Abalunam, Adam Smith International, UK
- Chilufya Sampa, Competition & Consumer Protection Commission, Zambia

Floor Discussions (45 mins)

1800hrs onwards

Delegates Dinner at Carnivore Restaurant (https://www.tamarind.co.ke/carnivore/)
[Buses will depart from Eka Hotel at 1800hrs and expected to return at 2200hrs, Dress Code: Smart Casual]

Day Two: 13th December 2015

0900 to 1130hrs (Session III): Competition Reforms as a Tool for Public Welfare

Keynote Speech: Hon’ble Ekwow Spio-Garbrah, Minister of Trade & Industry, Government of Ghana

Competition reforms as a component of sectoral/economic reforms to enable DC consumers and producers derive benefits from key sectors

Chair: Dupe C Atoki, Consumer Protection Council, Nigeria

- Regulations and Private Sector Development in the Grain Market Operations of India: Surajit Deb, University of Delhi, India
- Role of Government in Promoting Sustainable Economic Growth through Competition Reforms: Frederick Ringo, Fair Competition Commission, Tanzania
- Two-sided Market and their Impact on Economy: Vardharajan Sridhar, International Institute of Information Technology Bangalore, India
- Pro-competitive Reforms in Ghana’s Transport Sector and Implications on Operators and Users: Paulina Agyekum, Ablin Consult, Ghana
Discussants (7 mins each)
- John Davies, OECD, France
- Anthony Abad, Trade Advisors, The Philippines
- George Lipimile, COMESA Competition Commission, Malawi

Floor Discussions (45 mins)
1130 to 1145hrs: Tea/Coffee Break

1145 to 1315hrs (Roundtable Discussion): Shaping Competition Policy for Achieving SDGs

Shaping the agenda for promoting Competition and Regulatory Reforms in the post-2015 Regime (Sustainable Development Goals)

Chair: Frederic Jenny, OECD Competition Policy Committee, France

Presentation: Pradeep S Mehta, CUTS International, India

Panellists (7mins each):
- Kwame Owino, Institute of Economic Affairs, Kenya
- Ratnakar Adhikari, Enhanced Integrated Framework (EIF) Secretariat, Switzerland
- Lynn Robertson, OECD Secretariat, France
- Babajide Sodipo, African Union Commission, Ethiopia
- Thulasoni Kaira, Competition Authority, Botswana
- Kofi Amenyah, Ministry of Trade and Industry, Ghana

Q&A (20 mins)

1315 to 1445hrs: LUNCH
1315 to 1335hrs: Brief presentation at Lunch on Framework for Competition Reforms, (produced under the CREW project) by CUTS International
1445 to 1715hrs (Session IV): Trade, Regional integration & Competition Reforms

Infusing competition and promoting regulatory reforms to make trade agreements and regional integration impactful in developing countries

Chair: Eleanor Fox, New York University, USA

- Facilitating equitable regional integration through competition policy and regulatory reforms: Clayton Hazvinei Vhumbunu, Southern African Research & Documentation Centre, Zimbabwe
- Broadening the discourse on Regional Trade Agreements and Competition Rules, Compliance and Performance in Developing Countries: Derek Ireland, Carleton University, Canada
- Implications of trade policy on domestic competition and consumer welfare in The Philippine’s rice market, Roehlano M Briones, Philippine Institute for Development Studies, The Philippines

1545 to 1600hrs: Tea/Coffee Break

1600 to 1715hrs (Session IV contd.)

Discussants (7 mins each)
- Robert Anderson, World Trade Organisation, Switzerland
- Sara Nyman, World Bank, USA
- Bipul Chatterjee, CUTS International, India

Floor Discussions (45 mins)

1715 to 1800hrs: Concluding Session

Rapporteurs’ Report
- Anthony Abad, TradeAdvisors, The Philippines
- Chenai Mukumba, CUTS International, India

Closing Remarks
- Pradeep S Mehta, CUTS International, India
- Frederic Jenny, Chair, OECD Competition Policy Committee, France
- Tania Begazo Gomez, World Bank Group, USA
- Eiko Kauffman, GIZ, Germany

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