WTO E-seminar on competition policy, trade and development

organized by the wto Intellectual Property, Government Procurement and Competition Division

**20 July (DAY 1), 22 July (day 2), 27 July (day 3) AND 29 July (DAY 4)**

**Programme**

**DAY 1**

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| **Subject** | **Speakers** | **Approximate Duration** |
| Opening remarks, introduction to the programme of  the E-Seminar and to Government Procurement and Competition Policy Group | IPD | 1h |

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| **Trade policy and competition policy: Complementarities in support of economic development agenda** | | |
| 1.1 Competition policy and trade policy: their complementarities and how to optimize their use in support of economic development | Mr Robert Anderson,  University of Nottingham | 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, UNCTAD | 40 |
| 1.3 Straddling the trade and competition worlds: a personal perspective (Q&A format) | Mr Eduardo Perez-Motta, Mexico's former WTO Ambassador, former Chair of Mexico's Competition authority | 45 |
| **Trade and competition in the WTO context** | | |
| 1.4 Overview of competition policy elements in the WTO agreements (trade in goods, trade in services and trade-related aspects of intellectual property rights) | IPD | 20 |
| Participants' opinion survey  Participants submit any questions/comments to the WTO Secretariat in writing, with replies to be provided during Geneva working hours | Participants |  |

**DAY 2**

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| **Case study 1: Trade policy and competition policy in the digital age** | | |
| 2.1 The WTO telecommunications reference paper: facilitating access to telecommunications services and promoting best practices in telecommunications regulation  2.2 Digital trade: digital platforms and emerging competition policy issues | TBC  TBC | 20  15-20 |
| **Case study 2: Trade policy and competition policy in the service of public health** | | |
| 2.3 Towards a holistic approach to trade, IP protection, government procurement, competition and development policy: the COVID-19 pandemic as a possible catalyst  2.4 The TRIPS Agreement and access to medical technologies and innovation: achieving coherence between competition and IP policies  2.5 The GPA as a tool for the prevention of collusive tendering and corrupt practices in the public health sector: an overview  2.6 The concept and practice of competition advocacy in the context of **post-pandemic** economic recovery | Mr Antony Taubman,  IPD  Ms Anna Caroline Mueller,  IPD | 20  20 |
| Mr Robert Anderson,  University of Nottingham  Mr Ruben Maximiano,  OECD | 25  20 |
| **2.7. Live discussion with the participants: sharing national and regional experiences** | **TBC** | **1,5h** |
| Participants' Opinion Survey/Quiz  Participants submit any questions/comments to the WTO Secretariat in writing, with replies to be provided during Geneva working hours | Participants |  |

**DAY 3**

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| **Forms of international cooperation in the field of competition policy** | | | |
| 3.1 Competition policy chapters in free trade agreements: initial assessment based on WTO research | Ms Anna Caroline Mueller,  IPD | | 25 |
| 3.2 International trade cooperation under the auspices of the WTO: possible lessons for binding international cooperation in the field of competition policy | Mr Reto Malacrida,  IPD | | 35 |
| 3.3 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) | | 40 |
| **Trends and policy considerations regarding international cooperation in the field of competition policy** | | | |
| 3.4 Competition policy and the global economy: Current developments and issues for reflection  3.5 International cooperation in the field of competition policy: policy considerations for developing countries | IPD  Prof Eleanor M. Fox, New York University School of Law | | 15  30 |
| **3.6 Live Roundtable: "Competition policy in a global trading system: current issues".** | **TBC** | | **1,5h** |
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**DAY 4**

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| **Subject** | **Speakers** | **Approximate Duration** |
| **General Q&As and closing observations** | | |
| Wrapping-up plenary: general question and answer session, participants' comments and suggestions | IPD  Participants | 30 |
| e-Seminar evaluation form | Participants | 10 |
| Closing observations | Mr Antony Taubman,  IPD | 15 |