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ESCWA's Efforts and Programs to Strengthen Competition Policy in the Arab Region

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2024 Initiatives and Activities



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Arab Business Legislative Frameworks Report

A Regulatory Assessment for the Arab Region





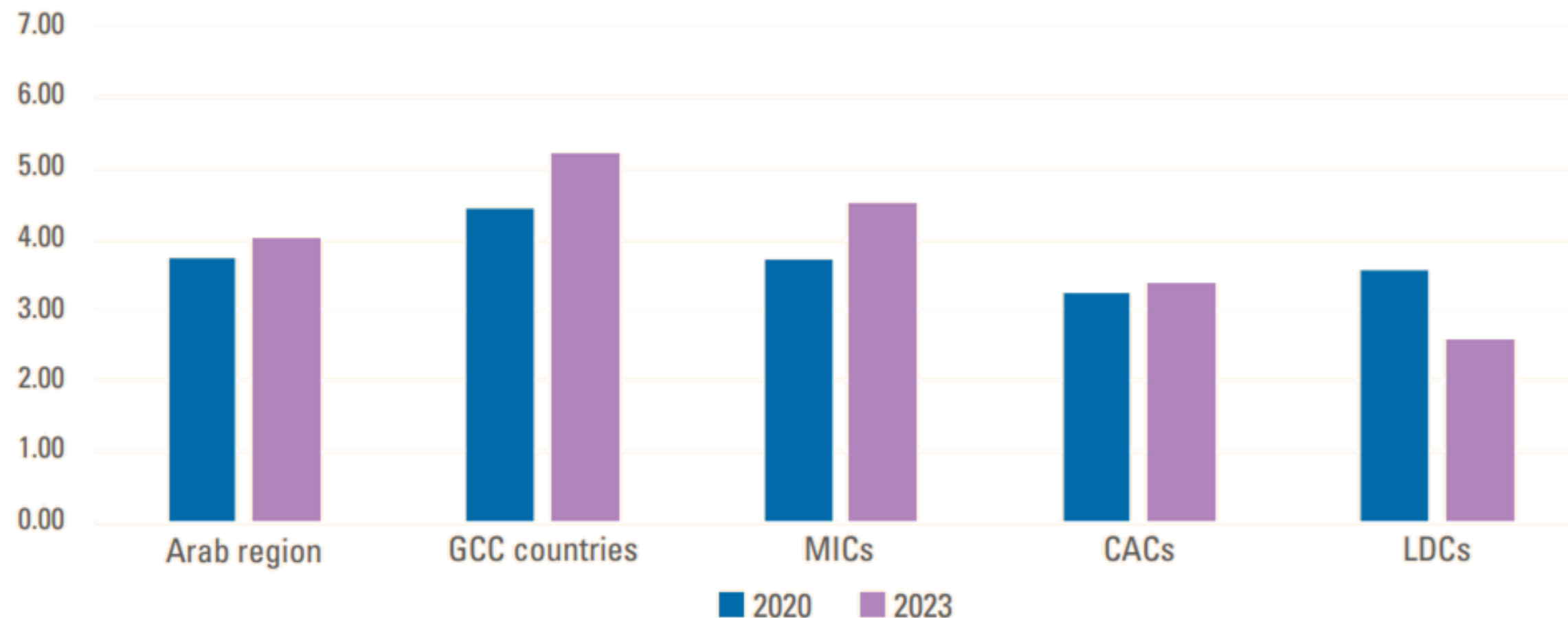
ABLF- Competition Chapter

March
2024

Methodology: 8 main evaluation categories that included 62 indicators aligned with 7 core elements.

Assessment: 20 Competition laws were evaluated, resulting in 1 General Competition Chapter and 20 related country profiles.

