



**ICN Steering Group Meeting
Wednesday, 11 July 2018, 2pm CEST**

Attendees

Australian Competition and Consumer Commission
Brazilian Administrative Council for Economic Defense
Competition Bureau Canada
Colombian Superintendencia de Industria y Comercio
European Commission DG Competition
French Autorité de la concurrence
German Bundeskartellamt
Competition Commission of India
Japan Fair Trade Commission
Italian Autorità Garante della Concorrenza e del Mercato
Korean Fair Trade Commission
Mexican Federal Economic Competition Commission
Netherlands Authority for Consumers and Markets
Portuguese Competition Authority
Russian Federal Antimonopoly Service
Competition Commission of Singapore
Competition Commission of South Africa
Spanish National Authority for Markets and Competition
United Kingdom Competition and Markets Authority
United States Department of Justice
United States Federal Trade Commission

Item 1: Approval of Agenda and Minutes

Vice Chair Alejandra Palacios Prieto, COFECE, welcomed the Steering Group (SG) members. The SG approved the proposed agenda and the minutes of the SG meeting on June 6, 2018.

Item 2: Annual Conferences

The Vice Chair invited the SG members to discuss and approve the Guiding Principles for ICN Annual Conference Planning circulated before the SG meeting.

The Vice Chair reminded the SG members that in the last SG meetings it was suggested to establish a process in line with the presentation of the work plans by the Horizontal Coordinator, i.e. a dedicated person or group of people presenting the conference planning to the SG at certain milestones.

According to the ICN Operational Framework the conference host as ACPC Chair reports to the SG. It was suggested that to ensure the transfer of knowledge and experience, a new Conference Coordinator should also report to the SG. This suggestion was based on the good experience in the Cartel Working Groups, where the workshop is coordinated by Subgroup 2 in partnership with the host agency. The Conference Coordinator should work closely with the Secretariat and the Chair's office.

It was proposed that a Vice Chair should act as the Conference Coordinator as the Vice Chairs have the experience and the resources to coordinate the conference planning with the SG.

The SG approved the Guiding Principles for ICN Annual Conference Planning and Vice Chair Alejandra Palacios as ICN Conference Coordinator.

Item 3: UNCTAD

The ICN/UNCTAD Liaison provided a debrief on the 4th conference call of the UNCTAD Discussion Group on International Cooperation, mentioning that COFECE submitted a new proposal, focused on informal cooperation, in addition to the "Toolkit on International Cooperation". Moreover, the ICN/UNCTAD Liaison presented the contribution made by the ICN to the UNCTAD discussion group, aimed at improving awareness of the ICN work in international cooperation, in order to foster complementarity with the current and future work at UNCTAD in this field.

Item 4: Promotion & Implementation

The Promotion & Implementation (P&I) presented several projects. The group plans to establish a systematic approach for the collection and dissemination of implementation stories, and will focus on raising work product awareness via the newsletter, the new website, workshops, teleseminars and other events as well as through social media.

The P&I will also work with Working Groups to encourage sharing of best practices across the ICN on promoting implementation and providing support to members who are seeking assistance on the implementation of ICN work. Furthermore, P&I will continue the ICN Training on Demand project, formally hosted by AEWG. P&I is constantly considering new tools and projects and will keep the SG informed.

Item 5: Membership Working Group

The Membership Working Group presented the application for membership of the Autorité de la concurrence de la Nouvelle-Calédonie. As the relevant documents are only available in French, the Autorité de la concurrence supported the Membership Working Group in the analysis and presentation.

Based on the presented facts that the Autorité de la concurrence de la Nouvelle-Calédonie operates on a separate territory and is entrusted with the enforcement of a domestic competition law on that territory and that the French Autorité de la concurrence has no enforcement powers on the New Caledonia territory, and has no authority over the Autorité de la concurrence de la Nouvelle-Calédonie, the SG approved the Autorité de la concurrence de la Nouvelle-Calédonie as an ICN member.

Item 6. Website

The website team informed the SG that it had to postpone the launch of the new website due to a lost data set. Currently, documents are prepared for the new website's search engine and then uploaded. Furthermore, the website team is in contact with the working groups to finalize the working groups' pages.

Item 7. Other Business

On the margins of the ASEAN Experts Group on Competition meeting taking place in early October in Singapore, the Competition and Consumer Commission of Singapore and P & I will organize an ICN day on Friday, October 12, 2018. The preliminary agenda will focus the promotion of the ICN work products to these ASEAN members.

Item 8: Future SG Meetings

The next SG meeting will be held on September 26, 2018.