



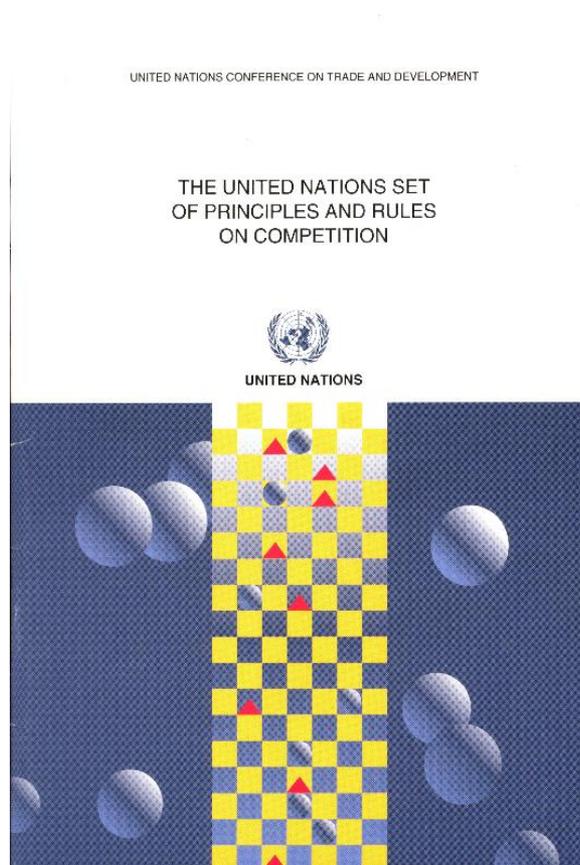
UNCTAD'S WORK IN COMPETITION LAW AND POLICY

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UNITED NATIONS CONFERENCE ON TRADE AND DEVELOPMENT

- UN body responsible for dealing with economic and sustainable development issues with a focus on trade, finance, investment and technology - *Prosperity for All*;
- 194 member States;
- *Think, Debate, Deliver* - to assist developing countries in better participating in the global economy
- Focal point for Competition and Consumer Policies within the UN system;
- 3 pillars
 - **Consensus building** - Intergovernmental deliberations
 - **Research and analysis**
 - **Technical Cooperation**: Assistance/Capacity building.

2016 - Celebration of 70 years of work in the UN on Competition law and policy

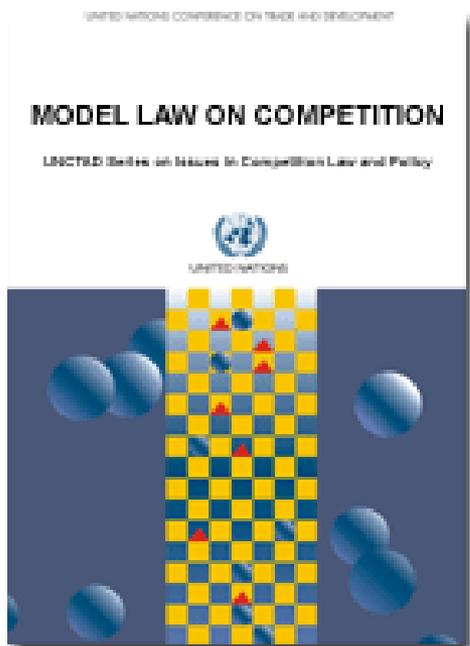


UNITED NATIONS Set of Multilaterally Agreed Equitable Principles and Rules for the Control of Restrictive Business Practices (1980)

The UN Set of Principles on Competition:

- Rules for the control of anticompetitive practices,
- The development dimension of competition law and policy,
- Framework for international cooperation and exchange of best practices

Competition and Consumer Policies Branch's work (1)



UNCTAD Model Law on Competition (1993): *substantive possible elements for a competition law, commentaries and alternative approaches in existing legislations* (Part 2 regularly updated with commentaries and cases reported by member States).

- **Handbook on Competition Legislation - a guide to Competition Laws with Commentaries.**
- UNCTAD Guidebook on Competition systems.
- **Voluntary Peer Reviews on Competition Law and Policy.**



Competition and Consumer Policies Branch's work (2)

- Annual **Intergovernmental Group of Experts on Competition Law and Policy meetings** since the late 90s;
- **Every 5 years Review Conferences of the UN Set of Competition Rules:** last one - *7th. UN Conference to Review All Aspects of the Set of Multilaterally Agreed Equitable Principles and Rules for the Control of Restrictive Business Practices, 2015*

4 clusters of issues for future work:

(i) Competition and inclusive and sustainable development

(ii) Best practices in the design and enforcement of Competition law and policy and its interaction with Consumer protection

(iii) The provision of capacity-building and technical assistance

(iv) International cooperation and networking



UNCTAD Toolbox main products on Competition and Consumer Policies (1)

- **COMPETITION AND CONSUMER PROTECTION POLICIES AND FRAMEWORKS** improving market efficiency and consumer welfare
 - **Technical Assistance and Capacity building:** scope - all regions; start date: 2003;
 - **Recent completed programmes:** 1 national (Zimbabwe); 3 regional (COMPAL I and II, West African Economic and Monetary Union and Association of Southeast Asian Nations);
 - **Ongoing programmes:** 1 national (Ethiopia); 3 regional - COMPAL III (Latin America); MENA - Middle East and North Africa; CEMAC - Central African Economic and Monetary Community;
 - **Donors** (current and past): Luxembourg, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland and the European Union.



UNCTAD Toolbox main products on Competition and Consumer Policies (2)

- **VOLUNTARY PEER REVIEWS OF COMPETITION AND CONSUMER PROTECTION LAWS AND POLICIES** sharing best practices for developing countries
- **Start date:** 2005; Reviews per year: 2 (starting in 2018, also on Consumer protection law/policy);
- **Completed Peer Reviews of Competition Law and Policy:** 25, including 1 regional Review in the West African Economic and Monetary Union (28 countries covered);
- **Upcoming Reviews:** Botswana (competition law and policy) and Morocco (consumer protection law and policy; the first Review in this area);
- **Donors** (current and past): Norway, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, the United Kingdom and the European Union.





- **Created in 2010**
- **Brings together research institutions, universities, competition and consumer protection authorities, business and civil society**
- **Ongoing projects' topics relate to both Competition and Consumer policies fields**

Research Projects: ongoing

- [Bespoke Competition Policy for Developing Countries](#)
- [Best Practices of Consumer Redress](#)
- [Class Actions in Competition Law](#)
- [Competition and Concentration in Latin American Emerging Economies](#)
- [Economic and Econometric Evidence in Competition Law: an Empirical Perspective](#)
- [Financial Consumer Protection in the Banking Sector](#)
- [Intellectual Property and Competition Law: The Convergence](#)
- [Interaction between Regional Competition Law Systems and National Enforcement](#)



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