

**ICN Steering Group Meeting
Wednesday, January 16, 2013
Teleconference from 8:00 – 9:30 am (Ottawa)**

Attendees

Australian Competition and Consumer Commission
Barbados Fair Trading Commission
Brazilian Administrative Council for Economic Defense
Competition Bureau Canada
European Commission DG Competition
French Autorité de la concurrence
German Bundeskartellamt
Japan Fair Trade Commission
Italian Autorità Garante della Concorrenza e del Mercato
Korea Fair Trade Commission
Mexico Federal Competition Commission
Morocco Competition Council
Netherlands Competition Authority
Polish Office of Competition and Consumer Protection
Russian Federal Antimonopoly Service
United Kingdom Office of Fair Trading
United States Department of Justice
United States Federal Trade Commission

Item 1. Approval of Agenda and Minutes

The Steering Group approved the proposed agenda for the current meeting. The minutes of the December 5, 2012 meeting will be revised to reflect FAS and Moroccan Competition Council attendance.

Item 2. 2014 Cartel Workshop

The Cartel Working Group co-chairs announced that the 2014 Cartel Workshop will be hosted by the Taiwan FTC. The 2013 Cartel Workshop will be hosted by the South African agencies.

Item 3. Operational Framework

The Steering Group agreed to adopt the Operational Framework Working Group's proposals for a revised selection process for the ICN Chair, and revised criteria and selection process for ICN event hosts, subject to minor stylistic changes and clarifications. The Working Group co-chairs will circulate the final versions to the Steering Group and then post them on the ICN website with the operational framework and annex documents.

Item 4. Annual Conference

The UOKiK provided an update on the conference planning and the special project for the 2013 Annual Conference and the Chair provide a brief update on the pre-ICN conference sponsored by the World Bank.

Item 5. Merger Workshop

The Merger Working Group co-chairs provided a brief update on the merger workshop on economic analysis in Bogota.

Item 6. Workload

Vice Chair Mundt received approval for the proposal on prioritizing future workload.

Item 7. Other Business

The Chair put forward a proposal to engage economists more actively in the ICN, beginning with a breakout session at the annual conference. Steering Group members supported the idea, while noting it is important to integrate economists with lawyers and case handlers at the project level.

Item 8. Future Meetings of the Steering Group

Tuesday, February 12, 2013 (note new meeting)

Wednesday, February 27, 2013 (Paris)

Wednesday, March 14, 2013 (at 6:00 Mexico City / 8:00 Ottawa / 13:00 Brussels / 23:00 Canberra)

Wednesday, April 3, 2013 (TBC)

Wednesday, April 10, 2013 (TBC)