



WTO OMC

WTO THEMATIC WORKSHOP ON COMPETITION POLICY, TRADE AND DEVELOPMENT

10 – 12 JULY 2023

WTO HEADQUARTERS

GENEVA, SWITZERLAND

ROOM S2

PROGRAMME

Day 1 - Monday, 10 July 2023

08:30 – 09:00 Registration and security procedures

<u>Time</u>	<u>Subject</u>	<u>Speaker</u>
09:00 – 09:20	Opening remarks	Ms Anabel González, WTO Deputy Director-General (TBC)

SESSION 1: INTERNATIONAL COMPETITION POLICY

<u>Time</u>	<u>Subject</u>	<u>Speaker</u>
09:20 – 09:45	1.1 General international legal framework for the conduct of competition policy: Relevant legal instruments (UN Set, OECD recommendations, ICN principles)	WTO Secretariat

09:45 – 10:15 Break

<u>Time</u>	<u>Subject</u>	<u>Speakers</u>
10:15 – 11:15	1.2 Competition policy in a globalised economy: Current issues and developments	Invited expert (TBC)
11:15 – 12:15	1.3 Leveraging competition policy for development: A conversation	Ms Teresa Moreira, UNCTAD (TBC), and invited expert (TBC)

12:15 – 14:00 Lunch break

SESSION 2: COMPETITION POLICY AND TRADE POLICY

<u>Time</u>	<u>Subject</u>	<u>Speakers</u>
14:00 – 14:30	2.1 Competition policy and trade policy: Similarities, differences and complementarities	WTO Secretariat, with comments from the invited expert (TBC)

SESSION 3: TRADE AND COMPETITION IN THE WTO

Session 3.1: Existing competition-related WTO rules

<u>Time</u>	<u>Subject</u>	<u>Speakers</u>
14:30 – 15:00	<p><u>Overview</u></p> <p>3.1 General introduction to relevant rules (trade in goods, trade in services and trade-related aspects of intellectual property rights)</p>	WTO Secretariat
15:00 – 15:30	<p><u>The GATS</u></p> <p>3.2 The WTO telecommunication reference paper: Promoting best competition policy practices in telecommunications regulation and the <i>Mexico-Telmex</i> dispute</p>	WTO Secretariat

15:30 – 16:00 Break

<u>Time</u>	<u>Subject</u>	<u>Speakers</u>
16:00 – 17:00	<p><u>The TRIPS Agreement</u></p> <p>3.3 Competition policy and intellectual property rights covered by the TRIPS Agreement: Initial experience and assessment based on WTO/WIPO research</p>	WIPO Secretariat, WTO Secretariat, with comments from the invited expert (TBC)

Day 2 - Tuesday, 11 July 2023

SESSION 3: TRADE AND COMPETITION IN THE WTO (CONT'D)

Session 3.1: Existing competition-related WTO rules (cont'd)

<u>Time</u>	<u>Subject</u>	<u>Speakers</u>
09:00 – 09:45	<p><u>The TRIPS Agreement (cont'd)</u></p> <p>3.4 Case study on integrated policymaking in the public health domain: The TRIPS Agreement, access to medical technologies, innovation and competition</p>	WTO Secretariat
09:45 – 10:45	<p><u>The GPA 2012</u></p> <p>3.5 Case study on integrated policymaking in the government procurement domain: Safeguarding competition in government procurement tendering</p> <p>3.5.1 OECD analytical work on measures to detect and prevent collusive tendering</p> <p>3.5.2 Detection of bid rigging cartels using statistics methods: An example from competition law enforcement practice</p>	WTO Secretariat (introduction), with comments from the invited expert (TBC) TBC TBC
10:45 – 12:15	3.6 Workshop participants' exercise: Interaction of trade liberalization, government	Workshop participants, WTO Secretariat

	procurement and competition policy in the public health policy domain	
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12:15 – 14:00

Lunch break

Session 3.2: Past WTO exploratory discussions on stand-alone WTO rules on competition

Time	Subject	Speakers
14:00– 14:45	3.7 The (inactive) Working Group on the Interaction between Trade and Competition Policy: A conversation with the former Secretary to the Working Group	(TBC)

SESSION 4: THE ROLE OF COMPETITION AUTHORITIES IN TRADE AND COMPETITION

Time	Subject	Speakers
14:45 – 16:00	4.1 Panel discussion: Integrating the competition perspective into trade policy design and application: Is there a role for competition authorities?	Invited expert (TBC) and other invited experts participating virtually (TBC)

16:00 – 16:15

Break

Time	Subject	Speakers
16:15 – 17:00	4.2 Case study: The 2023 bilateral agreement on competition investigations between Germany and Switzerland	TBC (invited expert), with comments from the invited expert (TBC)

Day 3 - Wednesday, 12 July 2023

SESSION 5: TRADE POLICY REVIEWS OF WTO MEMBERS

Time	Subject	Speakers
09:00 – 09:30	5.1 Competition in WTO Trade Policy Reviews: How has it been addressed?	TBC

SESSION 6: TRADE AND COMPETITION OUTSIDE THE WTO (FTAs, DEAs, DEPAs)

Time	Subject	Speakers
09:30 – 10:15	6.1 Competition policy chapters in FTAs, DEAs and DEPAs: Initial assessment based on WTO research	WTO Secretariat

10:15 – 10:45

Break

Time	Subject	Speakers
10:45 – 11:45	6.2 Competition policy chapters in FTAs, DEAs and DEPAs: A negotiating perspective	TBC (invited expert(s)), with comments from the invited expert (TBC)

SESSION 7: TRADE AND COMPETITIVE NEUTRALITY IN THE WTO

<u>Time</u>	<u>Subject</u>	<u>Speakers</u>
11:45 – 12:30	7.1 Relevant WTO rules on subsidies and state-trading enterprises; the WTO reform debate; and the report on <i>Subsidies, Trade and International Cooperation</i> by IMF, OECD, World Bank and WTO	WTO Secretariat

12:30 – 14:00 **Lunch break**

SESSION 8: WORKSHOP EVALUATION

<u>Time</u>	<u>Subject</u>	<u>Speakers</u>
14:00 – 14:30	8.1 Individual review and evaluation of the course	Workshop participants

SESSION 9: OUTLOOK ON INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION IN THE AREA OF COMPETITION POLICY

<u>Time</u>	<u>Subject</u>	<u>Speaker</u>
14:30 – 15:30	9.1 International cooperation in the field of competition policy: Policy considerations for developing countries	Invited expert (TBC)

15:30 – 16:00 **Break**

SESSION 10: CONCLUDING SESSION

<u>Time</u>	<u>Subject</u>	<u>Speaker</u>
16:00 – 16:30	10.1 Closing remarks	WTO Secretariat
