

Benefits of Competition Reforms for Consumers and Producers in Developing Countries (CREW Project)

18 -19 November 2014, Bangkok

Venue: *Ubonchard Room, Swissotel Le Concorde¹*

Day One: Tuesday, 18th November

0830: *Registration*

0900 to 0940hrs: *Inaugural Session*

- *Pradeep S Mehta*, Secretary General, CUTS International
- *Supachai Panitchpakdi*, Former Secretary General, UNCTAD
- *Rajesh Swami*, First Secretary (Pol, Press and Information) and Alt DPR to UNESCAP, Embassy of India in Thailand

0940 to 1140hrs: *Technical Session-I: Implications of Competition Reforms in the Staple Food Sector on Farmers and Consumers in DCs*

Chair: *Dr. Mia Mikic*, Trade Policy and Analysis Section – Trade and Investment Division, UNESCAP

Presenters:

Ghana: *George Kwadzo*, ISSER

The Philippines: *Roehlano Briones*, PIDS

India: *Dripto Mukhopadhyay*, Indicus Analytics

Zambia: *Robert Nhlane*

Discussants:

Nandita Jain, Nathan Associates

Dr. Dorothy Effah, Ministry of Food and Agriculture, Ghana

Raul Montemayor, Federation of Free Framers (FFF), The Philippines

Floor Discussions

1140 to 1300hrs: *Lunch Break*

1300 to 1500hrs *Technical Session-II: Implications of Competition Reforms in the Bus Transport sector on Operators and Commuters in DCs*

Chair: *John Davies*, Head, Competition Division, OECD

Presenters:

Ghana: *Paulina Agyekum*, Ablin Consults

The Philippines: *Sonny Domingo*, PIDS

India: *Abhijit Sarkar*, Indicus Analytics

Zambia: *Robert Mtonga*, Strategy Foresight Consult

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Discussants:

Ageyibi Akwasi Prempeh, Director, Ministry of Transport, Ghana
C.W. Musah, Driver and Vehicle Licensing Authority, Ghana
Nandita Jain, Nathan Associates
Shreya Kaushik, Programme Officer, CUTS International

Floor Discussions

1500 to 1520hrs: Tea Break

1520 to 1635hrs: Synthesis Report – Competition Reforms, Nature of Market & Impacts on Beneficiaries: Presenters - Fred Jenny & R S Khemani

Chair: Pradeep S. Mehta, Secretary General, CUTS International

Discussants:

Kofi Amenyah, Ministry of Trade and Industry, Ghana
Geronimo Sy Office of Competition (OFC), Philippines,
Chilufya Sampa Competition & Consumer Protection Commission (CCPC), Zambia
S Chakravarthy, Former Member, MRTP Commission (India)

Floor Discussions

1635 to 1800hrs: Panel Discussion (CREW PAC members & Other Experts): Emerging Issues from the CREW project for infusing Competition Reforms in Economic Planning Process in DCs

Chair: Deunden Nikomborirak, Thailand Development Research Institute (TDRI)

Panellists:

Eberhard Feess Frankfurt School of Finance & Management, Germany
Owen Gabittas Productivity Commission, Australia
Thomas Ratsakatika PSD Adviser, DFID
Eiko Kauffmann Economic Policy Advisor, GIZ
Alice Pham CUTS Hanoi

Floor Discussions

1930hrs: Reception: Interaction with AEGC Members on CREW project

- Introduction by Pradeep S Mehta, CUTS International
- Key Findings from CREW project (Shyam Khemani, Adviser, CREW)
- Observations by AEGC members

Day Two: Wednesday, 19th November 2014

0900 to 1030hrs: *Understanding & Communicating Benefits of Competition Reforms for Policy & Practice Changes in DCs*
[Speakers will present the work that they/their organisations have been doing for developing strategies/tools/methods for assessing benefits of competition on consumers and/or producers and communicating the same in policy-related discussions]

Chair: Joe Tackie, PSDS, Office of President, Ghana

Presenters:

Tania Begazo Gomez World Bank, USA

John Davies, Competition Division, OECD, France

Natalie Timan Competition and Markets Authority, UK

Rijit Sengupta CUTS International

Floor Discussions

1030 to 1045hrs: *Tea Break*

1045 to 1230hrs: *Reflections on the CREW Methodology and Uptake in other countries/sectors*
[In this Session, some practitioners/experts/policymakers would reflect on the methodology of the CREW project and provide their perspectives on how it can be taken up in other countries, including possibilities in theirs]

Chair: Rughvir Shyam Khemani, Principal, MiCRA, USA

Presenters:

Joseph Wilson Competition Commission of Pakistan

Joe Tackie PSDS, Office of President, Ghana

Dr. Rokiah Alavi Consumers International, Malaysia

Charles Cheung Thai – Hong Kong Trade Association, Thailand

Kwame Owino Institute of Economic Affairs, Kenya

Floor Discussions

1230 to 1300hrs: *Concluding Remarks*

Pradeep S. Mehta, CUTS

Thomas Ratsakatika, DfID (UK)

1300hrs onwards: *Lunch*