



ICN Steering Group Meeting
Wednesday, 4th September, 2013
7:00 am (Mexico City) / 8:00 am (Ottawa) / 2:00 pm (Brussels)

Attendees

Australian Competition and Consumer Commission
Barbados Fair Trading Commission
Brazilian Administrative Council for Economic Defense
Competition Bureau Canada
European Commission DG Competition
French Autorité de la concurrence
German Bundeskartellamt
Japan Fair Trade Commission
Italian Autorità Garante della Concorrenza e del Mercato
Korea Fair Trade Commission
Mexico Federal Competition Commission
Russian Federal Antimonopoly Service
South Africa Competition Commission
United Kingdom Office of Fair Trading
United States Department of Justice
United States Federal Trade Commission

The Chair welcomed all participants of the steering group meeting.

The Chair noted that the Secretariat had not received additional candidates for Steering Group chair.

Item 1. Approval of Agenda and Minutes

The Steering Group approved the proposed agenda and minutes of the July 17th meeting, subject to any comments submitted to the Secretariat by Tuesday, 10th September.

Item 2. Election of the Steering Group Chair

The outgoing Chair Eduardo Motta, head of the Mexican competition authority thanked the steering group and in particular the Vice Chairs for their support during his term.

Following the process of the Operational Framework, Andreas Mundt, president of the German Bundeskartellamt was elected as new Chair of the Steering Group. He introduced the two Vice Chairs, Vinícius Marques de Carvalho from the Brazilian Administrative Council for Economic Defense and Bruno Lassere from the French Autorité de la concurrence. Bruno Lassere is willing to continue his important work as Vice Chair for enhanced member and NGA engagement and outreach, while Vinicius Marques de Carvalho will act as new Vice Chair for implementation.

The new Chair set out a brief summary of his vision statement, circulated to the Steering Group with the three main areas of focus, inclusiveness and implementation.

In terms of focus he explained that it would be important to set the right priorities. This means that the ICN should focus on the issues and projects that will matter most to the network by meeting the most important needs of members impacting their work.

The new Chair highlighted that the ICN had grown tremendously in the recent years. The ICN now needs to ensure that all or most agencies are able to contribute to the drafting of the most important on-going projects and in particular Recommended Practices. Inclusiveness should however also be aimed at continued participation of NGAs and outreach to other international organisations like OECD, UNCTAD, WTO and World Bank.

The third priority of the ICN should be making its high-quality products available to everyone, making sure that the ICN matters and continuing efforts to promote their more effective implementation.

The Steering Group members expressed wide and strong support and highlighted the importance of these aims.

Item 3. 2015 Annual Conference

ACCC in charge of the 2015 Annual Conference explained the current state of affairs and suggested possible dates for holding the conference (24-27 March, in the period 13-26 April, 28 April- 1 May). Andreas Mundt thanked the ACCC for its efforts and pointed out that the earlier date might limit the time for WGs to finalise their work products. This was noted by the ACCC and it will use the latter date for organising the Conference, if possible.

Item 8. Future Meetings of the Steering Group

The next SG meeting will take place on Wednesday, 30th October, 2013 (Paris).