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## Session III. Coherence of Competition Policy with Other Economic and Social Policies

Measures to increase competition are a vital component of national economic and social policy. A competitive business environment improves microeconomic outcomes by ensuring the efficient use of resources, encouraging the entry of new market players, and boosting innovation. These benefits are seen on the macroeconomic level through increased economic growth, reduced unemployment, and improved productivity. Competition also improves societal outcomes and helps to achieve the Sustainable Development Goals, for example by reducing gender inequality through creating a level playing field for men and women. Given the wide-reaching benefits of competition, policymakers should strive to make it a central focus of their decision-making.

During this session, experts and policymakers will discuss the interrelationships between competition and other economic and social policies. Discussions will also shed light on the importance of collaboration and coordination between different actors on the national, regional and international levels to promote competition.

**Note: the duration of this session will be 60 minutes, with each panelist speaking for 8 minutes, followed by a 12-minute Q&A.**

### Topics of discussion:

- Highlight the support that international agencies can give to promote competition policies, including their relationship with Kuwait's economic and social policy agenda.
- Outline the role of international, regional and national collaboration to promote competition.
- Explain the role of competition in enhancing economic and social prosperity and improving national outcomes in areas such as trade and industrial policy, as well as other policies such as poverty and equality.
- Describe how Kuwait's Competition Protection Agency collaborates with other agencies to prevent monopolistic practices, promoting a fair and competitive business environment.
- Share insights from competition policy in Botswana, including best practices in local and cross border collaboration in investigations to combat monopolistic behaviors.
- Outline the synergies between competition policy and other public policies, and present cases of developing countries

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