

Competition Reforms in Key Markets for Enhancing Social & Economic Welfare in Developing Countries (CREW Project)

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- After a brief recap of the major issues raised during the NRG meet up, the discussion revolved around the methodology and the market environment in the two project sectors
- It was pointed out that the sector experts need to work extensively with ZIPAR in the formulation of common sampling framework (both for staple food and passenger transport)
- In continuation to the discussion of the formulation of the note identifying the policies / regulations in the two project sectors, Fredrick Jenny, pointed out that the policies could be arranged in ranking of their importance for the project.
- Fred further highlighted that the document should contain the data sources for answering the research questions. This would form a part of the research undertaken for the Diagnostic Country Report (DCR).
- Dr. Robert Mt'onga, Sector Expert (Passenger Transport) sought some explanation on the sampling framework regarding the perception survey. It was then decided that it would be best to focus on the sampling framework post the identification of the reforms, as this would help in identifying the stakeholders to be focused on.
- On the discussion of the selection of states / cities for the purpose of the study, it was decided that once ZIPAR and CUTS finalise the note, a document proposing and justifying the selection of particular states / cities would be developed.
- In the end Amb. Albert Muchanga, Director – Domestic Trade, Ministry of Commerce, Trade and Industry, assured the CUTS team that he would aid them in getting the cooperation from the Ministry of Transport and Ministry of Agriculture in Zambia for the various activities under the CREW Project.