

The Competition and Fair Trading Commission (Malawi) organised a march in Malawi on WCD (2015)

CUTS Ghana organised a Policy Dialogue on "Cement Market: Issue of Competition or Unfair Trade Practice?" on WCD (2016)

The State Commission for Protection of Economic Competition of Armenia celebrated WCD (2017)

Georgian Competition Agency hosted a seminar on "EU Support in the Field of Competition" (2018)

WORLD COMPETITION DAY

5th DECEMBER







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Competition Policy and Access to Healthcare

The COVID-19 pandemic has shaken the whole world. Both 'innovation' in and 'access' to healthcare (including pharmaceuticals) is crucial for the survival of the human kind. Thus, the pandemic has brought healthcare as top policy priority. Competition policy is also responding to this health crisis, on present and future competition concerns, Accordingly, the theme 'Competition Policy and Access to Healthcare' selected for WCD 2020 was apt and timely since it had interface with both 'innovation' and 'access'.

The 2020 Activity Report showcases the activities undertaken by different countries across the globe to commemorate the World Competition Day on December 5, 2020,

This document can be accessed at: https://incsoc.net/pdf/Activities World Competition Day-2020.pdf



CUTS Geneva organised a conference along with the representatives from WTO, UNCTAD etc. on "Ensuring Effective Competition in an Increasingly Online World" in Geneva, Switzerland (2019)



Competition Council of Latvia, in cooperation with the Procurement Monitoring Bureau, held a discussion "Contact Point: Competition" on the topic of public procurement (2020)



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Philippines adopted 5th December as the National Competition Day

Why & What?

nternational days are observed to secure attention of the society at large on certain specific and relevant aspects of contemporary human development.

Increased awareness and informed public opinion have been formed on a number of issues, once public attention on these issues were focussed by dedicating a certain date of the calendar year around them.

In order to ensure that consumers and producers from across the world realise the potential benefits from an effectively implemented competition regime, and also play their role in making competition regimes work worldwide, it is critical that focus on competition policy and law issues at an international level be strengthened. Consumer Unity & Trust Society (CUTS International) has been advocating for the need to dedicate a day in the calendar as "World Competition Day."

The International Network of Civil Society Organisations on Competition (INCSOC, www.incsoc.net), hosted by CUTS International, proposed that the World Competition Day be observed for the first time on December 5th 2010.

Why 5th December?

5th December is a significant day in the calendar for the international competition community. On 5th December 1980, the United Nations General Assembly adopted the United Nations Set of Multilateral Principles and Rules for the Control of Restrictive Business Practices (UN Set on Competition Policy). Thus, it is important that the date of 5th December, 1980, be remembered and observed each year as the World Competition Day (refer: https://incsoc.net/thematic-note-for-2021.

Themes

A specific theme is identified each year to celebrate World Competition Day on 5th December and pursued throughout the year, globally. Below are the themes identified and celebrated since 2010.

International Air-transport Cartels and its Impact on Developing Countries	1 st WCD (2010)
Cartels and their Harmful Effects on Consumers	2 nd WCD (2011)
Adverse Impact of Cartels on the poor	3 rd WCD (2012)
Adverse Impact of Cartels on the poor	4 th WCD (2013)
Competition Issues in Public Procurement	5 th WCD (2014)
Competition Issues in Public Procurement	6 th WCD (2015)
Linkages between Competition and Intellectual Property	7 th WCD (2016)
Re-imagining Competition Policy and Law in the Era of Disruption	8 th WCD (2017)
Digital Economy, Innovation and Competition	9 th WCD (2018)
Ensuring Effective Competition in an Increasingly Online World	10 th WCD (2019)
Competition Policy and Access to Healthcare	11 th WCD (2020)
Competition Policy for an Inclusive and Resilient Economy	12 th WCD (2021)

Actions from around the Globe...

Competition agencies, institutions, CSOs and other stakeholders, etc. organised awareness programmes and various activities to celebrate World Competition Day (Refer: https://incsoc.net/world-competition-day).

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