Global Forum on Competition

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Thursday 18 February

CHAIR: Frédéric JENNY (France)
Chairman of the Competition Committee

OPENING SESSION (1/2 hour: 9.00-9.30am)

Opening Remarks:
Angel GURRÍA
Secretary-General
OECD

Introductory comments:
Frédéric JENNY
Chairman of the Competition Committee
France

SESSION I (3 hours: 9.30am-12.30am)

ROUNDTABLE ON COMPETITION STATE AIDS AND SUBSIDIES

Chair: Mona YASSINE (Chairwoman, Egyptian Competition Authority, Egypt)

Background Note

Speaker(s):
• David SPECTOR
  MAPP, France
• Amadou DIENG
  Director for Competition, WAEMU Commission

For Information:
Call for contributions - DAF/COMP/GF(2009)12

Written contributions:
Received:
Ukraine
Announced:
Argentina
Croatia
Czech Republic
Egypt
EU
FYROM
Lithuania
Mongolia
Morocco
Pakistan
Peru
Poland
Romania
Russian Federation
Chinese Taipei

1.00-2.30 Buffet lunch offered by the OECD to all participants

SESSION II (3 hours: 2.30-5.30pm)

PEER REVIEW OF COMPETITION LAW AND POLICY IN BRAZIL
(Open to country representatives and intergovernmental organisations only - report under restricted circulation)

Chair: Frédéric JENNY (Chairman of the Competition Committee, France)
Note by the Secretariat

Examiners:
• Enrique VERGARA
  President, Fiscalía Nacional Económica, Chile
• William KOVACIC
  Commissioner, US Federal Trade Commission, United States
• Last examiner to be confirmed

5.30-7.30 Cocktail (to be confirmed)
SESSION III (3 1/4 hours: 9.30am-12.45pm)

COLLUSION AND CORRUPTION IN PUBLIC PROCUREMENT: BREAKOUT SESSIONS
(see Annex for details of how this session will be organised)

**Chairs:**

Breakout session No. 1: to be confirmed
Breakout session No. 2: to be confirmed
Breakout session No. 3: to be confirmed

Each of the breakout sessions will cover the following three topics:

1. Value of Certificates of Independent Bid Determination (“CIBD”) and similar tools
   - Note by the Secretariat
2. Discussion on the usefulness of guidelines in Public Procurement
   - Note by the Secretariat
3. Experiences of working with other parts of government to fight bid rigging
   - Note by the Secretariat

SESSION IV (1/4 hour: 12.45-1pm)

FIFTH ANNIVERSARY OF THE OECD-HUNGARY REGIONAL CENTRE FOR COMPETITION

**Chair:** Frédéric JENNY (Chairman of the Competition Committee, France)

**Speaker:**

- Zoltan NAGY
  President, Competition Authority, Hungary

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1.00-2.30 Buffet Lunch offered by Hungary to all participants

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SESSION V (2 1/2 hours: 2.30-5pm)

ROUNDTABLE ON COLLUSION AND CORRUPTION IN PUBLIC PROCUREMENT
(see end of Annex)

**Chair:** Khalid A. MIRZA (Chairman, Competition Commission, Pakistan)

Issues Paper by the Secretariat
Speakers:

- Sue ARROWSMITH
  Professor of Public Procurement Law, University of Nottingham, United Kingdom
- David LEWIS
  Gordon Institute of Business Science, South Africa
- Other speakers to be confirmed

For Information:
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Written contributions:
Announced:
Brazil
Canada
Colombia
Croatia
Czech Republic
El Salvador
EU
France
Indonesia
Ireland
Japan
Korea
Latvia
Mexico
Mongolia
Morocco
Norway
Pakistan
Papua New Guinea
Peru
Poland
Romania
Russian Federation
Singapore
Slovak Republic
South Africa
Chinese Taipei
Tunisia
Turkey
United Kingdom

FINAL SESSION (1/2 hour: 5-5.30pm)
EVALUATION OF THE MEETING AND FUTURE WORK OF THE GLOBAL FORUM

Chair: Frédéric JENNY (Chairman of the Competition Committee, France)
Evaluation Questionnaire
ANNEX 1

ORGANISATION OF THE BREAKOUT SESSIONS AND ROUNDTABLE ON COLLUSION AND CORRUPTION IN PUBLIC PROCUREMENT

As a result of ongoing preparation for the sessions on Collusion, Corruption and Public Procurement (Friday 19 February), this Annex cancels and replaces the information circulated in previous GFC letters. This note provides further details on the objectives of the breakout sessions, how they are to be organised and the link to the roundtable in the afternoon.

Objectives

The morning will be devoted to breakout sessions. These will focus on the current activities and tools used by competition authorities in tackling collusion and corruption in public procurement. Members and non members are encouraged to have open and frank discussions in order to measure the value and usefulness of different approaches and to identify on-going problems still facing competition authorities. These problems and underlying challenges will then be picked up and discussed in the afternoon in the roundtable discussion which will be held in the Plenary room.

Organisation

Breakout sessions:

Three meeting rooms will be set aside for discussions in breakout sessions. Countries and jurisdictions will be divided into three groups and allocated to one of the three rooms by French alphabetical order. Presenters for each of the three topics mentioned under session III above will rotate from room to room to address each of the three breakout sessions in their allocated rooms. This will mean that each group will discuss each of the three topics, one after the other. Participants should note that they will therefore not need to make a choice between the topics, because each session will cover all three topics during the course of the morning.

One hour will be allocated to each of the three topics. During that hour, the topic will be introduced via a brief presentation. The remaining part of the allocated 60 minutes will then be devoted to exchanges of views and sharing of experiences between the countries present in the room. This format will be repeated for each of the three topics.

Participants are welcome to send examples of country experiences regarding the techniques under review in the breakout sessions to the Secretariat, if they so wish. If participants choose to send in examples, it would be helpful if these could be sent to the Secretariat by 15 December. These will be circulated on the GFC website in advance of the meeting.

Plenary session:

After the buffet-lunch (to be confirmed), the three Chairs of the breakout sessions will act as Rapporteurs to the Plenary session immediately before the start of the roundtable discussion on Collusion and Corruption in Public Procurement. They will report on the commonalities that emerged from the morning’s discussions both in terms of the usefulness of existing tools/methods and persistent problems. These underlying challenges will be addressed during the course of the roundtable discussion.
During the plenary discussion, the Chairman (and session Chairs where relevant) will use traffic lights to regulate the timing of interventions. The high number of participants means that participants will need to be disciplined in their interventions in order to allow as many delegates as possible to have the opportunity to speak. Interventions should be as concise as possible, and each intervention will be limited to a maximum of three minutes. Time constraints will not permit the presentation of the numerous written contributions announced. Countries who have contributed in writing will be notified in advance if session chairs intend to call upon them to make brief comments on specific points from their written contributions. We will do our best to warn those concerned as soon as possible, but the late receipt of some country contributions often delays this process, and so countries may not be notified until the first day of the Forum for the roundtable on Collusion, Corruption and Public Procurement.

Please note that a similarly short notification period will apply also for the interventions to the roundtable on Competition, States Aids and Subsidies. Countries may only be notified a few days before or even on the eve of the Forum if they are to be called on by the Chair to comment on their written contribution. Kindly ensure that you check your emails regularly during the days immediately before the Forum, since this will be the only way to communicate efficiently in this regard.