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Session IV. National Competition Policy – Competitive Neutrality

Effective national competition policies ensure there is equality across all sectors of the economy, and this creates a level playing field between state-owned enterprises and private businesses. By ensuring that all competitors are subject to the same rules and regulations, Competition Authorities help to drive lower prices and improve choice and quality for consumers, promoting economic growth and development.

The first step towards implementing effective national competition policies is through applying fair competition strategies across all sectors. In this session, experts will discuss the extent to which national competition policies affect competitive neutrality, and the key tools available to help ensure a level playing field that enables competition to function properly and deliver economic benefits to consumers and society. The experts will also discuss best practices to enhance national competition policies to provide equal opportunities for companies, and the means to prevent any practices that distort competition.

Note: the duration of this session will be 75 minutes, with each panelist speaking for 10 minutes, followed by a 15-minute Q&A.

Topics of discussion:

- Set out the approach taken by Egypt to illustrate how national competition policy can deliver competitive neutrality in practice.
- Emphasize the importance of a national approach towards competition that includes measures such as advocacy and cooperation between different government bodies.
- Describe how the principle of competitive neutrality is established in COMESA member states, and the use of regulations to apply this principle in various case studies.
- Highlight the measures being taken by the Competition Protection Agency (CPA) to ensure an effective national competition strategy in Kuwait.
- Outline the most recent work of the OECD on reforms to national competition policy, including recommendations, principles, and best practices to ensure competitive neutrality.

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