



**ICN Steering Group Meeting**  
**Wednesday, 21 February 2024**  
8:00 Ottawa / 14:00 Bonn  
via Zoom

**Attendees**

Australian Competition and Consumer Commission  
Brazilian Administrative Council for Economic Defense  
Colombian Superintendence of Industry and Commerce  
Competition Bureau Canada  
Competition Commission of India  
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  
Korea 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  
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 17 January 2024.

**Item 2: Annual Conference**

The ICN Annual Conference will take place in Sauípe, Brazil, from 14 to 17 May 2024. The conference host, the Brazilian Administrative Council for Economic Defense (CADE), informed the SG members about the current status of the preparations. The ICN Secretariat presented the proposed conference agenda which was approved by the members of the Steering Group.

The topics for the plenaries are:

*CWG: A New Era of Cartel Enforcement*

*MWG: Theories of harm involving innovation, nascent and potential competition*  
*UCWG: Unilateral conduct enforcement: current trends and challenges ahead*  
*AWG: Conducting market studies to understand competition in emerging markets*  
*AEWG: Monitoring and Evaluating the Implementation of Agency Decisions*

The speakers will be decided at the next Steering Group Meeting.

### Item 3: Operational Framework

The Operational Framework Working Group Co-Chairs informed the SG members about the status of the Operational Framework review and the upcoming group calls which are scheduled for 27 February and 5 March 2024.

### Item 4: Workshops and Future Events

Benoît Cœuré, President of the French Autorité de la Concurrence gave an update on the plans of the AdIC to hold a virtual Sustainability Workshop from 2 to 3 July 2024 and announced that the Save-the-Date for the workshop will be sent shortly.

The Merger Working Group proposed the CA of Taiwan as a host for the next Merger Workshop which was approved by the members of the Steering Group.

The ICN Secretariat informed the Steering Group members that the OECD Regional Centre for Competition in Latin America has reached out to the ICN and proposed a Joint ICN / OECD Chief Economist Workshop together with in Lima. The SG members supported the proposed joint workshop.

### Item 5: Working Group Status Reports

The Co-Chairs of the Unilateral Conduct Working Group, reported on the status of the group's projects focusing on the projects "*Use of Urgency Enforcement Tools in the Context of Abuse of Dominance Proceedings*", "*Follow up on Theories of Harm and Remedies in Digital Markets*" and their efforts to update existing ICN work products.

### Item 6: Membership WG

The Co-Chairs of the Membership Working Group reported on the assessment of the application by the Mozambique Competition Regulatory Authority. Based on this assessment, the members of the Steering Group approved their application for membership.

### Item 6: SG Members' Hot Topics Presentation

Cani Fernández, President of the Spanish CNMC, gave a presentation on the potential role of AI in competition law enforcement and explained the ongoing efforts and the progress made by the Spanish CNMC.

Item 7: Other Business

No other business was reported.

Item 8: Future SG meetings

The next SG meetings will take place on 20 March 2024, 24 April and 17 May 2024 (Sauipe).