Experts in competition law and policy from OECD Member countries and nine Dynamic Non-Member Economies (DNMEs) (Argentina, Brazil, Chile, Hong Kong, Korea, Malaysia, Singapore, Taiwan and Thailand) will meet at an OECD workshop in Paris on 1st and 2nd December. The workshop is organised in the framework of the OECD’s on-going policy dialogue with the DNMEs, which are OECD Member countries’ most important economic partners in the non-OECD area.

In the policy dialogue, OECD and DNME participants have explored over the last five years many topics at the heart of the OECD/DNME economic relationship, particularly in the trade, investment, finance, taxation and macroeconomic areas -- all drawing heavily on the OECD multidisciplinary approach. For the first time, this dialogue is now being extended to competition policy, reflecting the increased recognition of the role of competition policy in shaping economic performance. Over 80 participants and observers from the government, business and academic sectors will attend in their personal capacity.

The main theme of the workshop is the contribution of competition policy in ensuring that market mechanisms operate as effectively as possible. The first day will be largely devoted to the relationship of competition policy to other economic policies and the political background to introducing a new competition law. The second day will provide an opportunity for the participants to explore the different ways in which legal jurisdictions have approached particular competition problems and to discuss methods of enforcement.

This workshop is not open to the press. Information on the proceedings of the workshop can be obtained from Ms. Rachel Bickler, DAF/CCP, OECD, 2 rue André Pascal, 75775 Paris cedex 16 (Tel. 33 1 45 24 79 72).