



ICN Steering Group Meeting
Wednesday, 26 September 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
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

The Chair welcomed the Steering Group (SG) members. The SG approved the proposed agenda and the minutes of the SG meeting on July 11, 2018.

Item 2: Annual Conferences

Colombia's Superintendence of Industry and Commerce provided an update on the planning of the 2019 Annual Conference in Cartagena, 15-17 May 2019.

Item 3: Work plans

The AEWG Co-Chairs presented an updated version of the AEWG work plan for SG approval, now including the additional project. The AEWG will continue the investigative process project to develop the 2018 ICN Guidance on Investigative Process into ICN Recommended Practices. The SG approved the work plan.

Item 4: Website

The website transition team provided an update. All ICN documents have been uploaded to the test site and WG pages built for preview. The team will seek comments and modifications from working group chairs within the next two weeks and ask the vendor to launch the site soon after.

Item 5: Workshops

The Working Group Co-Chairs provided updates on the following workshops:

- Cartel Workshop in Tel-Aviv, Israel, 15-18 October 2018,
- Unilateral Conduct Workshop in Stellenbosch, South Africa, 1-2 November 2018,
- Merger Workshop in Tokyo, Japan, 7-8 November 2018,
- Advocacy Workshop in Kiev, Ukraine, 28 February – 1 March 2019.

Item 6: UNCTAD

The ICN/UNCTAD Liaison provided a debrief on the UNCTAD discussion group on international cooperation. Following the mandate received at the IGE 2018, the UNCTAD Secretariat will continue to coordinate the discussion on international cooperation within the discussion group, with a view to drafting a consolidated text on the basis of the proposals of FAS Russia and COFECE Mexico and the comments received (including the contribution by the ICN). In October the Secretariat will circulate a workplan for comments. The conference calls of the discussion group are scheduled for October 2018 and January, March and May 2019.

Item 7: Recent initiatives in the area of investigative process

The Chair informed the SG about the Multilateral Framework on Procedures (MFP), an initiative in the area of investigative process. The Chair referred to an MFP meeting in New York on 4 September 2018 where several participants mentioned an ICN-based approach as a possible alternative. Based on this the Chair outlined first ideas for a possible solution under the umbrella of ICN which he would further develop and discuss with SG members and the MFP initiators.

Item 8: Other Business

No other business was reported.

Item 9: Future SG Meetings

The next SG meeting will be held on 31 October 2018.