



ICN Annual Conference, New Delhi, 2018

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The 17th ICN Annual Conference in New Delhi, India, closed on Friday, 23 March 2018, bringing to an end three days of plenary panels and breakout sessions on the competition topics most important to the competition agencies and non-governmental advisors from more than 70 countries. Nearly 500 participants were present at this year's conference, which started on Wednesday, 21 March.

The ICN is the most important worldwide network of competition authorities. On the last day of the conference, the Cartel plenary panel discussed the changing trends in cartel enforcement, and how to ensure that agencies provide sufficient incentives for cartelists to report cartel activity, in an age of increasing private enforcement of competition law in damages actions. The conference also discussed how ICN work products can best be implemented by its members. This year's work products included guiding principles on procedural fairness, updated recommended practices on cooperation on merger control, timing of merger notifications and review periods, and an interim report on key elements for efficient and effective leniency programmes. ICN's work also covered vertical mergers, market studies and advocacy strategies. All work products are available at the conference website (<http://ICN2018delhi.in/conference-materials.html>). In addition ICN presented its new website at the annual conference in Delhi.

In his closing speech, ICN Chair Andreas Mundt stated that it is the responsibility of competition agencies worldwide to ensure that the ICN's unique work products, its guidelines and recommended practices, are developed and implemented, while preserving the ICN's ultra-light organisational structure. Andreas Mundt thanked the Competition Commission of India for hosting the ICN's 17th Conference. The ICN provides one of the most important worldwide venues for experience-sharing and networking among agencies, legal and economics professionals, and stakeholders from the business and academic community. "Who is global if not the ICN?", stated Mundt.

The 2019 ICN Annual Conference will be held in Colombia, hosted by the Colombian Superintendencia de Industria y Comercio.