OECD Global Forum on Competition

PROVISIONAL FORUM AGENDA

To be held at the OECD, Château de la Muette, 2 rue André-Pascal, 75116 Paris, on 17 October and 18 October, starting at 9:00 am
OECD GLOBAL FORUM ON COMPETITION
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17 October

9:00-10:00  I. Welcome; Explanation of Purposes; Keynote Speeches

- Deputy Secretary General Seiichi Kondo, OECD
  Competition Law & Policy Committee Chair Frédéric Jenny
- Keynote speakers:
  - Commissioner Mario Monti, EU
  - Assistant Attorney General Charles James, US
  - Secretary General Rubens Ricupero, UNCTAD

10:00-12:00 II. The Role of Competition Policy in Economic Reform;
The Roles and Tools of Competition Authorities in Implementing Reform

Chair: Frédéric Jenny (France)

Presentations on the role of competition policy in economic reform:

- Minister for Antimonopoly Policy Iliya Yuzhanov, Russian Federation
- Minister for Law, Justice and Company Affairs Arun Jaitley, India (to be confirmed)

Presentations on how competition authorities promote compliance with competition law and attention to competition policy principles, followed by general discussion.

- Canada will present the “conformity continuum” that describes the range of education, compliance and enforcement tools it uses.
- The Indonesian authority will discuss the difficulties of promoting compliance with a new law when there is no competition culture.
- The Chinese Taipei FTC will describe how it has worked to develop a competition culture by educating the public, business, and government.
- Korea will discuss its special role in reviewing proposed laws and regulations from a competition policy perspective.
- BIAC and Consumers International will also make presentations.

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III. Instruments of Co-operation

Chair: Paolo de Tarso Ramos Ribeiro (Brazil)

The OECD Secretariat will present the basic concepts contained in the 1995 and 1998 Recommendations: “negative” comity, investigation assistance, and positive comity. There will be an opportunity for members to discuss the nature of their enforcement co-operation, as well as progress in overcoming bans on information sharing, and for invitees to discuss their experiences and perspectives on enforcement co-operation.

Buffet Lunch Organised by OECD (for all participants)

IV. Hard Core Cartels

A. The OECD Anti-Cartel Programme

Chair: Margaret Bloom (United Kingdom)

The Secretariat will describe the anti-cartel program and present its draft Report on the Nature and Impact of Hard Core Cartels’ and the Sanctions under National Competition Laws. Participants have an opportunity to offer comments on the draft itself and on what it suggests in terms of further study. In addition, the Secretariat will present a brief summary of the main points emerging from the cartel cases submitted by Invitees, and there will be further presentations and/or interventions by participating economies.

B. Collusive Tenders in Government Procurement.

Chair: Bambang Adiwiyoto (Indonesia)

This session addresses a widespread problem that is generally banned even in economies without competition laws. Slovenia is the only confirmed presenter, but others are expected. After the initial presentations, the session will follow a “roundtable” format.

V. Merger Enforcement; Co-operation in Transborder Transactions

Chair: Konrad von Finckenstein (Canada)

This session will begin with a discussion of general merger enforcement issues and then focus on co-operation in transborder transactions. Each of the presentations listed below will be followed by any additional presentations and general discussion.

- Mexico will discuss how it developed its merger enforcement programme.
Australia will discuss international co-operation issues, including the situation in which a merger of foreign firms -- with or without domestic assets -- may create domestic harm to competition.

11:30-1:00 VI. Evaluation; Future Work; Closing

Chair: Frédéric Jenny (France)

- Participants will be asked to present their views on future topics, procedures, and formats for the Forum, including the extent to which future meetings should be limited to government officials and the possible benefits of holding some meetings jointly or back-to-back with other organisations or events. The agenda for the second Forum meeting, to be held in February 2002, will also be discussed.
- Chairman Jenny and South African Competition Commissioner Menzi Simelane will offer some final comments, followed by brief remarks from Eric Burgeat, Director, Centre for Co-operation with Non-Members.