

Road-Map for Domestic Competition Reforms in (Name of Partner Countries)

Second Round of National Reference Group Meetings (NRG-II)

October – November, 2009

Opening Session (0900 to 0935hrs)

- Welcome and Introduction to the 7Up4 project
Partner Organisation (10 mins)
- Introduction to purpose of meeting
CUTS International (10 mins)
- Inaugural Speech by **Chief Guest** (Minister of Trade and Industry; OR Permanent Secretary, Ministry; OR Head of Competition Commission: OR Any other suggested by Partner)
(15 mins)

Tea- Break (0935 to 0945hrs)

First Session (0945 to 1125hrs)

“Key Research Findings (Identifying Key Messages)”

Presentation by Partner Organisation (30 mins)

[In this session the Partner Organisation would highlight 2-3 Key Issues (impediments to competition reforms) from each of the 6 ‘research areas’¹ covered in the CRR. Addressing these ‘key issues’ (challenges) would result in competition reforms which in turn would help improve economic development and consumer welfare in the project country]

Discussants (10 mins each)

- a) Representative of Ministry/Competition Authority
- b) Representative of a Think-Tank/Research Institute
- c) Representative of Farmers Union
- d) Representative of business chamber/association

Floor Discussions *30 mins*

Second Session (1125 to 1250hrs)

“Evolving a National Advocacy Agenda”

Presentation by CUTS (10 mins)

Group Discussion (75 mins)

Moderated by CUTS

[This session would essentially comprise an exercise performed with all the participants, wherein the ‘key issues’ (challenges) would be ranked in the order of their importance for achieving

¹ These six research areas are: progress made by countries to operationalise competition regimes, political economy constraints in implementing competition regimes, interface between competition agencies and sector regulators, competition perception analysis, existing competition abuses at all levels (prevaling anti-competitive practices) and competition issues in agriculture markets

economic development and consumer welfare in the partner country. Participants would also identify between 5-8 key issues that the group feel can be addressed through this project, or considerable advances made in that respect]

Lunch Break **1250 to 1400 hrs**

Third Session (1400 to 1500 hrs)

“Operationalising the National Advocacy Agenda: Evolving a Road-map”

Group Discussion (60 mins)

Moderated by Partner Organisation

[Once the ‘priority’ key issues (5-8 of them) are identified, the participants would brainstorm to articulate specific ‘advocacy strategies/tools’ that can help address each of these issues/challenges. Specific instruments like parliamentary outreach, communications, linkages with stakeholders, etc. should be utilised]

Fourth Session (1500 to 1530hrs)

Other Future Project Activities (& Discussions)

[Brief presentation would be made to inform the participants of the various forthcoming activities, and ideas refined thereof]

- Issues for Occasional publications
- Regional Training Workshop
- National Training Workshop

Moderated by CUTS

Summing-Up and Closing (1530 to 1600hrs)

- Summing-Up of Action Points

Partner Organisation

- Valedictory

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- Ends -