

ICN Steering Group Meeting

Wednesday, April 25, 2014

1:30pm Marrakech

Attendees

Australian Competition and Consumer Commission
Brazilian Administrative Council for Economic Defense
Competition Bureau Canada
European Commission DG Competition
French Autorité de la concurrence
German Bundeskartellamt
Italian Autorità Garante della Concorrenza e del Mercato
Japan Fair Trade Commission
Korean Fair Trade Commission
Mexican Federal Economic Competition Commission
Netherlands Authority for Consumers and Markets
Russian Federal Antimonopoly Service
South African Competition Commission
Turkish Competition Authority
United Kingdom Competition and Markets Authority
United States Department of Justice
United States Federal Trade Commission

Moroccan Competition Council
Polish Office of Competition and Consumer Protection
Portuguese Competition Authority

Item 1: Approval of Agenda and Minutes

The Steering Group (SG) approved the proposed agenda and the minutes of the April 16 meeting, subject to any comments submitted to the Secretariat by May 2, 2014.

Item 2: Review of the 2014 Annual Conference

The Chair congratulated Mr Abdelali Benamour and his staff at the Conseil de la Concurrence du Maroc (MCC) on organising an excellent conference and the working group chairs on another successful year.

The Steering Group members expressed their gratitude to the MCC and praised the conference. They were extremely pleased to see that the suggestions mentioned last year were considered. There was a good balance of plenary and breakout sessions. It was noted that especially the breakout sessions left more room this year for audience participation. However it was mentioned that room for improvement remained.

This year's initiative to have more French speaking sessions was also well received, in

particular by many of the French speaking African colleagues.

Steering Group members also offered a number of suggestions for consideration in planning next year's annual conference in Sydney. The Chair and Steering Group members will keep the option of having sessions in other languages in mind for future conferences where this might be indicated.

A stronger/greater involvement of NGAs in all sessions was supported and will be considered already in the early planning stages in the Annual Conference Planning Committee (ACPC).

An evaluation form will be circulated to conference delegates and the ACPC will communicate the results of the evaluation to the SG for discussion as required.

Item 3: Other Business

The ICN Chair announced that Mr. John Pecman, Commissioner of the Competition Bureau Canada had kindly agreed to assume the position of the ICN/OECD Coordinator for a one year term. The Chair thanked Mr. Pecman for accepting this important role.

The Membership Working Group circulated an overview of all current ICN members and requested the SG to inform the Membership WG of any required changes.

Item 4. Future Meetings of the Steering Group

The next Steering Group meetings will be held:

- May 28, 2014 (to be confirmed)
- June 18, 2014 (on the margins of the OECD)