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He has conceptualised and managed a number of national and multi-country interventions on competition policy and consumer protection issues in over 20 countries of Sub-Saharan Africa (across eastern, southern and western Africa). He has been particularly interested in making the concept of 'competition reforms' easily understandable by people without technical background on economics and law (e.g., developing country civil society actors and decision-makers).

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