Working Breakfast on Best practices for Competition in Africa

Wednesday 20 July 2016, 08:00 - 09:15

Tsavo Room 2
Kenyatta International Convention Centre, Nairobi.

DESCRIPTION:

UNCTAD’s role in the post-2015 development agenda will be augmented by building on its current work on competition in Africa and other regions including Africa LDCs, MENA region in searching for market based solutions to reduce poverty. Issues on consumer protection and resilient well-functioning competitive markets are important to the promotion of trade and conducive business environment. UNCTAD has worked with African countries covering both English and French speaking regions in developing competition frameworks including legal and institutional building over the years. One of the highlights is the, UNCTAD voluntary Peer review process which has enabled countries to revise, update, draft regulations, pertaining to their legislative framework, review and streamline their institutional framework, engage in advocacy and to bring stakeholders on board. Kenya was one on the very first countries to undertake the UNCTAD Peer review process during the 5th United Nations Review Conference in Antalya Turkey in 2005.

KEY ISSUES

This event is a show case of the success of the UNCTAD Voluntary Peer Review Process in its 10 years of experience. As one of the first countries to be Peer reviewed, delegates have an opportunity to hear from the pioneer, the Competition Authority of Kenya (CAK) share its experiences in the implementation of the Peer Review recommendations. It will be a chance to explore lessons learned and ways of enhancing this important portfolio of UNCTAD work in contributing to better functioning of markets by encouraging a level playing field in a competitive and open markets environment. Two beneficiary countries of UNCTAD technical assistance program will share their experiences and two donors countries will share their views on their efforts to enhance competition enforcement in respective countries.

Questions to ponder;

- What drives competition enforcement in the midst of complex market conditions especially in developing countries?
- What factors could be attributed to the willingness of competition agencies willingness to volunteer to be peer reviewed by their peers?
- What is the importance of technical assistance project proposal as part of the Peer review process?
- How important is the exchange of information and best practices especially for young agencies which undergo the UNCTAD Peer Review process?
PARTICIPANTS

This event will be attended by the following panel members:

- Mr. Francis Kariuki, Director General, Competition Authority of Kenya.
- Mr. Benjamin Chinhengo, Assistant Director, CTC, Zimbabwe
- Mr. Merkebu Zeleke Sime, Director General, TCCPA, Ethiopia
- HE. Jean-Marc Hoscheit, Ambassador, Permanent Representative of Grand Duchy of Luxembourg Government to the UN
- Mr. Sadaaki Suwazono– Japan, Fair Trade Commission (JFTC)

Plus other heads of competition agencies at national and regional levels, trade officials, NGOs dealing with competition matters.

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