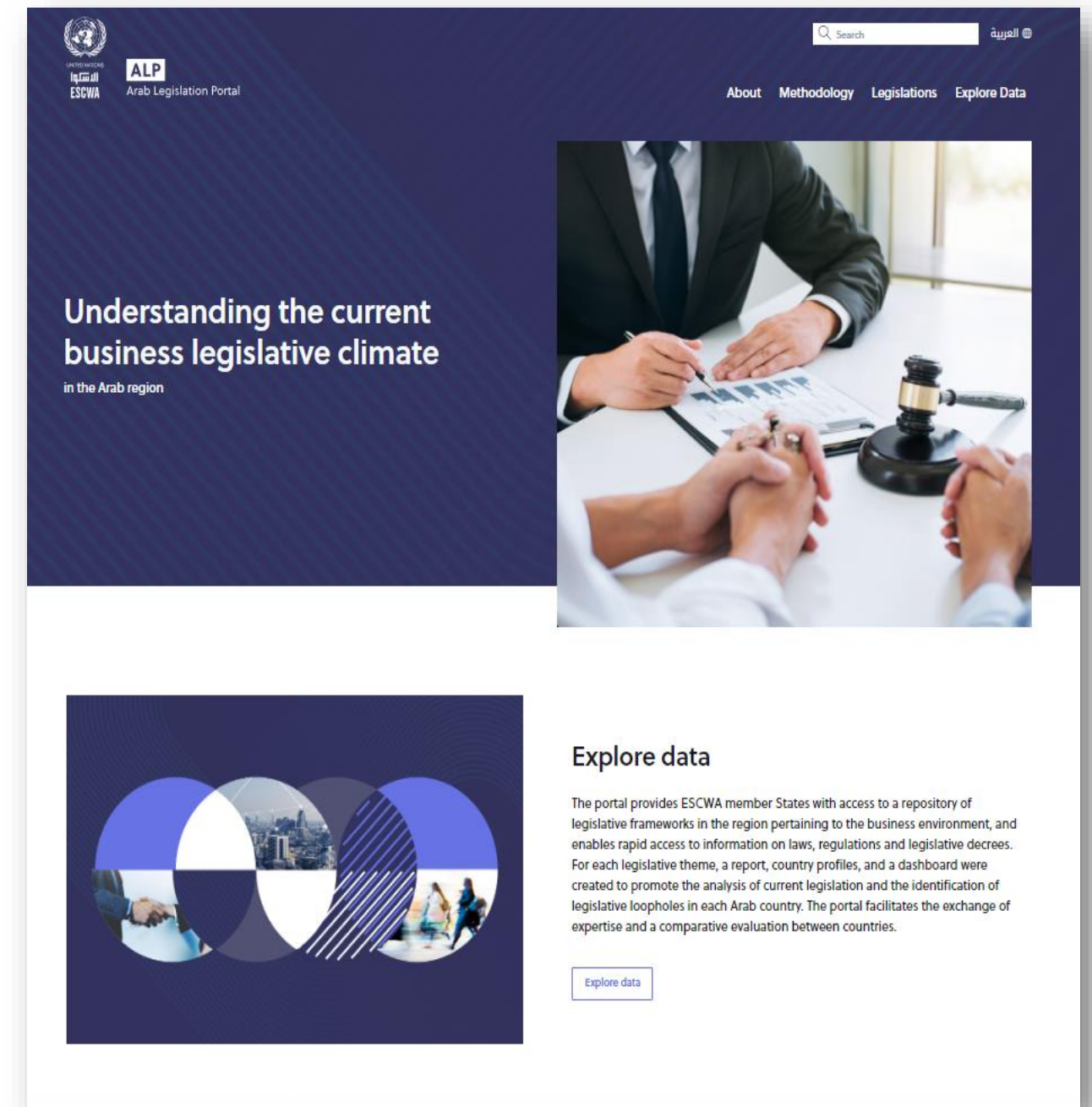
Result: Arab region score changed from Average to Advanced. 10 countries demonstrated improvements, while the scores of 10 others remained unchanged.



Arab Legislation Portal:

A Fresh Look and Enhanced Features

- Comprehensive Legislative Repository
- Streamlined Information Access
- Advanced Analytical Tools
- Enhanced Knowledge Sharing and Collaboration
- Dynamic and Continuous Updates



5th Arab Competition Forum

- In collaboration with the OECD, UNCTAD, COMESA and the Tunisian Competition Authority.
- Yearly platform for peer learning, knowledge sharing, and best practices.
- Foster collaboration at the national, regional, and international level.

Physical
Participants

62 

Online
Participants

23 

Experts

25 



Member
States

22 



Student Challenge in Competition

- Organized in collaboration with the Tunisian Competition Authority, with the OECD participating as part of the jury.
- Focused on enhancing students' skills in analytical thinking, research methods, and presentations while deepening their understanding of competition advocacy and its role in market dynamics.
- Provided students the opportunity to engage in evidence-based research, analyze successful competition advocacy case studies, and present actionable recommendations for integrating competition principles into public policies.

