What Role for Competition Policies in Regional Integration? 
The Cases of Africa and Latin America

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Loita Room  
Intercontinental Hotel, Nairobi

DESCRIPTION
Regional and international trade is very much affected by business practices 
and market regulation at the national level; and by integration frameworks at 
the regional level. Competition has increased with the advent of new 
technologies and the Internet, but it cannot contribute sufficiently to 
sustainable and inclusive economic growth and benefit consumers without 
effective control of anticompetitive practices. 
National agencies, by themselves, cannot cope with this revolution in 
markets without establishing cooperation instruments that allow them to 
work together against cross-border anticompetitive practices and to share 
best experiences in the application of law and policies which foster 
competition. 
Regional and international cooperation between agencies is a fundamental 
requirement for competition policy to adapt to the progress of trade. 
This working lunch will give us the opportunity to analyze the experiences of 
regional cooperation that have been carried out in various parts of the world 
to facilitate contact, exchange of information and experience between 
national agencies of certain regions (Latin America, ACF, COMESA, SADC, 
ASEAN, etc.), and the benefits obtained.

KEY ISSUES
This roundtable discussion will address the following questions:
- Overall impact of Competition Policies in regional integration in the 
developing world. What has worked so far in the different regional 
groupings represented and how regional competition regimes have 
assisted to attain regional integration objectives? In the case of Africa, 
to what extent existing regional competition regimes can boost 
African Union initiative to create a continental free trade area? 
- Challenges faced and the way forward. What can be done to further 
achieve regional integration in the regional groupings 
represented? What type of institutional, legal and administrative 
arrangements needs to be put in place for this to happen?
PARTICIPANTS

Moderator
Mr. Guillermo Valles, Director DITC, UNCTAD.

Speakers
- Mr. G. Lipimile, Executive Director of Competition of the Common Market for Eastern and Southern Africa (COMESA)
- Ms Paulina Elago Executive Secretary, Southern Africa Customs Union (SACU)
- Mr. Hardin Rathisusu Deputy Commissioner- Competition Commission, South Africa
- Mr. Herbert Tassano, Chairman of the Board of Directors of the National Institute for the Defense of Competition and Intellectual Property of Peru (INDECOPI)
- Mr. Sadaaki Suwazono. Director of the International Division of the Japanese Federal Trade Commission (JFTC)

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