Strengthening Constituencies for Effective Competition Regimes in Select West African countries (7Up4 Project)

INTERIM REVIEW MEETING
29-30 July, 2009
Venue: Salon Amina, Senegambia Beach Hotel, The Gambia

Meeting Agenda
DAY I: Wednesday, 29 July 2009

0830 to 0900 hrs: Registration and Badge Collection

0900 to 1000 hrs: Opening Session: Inaugural
- Welcome Speech: Pro-PAG, Gambia
- Introduction to CUTS International & 7Up4 Project: Pradeep S Mehta, CUTS International, India
- Opening Remarks: Frederic Jenny, Cour de Cassation, France
- Inaugural Speech: Hon’ble Abdou Kolley, Minister of Finance and Economic Affairs, The Gambia

1000 to 1015 hrs: TEA/COFFEE BREAK

1015 to 1145 hrs: First Session: Contribution of competition to growth and poverty reduction (Panel Discussion)
- Peter D’Souza, DFID, UK
- Seydou Sakho, ECOWAS, Nigeria
- George K Lipimile, UNCTAD, Switzerland
- Frederic Jenny, Cour de Cassation, France
  Chair: Pradeep S Mehta, CUTS International, India
  Floor Discussion

1145 to 1315 hrs: Second Session: State of Competition in West African Project Countries
- Burkina Faso
- The Gambia
- Togo
  Chair: Peter Njoroge, Chairperson, COMESA Competition Commission
  Floor Discussion

1315 to 1430 hrs: LUNCH BREAK

1430 to 1545 hrs: Third Session: State of Competition in West African Project Countries
- Mali
- Nigeria
  Chair: Mohamadou Diawara, President, National Competition Commission of Senegal
  Floor Discussion

1545 to 1600 hrs: TEA/COFFEE BREAK

1600 to 1715 hrs: Fourth Session: State of Competition in West African Project Countries
- Senegal
- Ghana
  Chair: Elias T. Ayuk, IDRC-West & Central Africa Regional Office, Senegal
  Floor Discussion

1715 to 1745 hrs: Rapporteur’s Report (Commonalities and Emerging Issues, Course for the Future)
Philippe Brusick, Former Head, Competition and Consumer Policy Branch, UNCTAD, Switzerland

00hrs onwards: Reception hosted by the Ministry of Trade, Industry & Employment, The Gambia
Venue: Senegambia Beach Hotel
**DAY II: Thursday, 30th July 2009**

0900 to 1015 hrs: **Fifth Session: Political economy constraints in implementing competition regimes in developing countries**

- Pradeep S Mehta, CUTS, India
- Maher Dabbah, Interdisciplinary Centre for Competition Policy and Law, Queen Mary’s College, University of London

**Discussants**

- Omar Ousman Jobe, Pro-PAG, The Gambia
- Noel Thiombiano, CEDRES, Burkina Faso
- Oumar Idrissa Berthé, University of Bamako, Mali

**Chair**: Khelifa Tounekti, Ministry of Tourism, Trade & Crafts, Tunisia

**Floor Discussion**

1015 to 1030 hrs: **TEA/COFFEE BREAK**

1030 to 1150 hrs: **Sixth Session: Competition issues in the agricultural sector**

- Cornelius Dube, CUTS, India
- Alhaji Tamu S.A. Njie, Gambia Competition Commission, The Gambia

**Discussants**

- Charles Ackah, ISSER, Ghana
- Mbissane Ngom, CRES, Senegal
- Adedeji Babatunde Abiodun, CEON, Nigeria
- Jean Aladjou Agouta, ATC, Togo

**Chair**: Peter Njoroge, Chairperson, COMESA Competition Commission

**Floor Discussion**

1150 to 1230 hrs: **Closing Session**

**Closing Remarks**

- Frederic Jenny, Cour de Cassation, France
- Peter D’Souza, DFID, UK
- Elias T. Ayuk, IDRC-West & Central Africa Regional Office, Senegal
- Alhaji Tamu S.A. Njie, Chairperson, Gambia Competition Commission, The Gambia

**Chair**: Pradeep S Mehta, CUTS International, India

1230 to 1330 hrs: **LUNCH BREAK**
PARTNERS’ WORKSHOP
Project Implementation Discussions

1330 to 1430 hrs: Suggestions for improving the CRR
Philippe Brusick, Former Head, Competition and Consumer Policy Branch, UNCTAD, Switzerland
Chair: Frederic Jenny, Cour de Cassation, France

Questions and Clarifications

1430 to 1530 hrs: Assessing Impact of Project Activities
- Peter D'Souza, DFID, UK
- Rijit Sengupta, CUTS, India

Questions and Clarifications

1530 to 1545 hrs: TEA/COFFEE BREAK

1645 to 1730 hrs: Tracing Outcomes and Impacts in project countries
- Burkina Faso
- The Gambia
- Ghana
- Mali
- Nigeria
- Senegal
- Togo

Floor Discussions

1730 to 1800 hrs: Discussion on Future Activities
- Rijit Sengupta, CUTS (Project Coordinator)
  ~ NRG II
  ~ Periodical Publications (briefing papers, monographs, etc)
  ~ RTW & NTW

Questions and Clarifications

1800 to 1830 hrs: Wrap-Up and Valedictory
- Pradeep S Mehta, CUTS International, India
- Peter D'Souza, DFID, UK
- Elias T. Ayuk, IDRC-West & Central Africa Regional Office, Senegal