



COURSE ON KEY ISSUES ON THE INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC AGENDA

Short courses for Permanent Missions in Geneva

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Competition and Consumer Protection Policies for Inclusive Sustainable Development

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PROGRAMME

Geneva, Palais des Nations		Room XX
10:00 - 10:15	Welcome address, Ms. Shamika N. Sirimanne, Director, Division on Technology and Logistics The short course will be moderated by Ms. Randa Jamal, Economic Affairs Office/Programme Coordinator, Policy Capacity Building Section	
10:15 - 11:00	Session 1 This session will shed light on UNCTAD's mandate and work on competition and consumer protection policies based on the UN Set on Competition and the United National Guidelines for Consumer Protection (UNGCP). It will discuss the role of competition and consumer protection policies and their contribution towards achieving SDG 8 on decent work and economic growth and SDG 12 on sustainable consumption. Presented by Mrs. Elizabeth Gachuri, Economic Affairs Officer, and Ms. Ebru Gokce, Legal Officer, Competition and Consumer Policies Branch, Division on International Trade and Commodities, UNCTAD	
11:00 - 11:30	Q&A session	
11.30 - 11.45	Coffee break	
11.45 - 12.30	Session 2 This session will cover the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic on competition, consumers and competition and consumer protection law enforcement. Presented by Mrs. Elizabeth Gachuri and Ms. Ebru Gokce, Division on International Trade and Commodities, UNCTAD	
12.30 - 13.00	Q&A session	

Competition and consumer protection policies for inclusive and sustainable development

The short course will shed light on UNCTAD's mandate and work in the areas of competition and consumer protection. Additionally, it will address the current challenges in these areas; the role of competition and consumer protection policies for inclusive and sustainable development and the linkages between these two policy areas and their contribution to 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and its Sustainable Development Goals.

This edition will lead to increased knowledge amongst delegates on UNCTAD's mandate and work on competition and consumer protection; familiarity with the UN Set on Competition and the United Nations Guidelines for Consumer Protection; the challenges faced in these areas, especially by developing countries and how countries respond; and the relevance of competition and consumer protection to inclusive and sustainable development. Additionally, the edition will zoom on the contribution of competition and consumer protection to the SDG 8 on decent work and economic growth and SDG 12 on sustainable consumption and production.