					
2024	125	13	13	7	2
2023	30	7	7	7	3



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May
2024

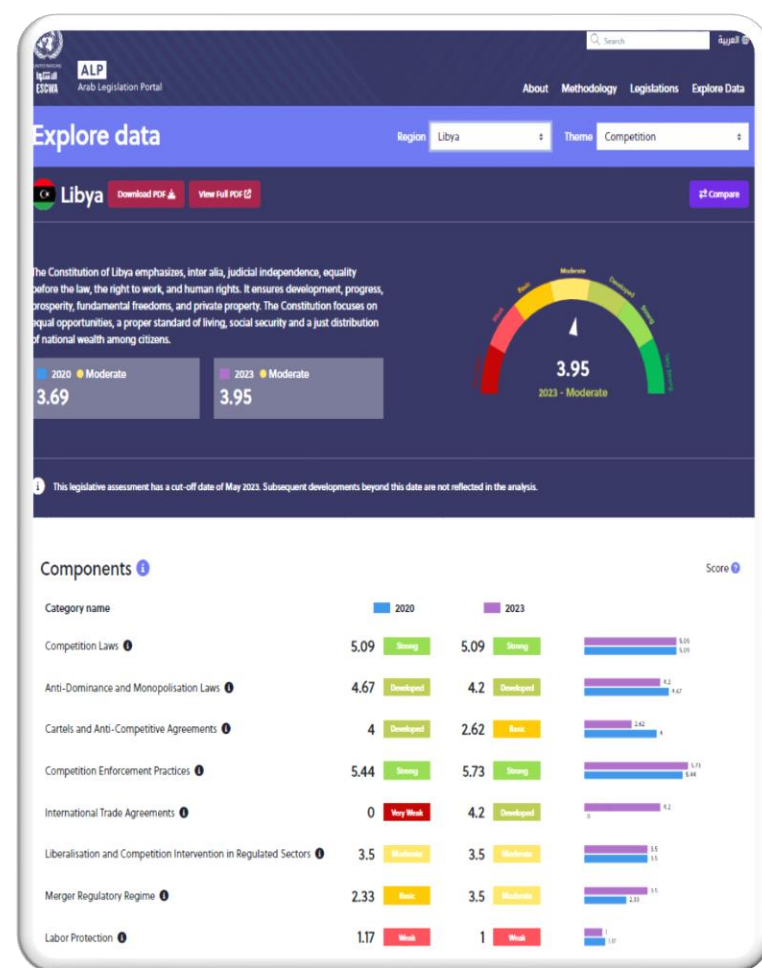




Training workshop for the staff of the Libyan Competition and Anti-Monopoly Council

ESCWA participated in the workshop organized by COMESA as part of the MOU between the two parties to foster regional cooperation in competition policies.

ESCWA presented an assessment of Libya's competition and consumer protection laws, based on the ABLF assessment and scores.



ESCWA also introduced the ALP to the council's employees, demonstrating how to navigate the platform.



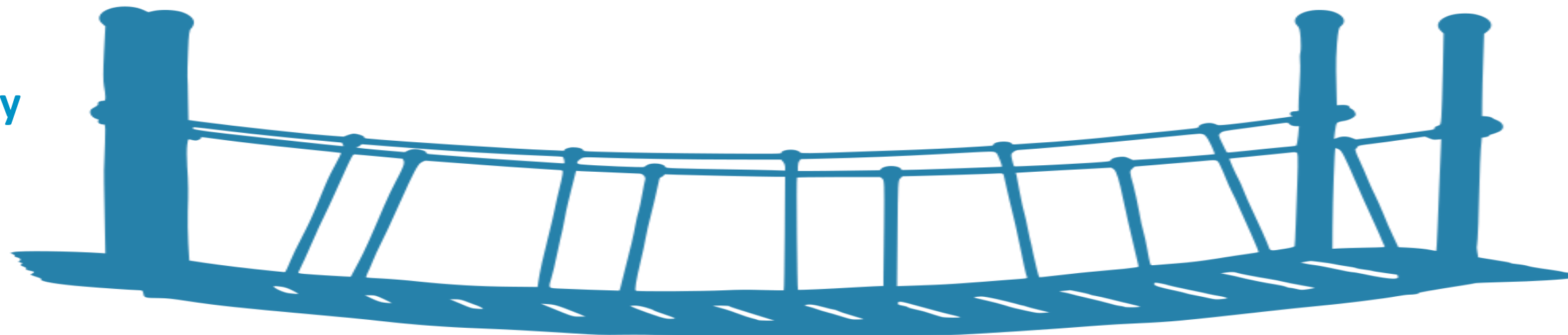
November
2024

Expert Group Meeting

ESCWA's Preliminary Market Competition Monitoring Framework-
A Dashboarding Tool



Competition Policy
challenges



Implementing
Effective Solutions

4th Session of the Committee on Trade Policy

- **Focus of the Paper:** Examines the impacts of the U.S.-China trade war on GCC economies, highlighting their strategic adjustments to mitigate challenges and leverage opportunities.
- **Key Theme:** Explores the role of competition policies in promoting market efficiency, reducing monopolistic practices, and fostering economic diversification in the GCC.
- **Presentation Objectives:** Aims to foster dialogue with high-level Member State officials, providing actionable recommendations to strengthen regional competitiveness, attract foreign investment, and advance economic integration.



Technical Cooperation Activities 2024

- Technical support and capacity-building proposals for Oman and Libya on competition law and policy.
- The proposals focused on establishing partnerships with respective competition authorities to deliver employee training, provide technical assistance, and enhance institutional capacity.
- Proposal to establish an online competition course targeting Arab Stakeholders.



Partnerships



Capacity Building & Leadership



Policy & Advocacy



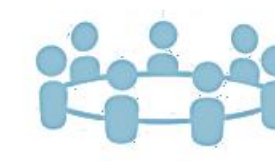
Research & Evaluation



Training & Technical Assistance



Leveraging Technologies



Coalition Building & Convening



Outreach & Dissemination



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