



**ICN Steering Group Meeting**  
**Wednesday, 18 January 2023**  
8:00 Ottawa / 14:00 Bonn

**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  
Hungarian Gazdasági Versenyhivatal  
Italian Autorità Garante della Concorrenza e del Mercato  
Japan Fair Trade Commission  
Kenya Competition Authority  
Korean Fair Trade Commission  
Mexican Federal Economic Competition Commission  
Portuguese Competition Authority  
Competition and Consumer Commission of Singapore  
Competition Commission of South Africa  
Spanish National Markets and Competition Commission  
Turkish Competition Authority  
United Kingdom Competition and Markets Authority  
United States Department of Justice  
United States Federal Trade Commission

**Item 1: Approval of Agenda and Minutes**

The SG approved the proposed agenda and the minutes of the SG meeting on 30 November 2022.

The Chair informed SG members that the term of DG Francis Kariuki's ended on 8 January 2023 and that Dr Adano Roba will be acting DG of the Competition Authority of Kenya.

**Item 2: ICN Social**

The Chair highlighted that social media is an important element of interaction and communication for the ICN as a virtual network and that an ICN LinkedIn account will be

added to the existing ICN communication tools ICN Website, namely, the ICN Twitter and Newsletter. Posts on the ICN LinkedIn will focus on information on ICN events and working group activities. They will be factual in nature, simple, uncontroversial and informative in line with the 2018 “ICN Tweeting Guidelines” for ICN Twitter. The Chair’s Office will operate ICN LinkedIn in close cooperation with ICN Secretariat.

It should be noted that the 3D report suggests a “network communications coordinator”, therefore the 3D team will explore options to fill this role.

### Item 3: 3D

The Chair updated SG members about 3D implementation.

- A new LinkedIn account will be introduced to further improve communication.
- An ICN Annual Check-In will be launched to confirm members’ contact information and invite them to provide input on participation or other suggestions they may have.
- The ICN Secretariat will explore options for an ICN website overhaul as another element to further improve communication and transparency.
- The ICN will continue the spotlight series of short virtual 1:1 sessions, possibly also with a regional focus.
- The ITOD (ICN Training on Demand) team is discussing the current format of video modules to make the videos more appealing to a younger audience. Future videos might be shorter and will highlight the corresponding ICN work products.

The 3D team will continue to keep the SG informed of the implementation of the various recommendations of the 3D report. The Working Group co-chairs will be involved in all activities.

### Item 4: Annual Conference

The ICN Annual conferences will take place in Barcelona from 18-20 October 2023. Cani Fernandez, President of the CNMC, shared a first conference overview based on the draft week-at-a-glance document. The structure follows a traditional ICN approach, including the new interview formats. SG members thanked the CNMC.

The SG confirmed that CADE Brazil will host the 2024 ICN Annual Conference.

### Item 5: Workshops

The Cartel Working Group reported back from the successful workshop, which was held from December 5 – 8, 2022 in Auckland, New Zealand. The format of the workshop was hybrid and 165 people participated in-person and between 120 and 150 people online.

The Unilateral Conduct workshop will be held from March 7 – 8, 2023 in Tokyo, Japan. The JFTC provided a preview.

#### Item 6: Vice Chair

The SG listened to initial ideas for the Vice Chair’s work which will recognize the need for the network to continue to study and address the impact of competition in digital markets on our societies, markets, and enforcement regimes. The work will be based on key principles, such as being informative, forward-looking, and ensuring that a range of voices will inform the work.

#### Item 7: SG Members’ Hot Topics Presentation

Cani Fernández, President of the CNMC, continued the series of SG members’ hot topics discussions. She explained how the CNMC deals with issues in energy markets given that the CNMC’s functions are not limited to the enforcement of competition law. It also, inter alia, oversees and monitors economic sectors including gas and electricity.

#### Item 8: Other Business

The Chair informed the SG members about an application for ICN membership by the “Metaverse Competition Agency”. Metaverse CA will not become a member, but it might be interesting for Working Groups to follow this research project.

#### Item 9: Future SG Meetings

The next SG meetings will take place on 15 March, 26 April, 14 June (Paris), 6 September, 27 September and 20 October 2023 (Barcelona).