WTO ONLINE seminar on competition policy, trade and development

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| **Subject** | **Speakers** | **Duration** |
| Welcome and introduction to the programme of  the E- seminar | Mr Antony Taubman /  Mr Reto Malacrida  IPD | 5-10 |

**Day 1: TRADE POLICY AND COMPETITION POLICY: EXPLOITING COMPLEMENTARITIES IN SUPPORT OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT POLICIES**

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| 1.1 Competition policy and trade policy: their complementarities and how to optimize their use in support of economic development | Mr Robert Anderson  Nottingham University | 30 |
| 1.2 The role of competition policy for development in a context of global trade relations: developing countries' experiences to date | Ms Theresa Moreira, Head, Competition and Consumer Policies Branch, UNCTAD | 30 |
| 1.3 Trade and competition at the WTO: overview of competition policy elements in the WTO Agreements (trade in goods, trade in services and trade-related aspects of intellectual property rights) | IPD: possibly 3 colleagues  Mr Reto Malacrida  Mr Jianning Chen  Ms Anna Mueller | 45 (3x15) |
| [1.4 A personal [developing country] perspective of a top-level cross-cutting expert] | [Mr Ernesto Perez-Motta, Mexico's former WTO Ambassador, ex Chair of Mexico's Competition authority] | 30 |
| 1.5 Participants' opinion survey  1.6 Participants share comments and interact in real-time via the virtual platform  1.7 Participants submit any questions/comments to the WTO Secretariat in writing, with replies to be provided during Geneva working hours | Participants |  |

**Day 2 – CASE STUDY ON PUBLIC HEALTH: COORDINATED USE OF TRADE POLICY AND COMPETITION POLICY TO ACHIEVE DESIRABLE PUBLIC HEALTH OUTCOMES, WITH PARTICULAR REFERENCE TO THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC**

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| 2.1 Towards a holistic approach to trade, IP protection, government procurement, competition and development policy: the COVID-19 pandemic as a possible catalyst | IPD  Mr Antony Taubman /  Mr Roger Kampf | 20 |
| 2.2 The TRIPS Agreement and access to medical technologies and innovation: achieving coherence between competition and IP policies | IPD  Ms Anna Mueller | 20' |
| 2.3 The Agreement on Government Procurement (GPA) and public health procurement: preventing c ollusive tendering and corrupt practices | Nottingham University, IPD, EBRD | 50' (20, 10, 20) |
| 2.3.1 The GPA as a tool for the prevention of collusive tendering and corrupt practices in the public health sector: an overview  2.3.2 The GPA as a tool for fighting corruption: first empirical insights  2.3.3 [Addressing collusive and corrupt practices during the COVID-19 pandemic: the role of  e-procurement] | Mr Robert Anderson  Nottingham University  Ms Nadezhda Sporysheva  IPD  [Mrs Antonella Salgueiro, EBRD] |  |
| 2.4 Public health emergency situations: Strategies for effective international government procurement in a seller's market | IPD & UNCTAD | 30' (2x15') |
| [2.4.1 Emergency procurement options under the GPA]  [2.4.2 Competition challenges in emergency procurement: the importance of cooperation of procuring entitles and competition authorities | Mr Philippe Pelletier  IPD  Ms Akari Yamamoto [or Ebru Gokce], Competition and Consumer Policies Branch, UNCTAD |  |
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**Day 3: CAN INTERNATIONAL TRADE COOPERATION FOMENT INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION IN THE FIELD OF COMPETITION?**

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| 3.1 Competition policy chapters in free trade agreements: initial assessment based on WTO research | Ms Anna Mueller /  Ms Nadezhda Sporysheva IPD | 30' |
| 3.2 Multilateral trade cooperation under the auspices of the WTO: possible lessons for international cooperation in the field of competition policy | Mr Reto Malacrida  IPD | 20' |
| 3.3 Negotiating a binding bilateral agreement on cross-border cooperation among competition authorities: a negotiator's perspective [TBD] | [Hanspeter Tschäni, former Ambassador in charge of international competition law, Swiss State Secretariat of the Economy] | 30' |
| 3.4 Non-binding forms of international cooperation in the field of competition policy: taking stock and looking ahead | Prof William Kovacic, GW Law School (formerly Chair, U.S. Federal Trade Commission) | 30' |
| 3.5 International cooperation in the field of competition policy: policy considerations for developing countries | [Prof Eleanor M. Fox, New York University School of Law  and/or  Prof Patrick Krauskopf (Zurich University of Applied Sciences)] | 30' |
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| Synthesis and closing observations: Building coherent competition, IP, government procurement policies | Mr Antony Taubman, IPD | 20' |
| Seminar evaluation form | Participants | 20' |

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