



**ICN Steering Group Meeting**  
**Wednesday, 27 February 2019, 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 January 23, 2018.

**Item 2: ICN Framework on Competition Agency Procedures**

The Chair updated the SG about the ICN Framework on Competition Agency Procedures (ICN CAP) based on the documents sent to SG members in preparation of the SG meeting (CAP Framework text, Template, Registration Form and timeline). The Chair highlighted the most important changes compared to the documents discussed by SG members on 23 January 2019 including the side letter arrangement (1 e) which allows competition agencies that do not have the legal capacity to join the ICN CAP to declare adherence, and the updated wording of principle h) "Notice and Opportunity to Defend". SG members including the US DOJ, Canadian Bureau of Competition, FAS, ACCC, Italian Competition Authority, US FTC, JFTC, UK CMA, DG COMP and the Autorité expressed their thanks to the agencies involved in the drafting process and their full support for the presented documents and the timeline which aims at a formal

opening of the ICN CAP at the 2019 ICN Annual Conference. The US DOJ explained that in case the MFP initiative would be continued, it would supplement and not compete with the ICN CAP. The SG will again deal with the ICN CAP on 3 April 2019.

### Item 3: Annual Conferences

The Superintendent of Industry and Commerce, Colombia, updated the SG members on the planning of the 2019 ICN Annual Conference that will take place in Cartagena, Colombia, on 15-17 May 2019, at the Hotel Las Americas.

The host confirmed that the invitation letters have been sent to member agencies, that the registration process has already started and that the conference website is online. UNCTAD is planning a side event, ICC/IBA and CPI pre-events.

SG members discussed the plenary speaker overview compiled by the working group co-chairs circulated by the ICN Secretariat before the SG meeting. SG members thanked the working groups and highlighted that speaker diversity in terms of geography, gender, group diversity (agencies, private practice, and academics) is important. The working group co-chairs will finalize the speaker selection based on the input received from the SG.

### Item 5: UNCTAD

Alessandra Tonazzi, the ICN/UNCTAD Liaison, provided a debrief on the UNCTAD discussion group on international cooperation.

### Item 5: ICN-OECD Liaison

The ICN-OECD liaison, Margarida Matos Rosa, updated the SG members on OECD and ICN activities, particularly the OECD WP3 work on the issue of transparency and procedural fairness and the ICN Agency Effectiveness Working Group's Recommended Practices on Investigative Process (RPs). The OECD, the ICN-OECD liaison, the ICN RP's project lead and the ICN Chair's Office liaised to share experience on the work in this area, with the objective of identifying potential overlaps and/or synergies. The OECD recognized the ICN's work in its scoping note and aims to build on it as much as possible aiming at an OECD Council Recommendation at the OECD meeting in June 2019. The ICN provided the OECD Secretariat with the current draft RPs and presented to the OECD main areas that were being dealt with by the ICN in the scope of drafting the RPs. The OECD Secretariat informed that the OECD is working on the run-up to the June Competition Committee meeting where the potential OECD Recommendation will be discussed. The OECD Secretariat will be requesting input and comments within the scope of the Competition Committee.

### Item 6: Other Business

No other business was reported.

Item 7: Future SG Meetings

The next SG meeting will be held on 3 April 2019.