

Key Issues/Challenges for Competition Reforms in Nigeria

Key Issues/Challenges	Rank	Strategies
<u>PRIORITIES</u>		
Lack of understanding of benefits from an effective competition regime among politicians	1	Sensitise the members of the National Assembly, especially members of the Senate Committee for Commerce. (Organise Retreat for NA members)
Low level of awareness among government and business segments about competition issues	2	Seminars, Radio/TV talk shows, policy briefs/briefing papers, handouts. Suggestion to have a E-group (on Yahoo Groups) created and have all the members of the NRG and other stakeholders connected. Use this group to motivate discussions, etc
Need for capacity building of 'key stakeholders' on competition policy issues	3	National Training Workshop under 7Up4 project would be useful in improving understanding on competition issues
Perceived lack of consensus between the different government depts. about benefits from a competition legislation. 'Turf battle' between different government agencies to host the competition agency	4	Roundtable meeting with different key government organisations/agencies/departments (eg. BPE, FMC&I, CPC, NIPC, etc.
Strong lobbies/vested interests and corruption seen as impeding factors	5	Improve public awareness and mobilise/equip 'pressure groups' with relevant information, etc.
Lack of frequent reporting of anti-competitive practices in the media	6	Specific workshop for media on investigative reporting (for analysing and reporting anti-competitive practices)
<u>NON PRIORITIES</u>		
Opposition from big businesses towards adoption of the law		
Coordination and consultation with sectoral regulation not addressed properly in the draft bill		
Lack of competition in seeds and fertiliser markets – reason for high input costs		
Need for market-based interventions to improve productivity (National Food Security Programme 2008)		